Hillsdale Community Schools
Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 16, 2026

I. Call to Order

President Sumnar called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. which was held in the Hillsdale High School library.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Recognition of Guests

Members Present
Kathy Petersen
Jeff Kunkel
Matt Gordon
Nicole Hoffman
Dan LaRue
Chris Sumnar
Rebecca Portteus - arrived 6:01 pm

Members Absent

Administration Present
Ted Davis, Superintendent
Becky LaFollette, Gier Principal
Lara Baker, HHS Principal
Katie Stebelton, DMS Principal
Alyssa Smith, Business Mgr.
Jeremy LaFollette, Maintenance Director

Guests
Jean Michael Connie Kuenzer

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes - January 19, 2026 – regular board meeting

B. Finance

B1. Treasurer's Receipts

Treasurer's receipts for January 2026 are as follows:

General Fund	$1,949,226.53
Building & Site	$ 326,582.86
Food Service	$ 74,034.68
Activity	$ 26,876.38

B2. Bills Payable

Expenditures for January 2026 are as follows:

General Fund	$1,986,123.78
Building & Site	$ 800.29
Food Service	$ 80,038.74
Activity	$ 7,716.21

Moved by Hoffman supported by LaRue to approve the consent agenda as presented
6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

B-3. Bills Under Separate Action — General Fund

ck# 110053 Stillwell Ford — $121,219.44

Moved by Petersen supported by LaRue to approve the bills under separate action as presented.
5 Ayes 0 Nays NH Abstain Motion passed

V. Communications

A. Written - NA
B. Public - NA

VI. Information & Proposals from Board, Superintendent & Staff

A. Committee Reports
Personnel & Finance 2/12

B. Superintendent's Report
- Building Project
- DMS Playground update
- Negotiations with HESPA and HEA
- Out of School Time Grant
- JUUL Litigation
- Make up Snow days if needed
- Director of Title I Programs, Curriculum & Instruction
- 27L Funding

VII. Old/New Business

A. Personnel

1. Shelby McWilliams - 5 hr. HHS Food Service
Moved by Hoffman supported by Petersen to hire Shelby McWilliams as a five hour cook.
7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

2. Director of Title I Programs, Curriculum & Instruction
Moved by Kunkel supported by Petersen to approve the position of Director of Title I Programs, Curriculum & Instruction.
7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

B. Board Affairs

1. MHSAA State Overnight Track Meet
Moved by Hoffman supported by Portteus to approve the MHSAA State Track Meet as Presented.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

2. HCCF - Eric Keiber Community Impact Fund Donation
   Moved by Petersen supported by Kunkel to accept $4,482.50 from HCCF from the Eric Keiber Community Impact Fund.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

3. General Fund 2025-2026 Budget Revisions
   Moved by Kunkel supported by LaRue to adopt the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget Revisions as presented.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

4. Building & Site 2025-2026 Sinking Fund 41 Budget Revisions
   Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to adopt the 2025-2026 Building & Site Sinking Fund 41 Budget Revisions as presented.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

5. Building & Site 2025-2026 Sinking Fund 42 Budget Revisions
   Moved by LaRue supported by Petersen to adopt the 2025-2026 Building & Site Sinking Fund 42 Budget Revisions as presented.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

6. Food Service 2025-2026 Budget Revisions
   Moved by Hoffman supported by Petersen to adopt the 2025-2026 Food Service Budget Revisions as presented.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

VIII. Addenda

A. Public Comment – B LaFollette invited everyone to 2/27 March Madness Book Kick Off and 3/4 Parent Night 5:30- 7 pm. Happy Birthday to Supt. Davis. If you want to read to a class during March is Reading Month - come on over.

B. Board Member Comment - Petersent noted she has heard many positive comments regarding Gier lunches / Valentines Day lunch. HHS is super clean when you walk in the front door.
   Sumnar - Thank all staff for their efforts with all the changes. The goal is to make this a better place; stronger district and better outcome for the students.

IX. Adjournment

President Sumnar adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Rebecca Portteus, Secretary
Hillsdale Board of Education
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