

HIGHLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2025
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
6:00 PM

The regular meeting was called to order and roll call taken by Mr. Wolny, Board President, at 6:01 P.M.

Mr. Hill, absent; Mrs. Schreiner, present; Mr. Kelly, present; Mr. Houska, present; Mr. Wolny, present.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on September 15, 2025, at the High School Media Center at 6:00 P.M. This meeting was rescheduled to September 29, 2025.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 25-08-78

Mr. Houska made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Schreiner, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 30, 2025, and the special meeting held on July 31, 2025, as presented.

Mr. Houska, yes; Mrs. Schreiner, yes; Mr. Kelly, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS 25-08-79

Mrs. Schreiner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the June 2025 and July 2025 financial reports, as presented.

Mrs. Schreiner, yes; Mr. Kelly, yes; Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes

Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Wolny presented Mrs. Aukerman with a certificate acknowledging Highland's very own Superintendent's month. Mr. Wolny praised Mrs. Aukerman for her leadership and the results she has helped consistently produce over many years. Mrs. Aukerman stated that it's been an honor to work at Highland noting that Highland has the best when it comes to students, staff, community and the Board of Education.

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HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND/OR DELEGATION REPRESENTATIVES

John Ross, Sharon Township resident, shared that the Highland Alumni Association will be hosting a car show at Highland High School on September 21st to benefit the Highland Foundation.

Theresa Wright, Highland Foundation Executive Director and Granger Township resident, provided an update on Foundation activities, including a reminder about the upcoming annual Great Gifts Dinner to be held at the Cleveland Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on October 25th.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mrs. Aukerman provided an update on back to school activities including the all staff opening day (featuring a performance by the HS hype squad, special guest speaker Lieutenant Governor Jim Tressel, a state of the schools address and other activities), open houses, first day for students, transportation, another great ranking in the US News & World Report annual best high schools report, athletics and other extracurricular activities, and the Taste of Highland event taking place at the football home opener.

APPROVAL OF 2025-2026 BUS ROUTES AND THE DISTRICT DESIGNEE 25-08-80

Mr. Houska made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Schreiner, that the Board of Education approve the Bus Routes and District Designee, Bruce Berry, as the authority to modify stops, times and routes throughout the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

Mr. Houska, yes; Mrs. Schreiner, yes; Mr. Kelly, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes

Motion carried.

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ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS 25-08-81

Mrs. Schreiner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Houska, that the Board of Education accept the following donations:

TO	FROM	ITEM/DESCRIPTION
Athletics	OHSSA	\$1,250.00/Enrichment Fund

Mrs. Schreiner, yes; Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Kelly, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS 25-08-82

Mr. Houska made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the following contracts and/or agreements A and E, as presented:

- A. Connection Education Services - Leap Program (Exhibit 1)
- B. Medina City School District - Juvenile Detention Center (Exhibit 2)
- C. Medina City School District - Evolve Academy (Exhibit 3)
- D. Applewood Centers - Gerson School (Exhibit 4)
- E. Suburban Transportation (Exhibit 5)

Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Kelly, yes; Mrs. Schreiner, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL 25-08-83

Mr. Houska made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Schreiner, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel items A through K, as presented:

- A. Employment - Certified Substitutes/Home Tutors

Adopted the attached list of certified substitutes/home tutors for use for the 2025-2026 school year, as submitted by the ESC of Medina County (Exhibit 6).
- B. Employment – Certified

Employed the following individuals, on one-year limited contracts of employment for the 2025-2026 school year, as listed:

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1. Katherine Christ, HHS/HMS Band Teacher, effective 8/15/2025
2. Victoria Kinsey, SE 1st and 3rd Grade Teacher LTS, effective 8/15/25
3. Terra Saffle, School Psychologist Intern, effective 8/15/25

C. Revision in Employment - Certified

Approved the Revision in Employment of Teresa Metzendorf, HHS/HMS Science & French Teacher, from part time to full-time, effective 8/15/2025.

D. Maternity/Family Medical/Parental Leave - Certified

Approved the Maternity/Family Medical/Parental Leave Requests of the following individuals:

1. Jessica Jokic, HMS Intervention Specialist, Maternity Leave with an anticipated effective date of 3/8/2026 and an anticipated return date of 8/17/2026

E. Employment - Classified

Employed the following individuals on one-year limited contracts of employment for the 2025-2026 school year, as listed:

1. Thomas Bardar, Bus Driver, effective 8/18/2025
2. Jennifer Brenstuhl, HE Latchkey Assistant, effective 8/18/2025
3. Ashley Buchanan, HMS Cook, effective 8/26/2025
4. Morgan Eredish, HMS Cook, effective 8/25/2025
5. James Gillespie, Bus Driver, effective 8/18/2025
6. Rebecca Jeloveck, SE Cook, effective 9/2/2025
7. Christa Kukoleck, Bus Driver, effective 8/18/2025
8. Pam Piersall, HE Special Education Aide, effective 8/18/2025
9. Brenda Prezenkowski, SE Special Education Aide, effective 8/20/2025
10. Lauren Tiedeman, GE Special Education Aide, effective 8/18/2025

F. Employment - Classified Substitutes - 2025-2026 School Year

Employed the following individuals on one-year limited contracts of employment, on an "as needed" basis for the 2025-2026 school year, as listed:

Substitute Aide

Shauntea Bryant
Amanda Jungeberg
Deborah Olah
Sherri Kedzior

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Substitute Custodian

Linda Reagle

Substitute Bus Driver

Kelly Borden	George Jacynycz
Brendan Dade	Greg Liggett
Jeff Enterline	Robert Ripley
Paul Evans	Craig Tausch
Jacalyn Gresock	

G. Employment - Classified Substitutes - 2025-2026 School Year

Employed the following individuals as Substitute Bus Drivers, on one-year limited contracts of employment at the rates established below for the 2025-2026 school year, effective 8/18/2025:

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| 1. James Van Deusen | \$ 21.69/hr |
| 2. Georgia Loguidice | \$ 25.77/hr |
| 3. Sherri Kedzior | \$ 27.20/hr |

H. Revision in Employment - Classified

Approved the Revision in Employment of the following individuals, as listed:

1. Katie Duffy from SE Special Education Aide to HMS Educational Aide, effective 8/18/2025

I. Resignation - Classified

Accepted the resignation of the following individual(s):

1. Sheila Vunderink, HMS Cook, effective end of 2024-2025 school year
2. Samantha Swan, Bus Driver, effective end of 2024-2025 school year
3. Deborah Olah, Bus Driver, effective end of 2024-2025 school year

J. Employment - Co-Curricular/Supplemental - 2025-2026

Employed the following individuals, on one-year limited supplemental contracts of employment, for the 2025-2026 school year (unless otherwise noted), as presented in Exhibit 7.

K. Establish Classified Substitute Rate of Pay

Established a substitute rate of pay of \$15/hr for substitute aides/assistants, cooks and custodians, effective 8/18/2025.

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ADJOURNMENT

With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.



Board President



Treasurer