

MINUTES OF HILLSDALE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026

HILLSDALE BOARD OFFICE ENTRYWAY

7:02 PM

HILLSDALE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION — January 12, 2026 at 7:02 P.M. The Hillsdale Local Board of Education Regular Board Meeting was called to order by President Keith Yeater at 7:02 P.M. in the Hillsdale Board Office Entryway. Roll call was taken by Treasurer Lesa Deter with the following Board members present: Jon Burkholder, Mark Hoffman, Steve Smith, Melinda Turk and Keith Yeater.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mr. Yeater recognized the visitors: Jennifer Seman, Abbey Hoffman, Aurora Martin, Rosalynn Martin, and Lindsay Bowen

A. Falcon Spotlight

1. Student Achievement Update - Ms. Turk
2. Report - Heartland Technical Education Center - Mr. Smith
3. FFA - Aurora Martin and Rosalynn Martin presented to the Board

FFA Chapter Highlights

- Northwestern hosted Christmas at the Equator on 12/16/25. We had 23 members participate
 - 20 members participated on 12/20/25 and packed boxes of food for families in need for the Food Fellowship Ministry
 - District Food Science CDE was held on 1/7/26
 - Upcoming events include the Monthly meeting, several members are applying for the State & American Degrees, Officers are working on their officer books to be evaluated by the organization at the end of the month.
4. Any Additional Public Participation related to agenda items - There was no public participation

ADMINISTRATION DISCUSSION ITEM:

- A. Lesa Deter reported that this winter highlighted the need for concrete and paving in the bus parking and fueling areas. The current gravel surface creates difficulties with snow removal. The District is in the process of obtaining bids for the concrete work. The paving portion of the project will be completed through the public bid process with assistance from Bricker Graydon.
- B. Catherine Trevathan distributed plaques in recognition of Board Appreciation Month and presented each Board member with a preschool thank-you note. She reported that student handbooks are currently being updated and will be brought to the Board for approval. She also noted that a student survey has been completed regarding classes students would like to see offered in the future.

#26-08 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Moved by Smith, seconded by Burkholder to approve the consent agenda and Additions/Deletions for the Regular January 12, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.

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

#26-09 TREASURER'S CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of the December 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
- B. Approval of the December 2025 Financial Reports as presented.
- C. Approval of the following donations:
 - \$440.00 - Anonymous donation to Food Service for Student Lunch Accounts.

Diagnostic Accessories Kit for Eyes & Ears donated by Char Patterson - for use in the Clinic - valued at approximately \$100.00.

\$200.00 - from Howard Yellen and Allison Kozak to Hillsdale Music Department - Fund 300.940A

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

#26-10 SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Hoffman, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda

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

Lisa Bicker - Masters +40

- B. Approve Laura Krajcik as Home Bound Instructor effective December 9, 2025.

- C. Accept the resignation of Ed Yetzer as Assistant Football Coach effective December 11, 2025.

- D. Approve the following Volunteer Coaches - 2025-26 school year:
Michael Sigler - Weight Room Volunteer

- E. Approve the following to supplemental contracts effective 2025-26 school year:
Mike Mack - Assistant Track Coach - Classification D; Experience 21

- F. Approve the following to supplemental contracts effective 2026-27 school year:

Carly Black- 7 & 8 Volleyball Coach - Classification G; Experience 2
Linda McCoy - Co 7 & 8 Volleyball Coach - Classification G; Experience 1
Trevor Cline - Head Football Coach - Classification B; Experience 11
Mike Mack - Co Assistant Football Coach - Classification D; Experience 23
Mike Wolf - Co Assistant Football Coach - Classification D; Experience 6
Tom Williams - Assistant Football Coach - Classification D; Experience 21

- G. Approve the following to Pupil Activity Contracts effective 2026-27 school year:

Lyra Lawson-JV & Varsity Football & Camp Cheerleader Advisor -Classification F; Experience 3
MacKenzie Every - Assistant Volleyball - Classification E; Experience 2

Amanda Jones - Co 7 & 8 Volleyball Coach-Classification G; Experience 1
Josh Barr - Assistant Football Coach - Classification D; Experience 10
Mark Jump - Assistant Football Coach - Classification D; Experience 12
Eric Pickering - Assistant Football Coach - Classification D; Experience 2 Jeff
Goodwin - 7 & 8 Football Coach - Classification G; Experience 13 Ethan
Goodwin - 7 & 8 Football Coach - Classification G; Experience 3 Garrett
Goodwin - 7 & 8 Football Coach - Classification G; Experience 2 Tom Strine - 7 &
8 Football Coach - Classification G; Experience 11

- H. Approve Resolutions designating March as ***Music in our Schools Month***
and ***Youth Art Month***.

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

Treasurer's New Business

#26-11 SUNSHINE LAW TRAINING

- A. Moved by Hoffman, seconded by Turk, to approve Lesa Deter to receive Public Records and Sunshine Law Training on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

Superintendent's New Business

#26-12 OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL

Moved by Smith, seconded by Yeater, to approve an agreement with GPD Group in terms of the Ohio Schools Council (OSC) Agreement for Provision of Professional Design Services in the amount of \$105,000 (Basic Service Fees) and additional services and reimbursables in the amount of \$25,000.

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

#26-13 FIRST READING OF POLICIES

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Smith, to approve a first reading of the following policies:

EBDE	JEFB
DLC	GBQ
DLC-R	GBQ-R

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

#26-14 FIRST READING ON ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK

Moved by Smith seconded by Turk, to approve a first reading of the FY26 Administrative handbook

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

#26-15 FIRST READING OF AI IN EDUCATION

Moved by Turk, seconded by Yeater, to approve a first reading of AI in Education: Model Policy for Ohio Districts and Schools.

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

Public Participation for Non-Agenda Items:

There was no public participation

Discussion/Information Items from the board:

A. Items from the Board:

Mr. Smith discussed locker usage and combination locks, noting that many students experience difficulty opening combination locks between classes. As a result, students often choose to carry their materials with them throughout the day rather than returning to their lockers between classes.

#26-16 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Smith, seconded by Hoffman to go into Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. for the purpose to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official and matters required to be kept confidential by federal law, federal rules or state statutes (ORC 121.22). There will be no action following the Executive Session.

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

#26-17 REGULAR SESSION

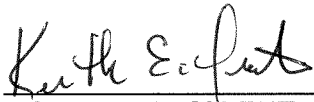
Moved by Hoffman seconded by Smith, to resume Regular Board Meeting at 9:01 P.M.

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

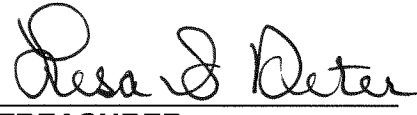
#26-18 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Turk, seconded by Hoffman to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:02 P.M.

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



BOARD PRESIDENT



TREASURER