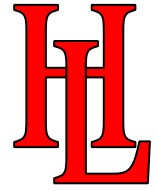




**HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 16, 2026**



**1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Jill Beidelschies.**

Roll Call: Mrs. Jill Beidelschies; aye, Mr. Kelly Cook; aye, Mrs. Linda Depinet; aye, Mr. Kevin Kreais; aye, Mr. Justin Wyman; aye. All members present.

**2. The following people were recognized at the meeting:**

- Caitlin Faber – Student of the Month
- Mary Mora – Staff Member of the Month

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Depinet moved to approve the following minutes, seconded by Mr. Cook, motion carried 5-0:

- Organizational Meeting – January 21, 2026
- Regular Meeting – January 21, 2026

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- None

**5. INFORMATIVE REPORTS**

- A. HLEA Report – Ms. Karen Rumschlag said “God bless warm weather!”
- B. Vanguard Sentinel Bd. Member – Mrs. Depinet – No Updates

**6. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. White discussed the following:

- Crowd Funding Update – NEOLA is going to provide some sample policies for the Board to review.
- Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) – Resolution to approve Touchstone CPM, Inc. is on this meeting’s agenda. Mr. White discussed the upcoming process.
- Track Building Project – We are currently in the design phase of the project with Garmann Miller.
- Student Achievements – Congratulations to our Art Students who have artwork on display at Tiffin Guild. Also congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> Grader, Kendall Bodart, who won the NCOESC spelling bee.

**7. TREASURER’S REPORT**

Mr. Kreais moved to approve the following items presented by Mr. Bergman, seconded by Mrs. Depinet, motion carried 5-0.

A. Approval of Financial Statements

The Treasurer recommends approval of the financial statements for the month of January as presented. These statements include bank reconciliation, balancing, and payment of bills.

B. Financial Forecast

The Treasurer recommends approval of the FY 2026 Financial Forecast, as presented.

**8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- None

## SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

### 9. ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Wyman motioned to approve the following actions items, seconded by Mr. Kreais, motion carried 5-0.

#### 1) Personnel

The Superintendent recommends the following personnel resignations and/or appointments be approved as presented. Appointments are upon subsequent receipt by the Board of a report from B.C.I., which is not inconsistent with the applicant's answers on the employment application, and appropriate licensure for subject area(s).

#### A. Appointment of Classified Personnel – 2025-2026 School Year

##### Substitute

Laura Digby	Cafeteria
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#### B. Appointment of Classified Personnel – Supplemental/Extra Duty, 2025-2026 School Year

##### Athletic

Andrew S. Brickner	Asst. Girls Track
Alicia Coleman	JV Softball
Fred Hay	Asst. Boys Track

#### C. Resignation of Certified Personnel

Andrea Rajner	Teacher, eff. end of 2025-2026 school year
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#### D. Retirement of Certified Personnel

Suzann Bodart	Teacher, eff. June 1, 2026
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#### E. Unpaid Volunteers

##### Athletic

Kelsey Ardner	Softball
Shilo Frankart	Baseball
Kylee Malagon	Softball

### 10. CONSENT ITEMS

Mrs. Depinet motioned to approve the following consent items, seconded by Mr. Wyman, motion carried 5-0.

#### • Donations

Accept the following donations:

<u>Item</u>	<u>From</u>
\$400.00 for BE WISE camp 2026	Matthew Hoover
\$250.00 for BE WISE camp 2026	Tiell FG Enterprises, LLC

#### • OHSAA Membership

The Superintendent recommends approval of a resolution to renew membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

#### • Substitute Teachers

The Superintendent recommends approval of substitute teachers and aides for the 2025-2026 school year as approved and updated by NCOESC.

#### • Washington D.C. Trip Chaperones

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following unpaid volunteers as chaperones for the 2026 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. trip:

Adam Alt	Jess Nelson	Rick Renz
Jessica Beebe	Tim Oswald	Brian Ruckstuhl
Sara Bell	Lakell Otte	

## 11. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Mr. Cook motioned to approve the following additional action item, seconded by Mr. Wyman, motion carried 5-0.

### **RESOLUTION SELECTING TOUCHSTONE CPM, INC. AS THE BEST VALUE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK FOR THE STADIUM BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

The Superintendent recommends selection of Touchstone CPM, Inc. (“Touchstone”) as the “best value” firm to provide construction manager at risk services for the Stadium Building and Improvements Project (the “Project”), and the Superintendent and Treasurer request authority, working with legal counsel, to negotiate and execute an agreement with Touchstone for preconstruction services.

Rationale:

1. The Board requires the services of a construction manager at risk to plan, coordinate, manage, and direct all phases of the Project for a guaranteed maximum price.
2. Section 9.33 et seq. of the Ohio Revised Code and Chapter 153:1-6 of the Ohio Administrative Code prescribe a “best value” selection process that is required to be followed by public entities when construction manager at risk services are procured.
3. On behalf of the Board, the Treasurer publicly advertised and issued a request for qualifications for construction manager at risk services. Only one (1) Statement of Qualifications was received from an interested firm, Touchstone, which was reviewed by the Evaluation Committee and, as a result, Touchstone was short-listed to move on to the proposal phase. The District then solicited a pricing and technical proposal from Touchstone. The proposal was reviewed by the Evaluation Committee and, following review of the proposal, the Evaluation Committee held an interview with Touchstone.
4. After the Evaluation Committee’s review and evaluation of the proposal submitted, it identified Touchstone as the firm that would provide the “best value” for the Project and requests the Board approve this recommendation.
5. In its pricing proposal, Touchstone offered to perform the preconstruction services for the Project for the amount of \$27,464, and the Superintendent and Treasurer request authorization, working with legal counsel, to negotiate and execute, on behalf of the Board, an agreement for preconstruction services with Touchstone in an amount not-to-exceed \$27,464.

The Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. In accordance with the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee, the Board selects Touchstone as the firm determined to provide the “best value” for the Project.
2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer, working with legal counsel, to negotiate and execute, on behalf of the Board, an agreement for preconstruction services with Touchstone in an amount not-to-exceed \$27,464.

## 12. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Mr. Cook motioned to approve the following additional action item, seconded by Mr. Kreais, motion carried 4-0, Mrs. Depinet abstained.

- Photography Services by Certified Employee

The Superintendent recommends approval to pay Kailey Depinet for Prom and Graduation Photography services, as presented.

## 13. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Mrs. Depinet motioned to approve the following additional action item, seconded by Mr. Kreais, motion carried 5-0.

### Food Service Supervisor- Extra Duties Stipend

The Superintendent recommends approval to pay Myranda Dible, Food Service Supervisor, the first of 2 stipends for extra duties performed during the 25-26 school year, as presented.

#### 14. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Mr. Wyman motioned to approve the following additional action item, seconded by Mr. Kreais, motion carried 4-0, Mrs. Beidelschies abstained.

- Unpaid Volunteer  
Athletic  
Abigail Beidelschies                      Softball

#### 15. BOARD COMMENTS

- Athletic Council meeting is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.
- Senior Class Play performances are February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and March 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person.

#### 16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Cook moved to go into executive session, seconded by Mrs. Depinet for the following items, motion carried 5-0:

**(A) To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check-marked items with respect to a public employee or official:**

1.  Appointment
2.  Employment
3.  Dismissal
4.  Discipline
5.  Promotion
6.  Demotion
7.  Compensation
8.  Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested)

Time in: 6:02 p.m. Time out: 7:03 p.m.

#### 17. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Depinet motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Wyman. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting at adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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Jill Beidelschies, President

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Nicholas Bergman, Treasurer/CFO