

MINUTES OF HILLSDALE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025

HILLSDALE BOARD OFFICE ENTRYWAY

7:00 PM

HILLSDALE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION — November 24, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. The Hillsdale Local Board of Education Regular Board Meeting was called to order by President Vella King at 7:00 P.M. in the Hillsdale Board Office Entryway. Roll call was taken by Treasurer Lesa Deter with the following Board members present: Jon Burkholder, Vella King, Steve Smith, Melinda Turk and Keith Yeater.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. King read the Mission Statement and Vision Statement.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mrs. King recognized the visitors: Addi Young, Malea Tafur, Lindsay Bowen, Scott Hinkle, Alyson Baker, Cody Cline, Crystal Barr, Katie Kamenik, Joshua Barr, Jennifer Seman, Kylee Wissel and Mark Hoffman

- A. Falcon Spotlight
 1. Student Achievement Update - Ms. Turk
 2. Report - Heartland Technical Education Center - Mr. Smith
 - Had policy updates
 - Approved Adult Education Handbook
 - Road Project update
 - Building Project Schedule update
 3. FFA - Addi Young and Malea Tafur presented to the Board

FFA Chapter Highlights

- **31 members** received their **Greenhand Degree**
- **31 members** received their **Chapter Degree**
- **Chelsea Henderson** and **Cooper Barnheart** received the **Blue Jacket Scholarship** (earned a free FFA jacket)
- **Laney Meek** was recognized for being the first to recite the **FFA Creed** with no mistakes and received a free FFA jacket

Fundraising

- Held a **pie auction** where each officer made and sold a pie
- Raised **\$3,500** to go toward **senior scholarships**

Parliamentary Procedure

- **Novice Parli Team:** 2nd at Sub-Districts
- **Advanced Parli Team:** 3rd at Sub-Districts

Job Interview Career Development Event *(November 7, 2025)*

- **Laney Meek:** 3rd at Sub-Districts
- **Derek Coleman:** 5th at Sub-Districts
- **Maci Atterholt:** 2nd at Sub-Districts → advanced and placed **3rd at Districts**

4. Any Additional Public Participation related to agenda items - no participation

ADMINISTRATION DISCUSSION ITEM:

A. Lesa Deter:

- Webcheck equipment process
- Ohio Ethics Law - changes to law update
- The Tax Budget will be presented on **January 12th**, and the Forecast will follow on **February 17th**.

B. Catherine Trevathan: **Administrative Reports (Dr. Trevathan)**

- Reviewed **Wellness Plan**
- Philosophy & Goals
- **Scott Hinkle**
 - Spoke on drinking water compliance and testing
 - Provided updates related to the EPA
- **Vella King**
 - Vella King presented awards to Katie Kamenik (Volunteer of the Year) and Hayesville Amvets (nonprofit award).

#25-145 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Smith to approve the consent agenda and Additions/Deletions for the Regular November 24, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

Burkholder, aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-146 TREASURER'S CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Burkholder to approve the Treasurer Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of the October 20, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes as

presented.

- B. Approval of the October 2025 Financial Reports as presented.
- C. Approval of the following donations:
 - \$2,318.52 - Harvest Moon Venue, LLC to Athletic Department (AthleticTape)
 - \$500.00 - Gary & Nancy Bowan
In Memory of Mason Chandler to the Little Falcons Preschool
 - \$500.00 - Key Bank/Tim Murawski - to the Athletic Department (to be used for Softball Program).
 - Pumpkins from Bee's Pumpkins - PK-4 Library - valued at approximately \$100.00
- D. Approval to remove all replaced metal ceiling speakers from inventory and arrange for their appropriate disposal.

Burkholder, aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-147 SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Turk, seconded by Smith, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda

- A. Accept the resignation of Twila Geiser Robbins for the purpose of retirement effective May 31, 2026.
- B. Accept the resignation of Diana Whitman effective October 23, 2025.
- C. Approve the following to Supplemental Contracts effective 2025/26 school year/season:
 - Katelyn Reynolds - School Without Failure/PBIS - Classification H; Experience 0
- D. Approve the following to Supplemental Contracts effective 2026-27 school year/season:
 - Kyle Wissel - Head Boys' Golf Coach - Classification D; Experience 4
 - Doug Shonk - Assistant Golf Coach - Classification F; Experience 4
 - Lyndsay Witmer - Head Girls' Soccer Coach - Classification C; Experience 3

Tiffany Smith - Head Cross Country Coach - Classification D; Experience 1

- E. Approve the following to Pupil Activity Contracts effective 2025-26 school year/season:

Soren Osicka - 7 & 8 Wrestling Coach - Classification G; Experience 0

Carter Brightbill - 7 & 8 Boys' Basketball Coach - Classification G; Experience 0.

- F. Approve the following to Pupil Activity Contracts effective 2026-27 school year/season:

Armand Silva - Head Boys' Soccer Coach - Classification C; Experience 1

Ella Plank - Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach - Classification E; Experience 2

Matti Willeke - Head Volleyball Coach - Classification C; Experience 3

- G. Approve the following Classroom/Event Volunteers:

Ashley Eberly

Anthony Madsen

Lindsey Nardo

- H. Approve the following to the Classified Substitute List for 2025-26 school year:

Linas Alan Mellor, Nicole Smith

Burkholder, aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-148 PURCHASE A CHEVROLET/MICRO BIRD

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Yeater, to approve the purchase of a nine (9) passenger MPV Stock Unit 225 Chevrolet/Micro Bird from Cardinal Bus Sales and Services, Inc., at a base price of \$81,958.00

Burkholder, aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-149 POLICY READING

Moved by Smith, seconded by Yeater, to approve the second reading and final approval of the following policies:

JEFB, JEDA, JFCK, GCI, EHC, EEAC, BF, IND/INDA,
IGBB, EEACD-R-2, DJC, JHCD-R-4, DJF-R and JEDC.

Burkholder, aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-150 FIRST READING OF 2027/2028 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Moved by Turk, seconded by Yeater, to approve the first reading of the 2027-28 Hillsdale School Calendar.

Burkholder, aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-151 APPROVE MOU

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Burkholder, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Hillsdale Board of Education and the Hillsdale Education Association to add two supplementals for a MS Musical.

Burkholder, aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-152 APPROVE NOVELS

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Turk, to approve the following novels: *Towering* by Alex Flinn, *Bestley* by Alex Flinn, *47 Days: The True Story of Two Teen Boys Defying Hitler's Reich* by Annette Oppenlander, *Gone Dark* by Amanda Panitch, and the Roald Dahl Collection.

Burkholder, aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0.

Public Participation for Non-Agenda Items:

None

Discussion/Information Items from the board:

A. Items from the Board:

Vella King – Report on Capital Conference Learning Sessions

- Provided overview of key takeaways from the Capital Conference.
- Discussed considerations related to executive sessions.
- Recommended including the District's Vision and Mission statements on Board agendas.
- Reviewed information on property tax abatements and emphasized that schools should be held harmless.

- Shared updates on new student monitoring software options (e.g., GoGuardian/Gaggle).
- Highlighted the value of establishing a Superintendent Student Advisory Group.
- Discussed the “Board Members for Change” themes, including the importance of knowing your district.

Jon Burkholder – Delegate Meeting Report

- Spoke about the Delegate Meeting at the Capital Conference and provided key updates from that session.

Keith Yeater – Legislative Update

- Reported on the extensive list of House Bills currently under consideration.
- Noted that the Senate has been very active in advancing legislation before the Thanksgiving recess.
- Indicated that the goal is to move bills through both chambers and have them ready for the Governor’s signature.

#25-153 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Smith to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:19 P.M.

Burkholder, aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0.


BOARD PRESIDENT


TREASURER