Hillsdale Community Schools
Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 15, 2025

I. Call to Order

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. which was held in the Davis Middle School band room.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Recognition of Guests

Members Present
Kathy Petersen
Jeff Kunkel
Rebecca Portteus
Matt Gordon
Nicole Hoffman
Dan LaRue

Members Absent
Chris Sumnar

Administration Present
Ted Davis, Superintendent
Becky LaFollette, Gier Principal
Jeremy LaFollette, Maintenance Director
Katie Stebelton, DMS Principal
Emily Hale, Food Service Director
Sid Halley, Transportation Supervisor
Jodie Clark, HHS Principal

Guests
Melissa Tesch Joanthan Jackson Connie Kuenzer
Alyssa Smith

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes - August 4, 2025 – regular board meeting

B. Finance

B1. Treasurer's Receipts

Treasurer's receipts for August 2025 are as follows:

General Fund	$ 423,425.45
Building & Site	$ 75,787.94
Food Service	$ 136,616.24
Activity	$ 20,509.70

B2. Bills Payable

Expenditures for August 2025 are as follows:

General Fund	$ 1,763,399.84
Building & Site	$ 23,943.31
Food Service	$ 93,672.86
Activity	$ 35,611.34

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to approve the consent agenda as presented

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

V. Communications

A. Written - NA

B. Public - E Hale- 66,000 summer meals served

VI. Information & Proposals from Board, Superintendent & Staff

A. Committee Reports

Policy

Bldg. & Site

B. Superintendent's Report

- Jennifer Bernard - Secretary - move from Gier to HHS
- Jill Brockmann - Secretary - move from Bailey to Gier
- Janet Kies - GSRP Child Care Aide - recalled
- Karen Rozelle - HHS Social Worker - resignation 8/11
- Brandy Baker - Gier EA - resignation 8/24
- Elizabeth Pruitt- Gier EA - resignation 8/22
- Performance Services update
- State Superintendents Conference
- High Reliability Schools PD 9/5
- Thrun Policy change
- Staff and Student Handbooks
- Nov. 17 Bd. Mtg will be at HHS
- Tailgate party for homecoming

VII. Old/New Business

A. Personnel

1. Michaela Blonde - Gier EA

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Michaela Blonde as an educational assistant.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

2. Janelle Martin - Gier EA

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Janelle Martin as an educational assistant.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

3. Bailey Kinsey - Gier EA

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Bailey Kinsey as an educational assistant.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

4. Donna Brown - Gier EA
   Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Donna Brown as an educational assistant.
   6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

5. Brandy Baker - Gier EA
   Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Brandy Baker as an educational assistant.
   6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

6. Elizabeth Pruitt - Gier EA
   Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Elizabeth Pruitt as an educational assistant.
   6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

7. Jeff Grant - Girls Bowling Coach
   Moved by Kunkel supported by Portteus to hire Jeff Grant as a coach.
   6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

8. Allicia Pavlich - Gier EA
   Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Allicia Pavlich as an educational assistant.
   6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

9. Emma Hawkins - Gier EA
   Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Emma Hawkins as an educational assistant.
   6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

10. Pam Heckel - Girls JV Basketball Coach
    Moved by Kunkel supported by Portteus to hire Pam Heckel as a coach.
    6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

B. Board Affairs

1. MASB Delegate Assembly
   Moved by Petersen supported by Gordon to nominate Nicole Hoffman as the official voting delegate and Kathy Petersen as the alternate voting delegate.
   6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

VIII. Addenda

A. Public Comment – M Tesch questioned van use
   B LaFollette invited people to attend the Parent Curriculum Night
   Board Member Comment – Kunkel attended PD with Mario - good content, great and encouraging session - good reflection for all
   Hoffman was impressed with PD
   Petersen thanked Hale for the food distribution - great program

IX. Adjournment

President Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Rebecca Portteus, Secretary
Hillsdale Board of Education
JMM for AS 9/23/2025

