



BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 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.

Recognizing March as Music in our Schools Month and Youth Art Month

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. Public Comment - budgeting funds for 2026-2027 school year for IDEA-B and Title 1-A
5. Students - Recognizing Music in our Schools Month and Youth Art Month

IV. Administration Discussion Items

- A. Lesa Deter - Cash Balance Policy Discussion
Auctioneer Service Proposal Discussion
Monthly Financial update overview
- B. Catherine Trevathan

- 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 February 16, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
- B. Approval of the February 2026 Financial Reports as presented.
- C. Approve the following donations:

\$1,000.00 from Mansfield Charity & Scholarship Group to
Kindstock - 2026 Fund 018.9824

\$250.00 Anonymous Donation to be used for March
Staff Social Event

\$32.26 from Ludus Technologies, Inc. to Hillsdale Thespians
Fund 200-913A

Dr. Seuss Books - One (1) per Kindergarten class valued at a total of \$40.00 from Karen McCready.

Sports Trading Cards donated to PK-6 Treasure Chest at an approximate value of \$100.00 from Jason Sermulis.

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.. Accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Christopher Shenberger as PE teacher, and from all supplemental contracts effective May 29, 2026.
- B. Accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Melissa Dropsey as teacher, effective May 31, 2026.
- C. Approve Thomas Selvage to a one (1) year limited contract as a retired/rehired teacher effective 2026-27 school year - Master's; experience 7.
- D. Approve the transfer of Amber Swisher to the Career Exploration Specials Teacher (K-6) - Take Flight Program, effective 2026-27 school year.
- E. Approve the resignation of Matthew Brownell, effective February 19, 2026.
- F. Approve the transfer of Cassie Filius to second shift hourly custodian, effective March 9, 2026.
- G. Approve the following to the 2025-26 Classified Substitute List:

Kathern Bray

- H. Approve the following volunteers:

Sharon Croskey - Health Clinic
Patricia Rinehart - Media Center

- I. Approve the following for the 7-8 course description guide as a 7th grade elective:

Fitness for Life

This engaging, hands-on course introduces students to the basics of healthy living, physical fitness, and how the body works. Students will learn how nutrition and physical activity affect the body and support overall wellness while participating in activities such as strength exercises, cardio workouts, stretching, and recreational games. The course also introduces students to careers in health, fitness, and wellness through self-reflection, discussions, and real-world examples. Students will build healthy habits and gain a better understanding of how to care for their bodies now and in the future.

- J. Second Reading and Approval 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

VIII. Treasurer's New Business

- A. May I have a motion to approve a contract with **PowerSchool Group LLC for TimeClock Plus integration with eFinancePlus**, including the annual license and subscription fees as well as the one-time setup, integration, and training costs, for the contract term of **March 17, 2026 through June 30, 2028**, at a **total cost not to exceed \$16,345.23**, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

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

- B. May I have a motion to

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 approve a contract with **PowerSchool Group LLC for SmartFind Express Implementation - Comprehensive and eFP SmartFind Express** Integration including the annual license and subscription fees as well as the integration, and training costs, for the contract term of **May 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029**, at a **total cost not to exceed \$18,021.81** in accordance with the terms of the contract.

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

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT the Center for Internet Security (CIS) Cybersecurity Framework AS THE OFFICIAL CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM FRAMEWORK FOR [SCHOOL DISTRICT] AND TO AUTHORIZE IMPLEMENTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO HOUSE BILL 96

WHEREAS,

the Ohio General Assembly enacted House Bill 96, requiring all political subdivisions, including school districts to establish and maintain a cybersecurity program that is consistent with generally accepted best practices for cybersecurity; and

WHEREAS,

The Center for Internet Security (CIS) Cybersecurity Framework provides a widely recognized, flexible, and risk-based approach for managing cybersecurity risks across critical operations, technology systems, and information assets; and

WHEREAS,

the adoption of CIS Cybersecurity Framework will strengthen protections for sensitive data, improve resilience against cyberattacks and other disruptions, and ensure compliance with Ohio law; and

WHEREAS,

the Board recognizes that the implementation of the CIS Cybersecurity Framework will require adjustments to policies, standards, and operational practices, and that such changes will enhance the overall security posture of the organization and benefit the community it serves;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HILLSDALE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

1. *That the CIS Cybersecurity Framework are hereby formally adopted as the official cybersecurity program framework of Hillsdale Local Schools.*
2. *That the administration is authorized and directed to implement policies, procedures, and operational controls necessary to achieve compliance with the framework in alignment with Ohio House Bill 96.*

3. *That the [Superintendent/IT Director] shall provide the Board with an annual report on implementation progress, compliance status, and recommendations for resource allocation or corrective action.*
4. *That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption.*

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

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

- C. May I have a motion to approve the following Resolution Opposing Ohio House Bill 42.

Resolution Opposing Ohio House Bill 42

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 42, introduced in the 136th General Assembly, proposes to require the Department of Education and Workforce, among other state agencies, to collect and report data concerning the citizenship or immigration status of individuals they serve; and

WHEREAS, this mandate could lead to the collection of sensitive personal information from students and their families, potentially infringing upon their privacy rights and creating an environment of fear and mistrust within our schools; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of House Bill 42 may place additional administrative burdens on educators and school staff, diverting resources away from educational instruction and student support services; and

WHEREAS, our school district is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all students, regardless of their or their families' citizenship or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the proposed data collection requirements could deter families from enrolling their children in school or participating in school programs, thereby hindering educational access and equity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Local School District Board of Education formally opposes Ohio House Bill 42 as it pertains to the education sector;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board urges the Ohio General Assembly to reconsider the implications of House Bill 42 on public education and to protect the rights and well-being of all students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Superintendent to communicate this resolution to local legislators, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, and the Governor's office, and to collaborate with other school districts and educational organizations in advocating against the enactment of House Bill 42.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

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

D. May I have a motion

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

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

X. Public Participation for Non-Agenda Items

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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.