



BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 16, 2026

7:00 PM

Hillsdale Board Office Entryway

Mission: Hillsdale: focused on success through innovation, empowerment, and collaboration.

Vision: The Hillsdale Local Schools, in partnership with the community, will build character and expect excellence by providing a safe and challenging environment that prepares students to be successful in life.

School Board meetings are more than a simple vote or approval process. In the weeks leading up to each meeting, the Superintendent and Treasurer provide regular updates to Board members to ensure they are informed about district operations, finances, and upcoming items. An agenda review is held the week prior to the meeting with two Board members to clarify items and ensure materials are ready for public discussion. A comprehensive Board packet is then shared with all Board members in advance, giving them time to review the information and prepare any questions or concerns. While no decisions are made outside of the public meeting, these steps ensure Board members come to each meeting fully informed and prepared to engage in thoughtful, transparent decision-making on behalf of the district.

Tentative Agenda

I. Call to Order

_____ Mr. Burkholder

_____ Ms. Turk

_____ Mr. Hoffman

_____ Mr. Yeater

_____ Mr. Smith

II. Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

III. Public Participation for Agenda Items

At this time, the Board would like to recognize and thank our visitors for being here this evening. We now invite public participation on agenda items. Individuals wishing to address the Board are asked to please state their name and the agenda item they wish to address. Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker, with a total of 30 minutes allotted for public participation on agenda items. Please understand that the Board may not be able to respond to comments or concerns immediately, as some matters may require further review or research. Public participation on non-agenda items will be heard following the conclusion of new business. Is there any public participation related to agenda items at this time?

A. Falcon Spotlight

1. Student Achievement Update - Ms. Turk
2. Report - Heartland Technical Education Center - Mr. Smith
3. FFA
4. Hearing - Thomas Selvage - Retire-Rehire
5. Public Awareness: Federal Grants FY2027 - The Board will receive public input for spending of IDEA-B and Title 1 Federal Grant dollars at the March 16, 2026, Regular Meeting.

IV. Administration Discussion Items

- A. Lesa Deter - Bus garage area paving update
- B. Catherine Trevathan- Agriculture Education Center

V. Recommend approval of the consent agenda and additions/deletions for the regular Board of Education meeting.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith
_____ Ms. Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

VI. Treasurer's Consent Agenda

May I have a motion to approve the Treasurer's Consent Agenda.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith
_____ Ms. Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

- A. Approval of the January 12, 2026, Organizational Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
- B. Approval of the January 12, 202,6 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
- C. Approval of the January 2026 Financial Reports as presented.
- D. Approve the following donations:

Coffee Pot for PK-2 Workroom - from Katie Kamenik -
valued at approximately \$100.

- E. Approval to remove from inventory and sell, or dispose of the following:

2017 Blue Bird Bus #10
2011 Chevrolet - (Big Blue Van)
Powermatic Table Saw #00115 or 00053, Model W1010

5 year old Chromebook Bundle (Obsolete)
Laptop/s - over 10 years old
1 Projector
Laptop Carts
Miscellaneous obsolete IT items no longer in service

VII. Superintendent's Consent Agenda

May I have a motion to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith
_____ Ms. Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

- A. Approval to place the following on the negotiated master salary schedule due to advanced training effective second semester, 2025-26 school year:

Kendal Gable - Masters +10

- B. Approve the following to 5 days extended time effective 2025-26 school year:

Kendal Gable

- C. Approve Janet Mowery as Hillsdale 7-12 Secretary effective May 4, 2026.

- D. Approve Nathaniel Thomas as Full-Time Relief School Bus /Van Driver Driver **effective date to be determined**; experience 0.

- E. Approve the following Pupil Activity Resignations:

Kristin Weidrick - 7 & 8 Football Cheerleader Advisor - effective end of 2025-26 school year/season.

Kristin Weidrick - 7 & 8 Basketball Cheerleader Advisor - effective end of 2025-26 school year/season.

- F. Approve the following to supplemental contracts effective 2025-26 school year:
Madelynn Mitchell - 7 & 8 Girls' Track - Classification G; Experience 0
Tim Keib - 7 & 8 Boys' Track - Classification G; Experience 17
- G. Approve the following volunteers:
Mark Abel - Volunteer Baseball
- H. Approve the following volunteers:
Pat Butcher - Ag - Volunteer
Mark Abel - Ag Volunteer
- I. Second Reading and Approval of the FY26 Updated Administrator Handbook.
[Administrator Handbook Update](#)
- J. Second Reading and Approval of the following Policies:
EBDE GBQ
DLC GBQ-R
DLC-R
- K. Approval of the 2026-27 Gr. 7 - 8 and Gr. 9-12 Course Description Guides.
- L. Approve continued membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for 2026-27 school year.
- M. Approval of Local Seals.
- N. Approve the payment by the Board for Senior Banners for Class of 2026.

VIII. Treasurer's New Business

- A. May I have a motion to approve the Forecast as presented.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms. Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

- B. May I have a motion to approve the following Resolution:

Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and Authorization the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms. Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

- C. May I have a motion to amend the Permanent Appropriations and Estimated Resources (see attached).

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms. Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

D.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms. Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

IX. Superintendent's New Business

A. May I have a motion to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Thomas Williams, as principal and from all supplemental contracts, effective June 30, 2026, and to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received notice of the intended retirement of Thomas Williams , effective June 30, 2026; and
WHEREAS, in his notice of retirement Tom Williams expressed an interest in returning to the District in the same position as a principal that he currently holds;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation / retirement of Thomas Williams, effective June 30, 2026; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs the Treasurer, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3307.353 [or 3309.345, to issue a Public Notice stating that Thomas Williams, currently employed with the District as a principal, will be retired and is seeking employment with the District in such position following retirement, and as such the Board, in accordance with state law, will hold a public meeting on the issue of Thomas Williams being employed with the District at 7:00 PM on April 20, 2026, at Hillsdale Local Schools. Said Public Notice should appear at least once in the "Legal Notices" section of a newspaper of general circulation in the County and be included in any general notice of the Board meeting at which the hearing is going to be held.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms. Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

B. May I have a motion to approve LOVE THE BUS MONTH - February 2026

LOVE THE BUS MONTH - February 2026

WHEREAS the yellow school bus is among the most recognized icons of American schools and society, and,

WHEREAS school buses make up the largest mass transit system in the United States, and,

WHEREAS research demonstrates that the yellow school bus is the safest mode of transportation for some 26 million American school children each day, and,

WHEREAS yellow school buses are built to exacting federal and state safety specifications and school bus drivers are provided rigorous training, preparation and testing to ensure the safety of our children, and,

WHEREAS the yellow school bus provides access to education and learning for children who live in rural, suburban, and urban areas, including children who present with special needs, and,

WHEREAS the yellow school bus enhances the educational experience by providing access to extracurricular activities, such as field trips and sporting events, and,

WHEREAS the yellow school bus contributes to improving our environment by reducing the number of vehicles that must be on the road to get our children to school each day, and,

WHEREAS the women and men who manage and operate local school transportation systems are dedicated to the safety of all children and to ensuring efficiency and accountability in the delivery of school transportation services,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Hillsdale Local Schools recognizes the vital role that the yellow school bus plays in our education enterprise and in the life of our district, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hillsdale Local Schools declares the month of February 2026 to be LOVE THE BUS MONTH in Hillsdale Local Schools, and we call upon our students, our families, our faculty and staff, and our community to recognize the work of our school transportation team and all they contribute to the well-being of our students.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms. Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

C. May I have a motion for the First Reading of the following 2026-27 Hillsdale Handbooks:

- 1) Little Falcons Preschool Handbook
- 2) Hillsdale K-6 Student Handbook
- 3) Hillsdale 7-12 Student/Parent Handbook
- 4) Faculty Handbook
- 5) Food Service Handbook
- 6) Transportation Handbook
- 7) Custodial/Maintenance Handbook
- 8) Athletic Handbook
- 9) Coaches Handbook
- 10) Board Member Handbook

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms. Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

- D. May I have a motion to approve preschool fees to be \$140.00 per month for a yearly total of \$1,269.00 per year for the 2026-27 school year. (same as 2025-26 school year)

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms. Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

- E. May I have a motion to approve the hiring of a Specials Teacher for Career Exploration for K-6.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms. Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

- F. May I have a motion to approve continued participation in the statewide Open Enrollment Program for the 2026-27 school year.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms. Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

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Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms. Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

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XI. Discussion/Information Items

A. Items from the Board.

XII. Adjournment

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn the
Board meeting at _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms. Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.