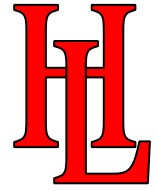




**HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2026**



The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Vice President Kelly Cook.

Roll Call: Mr. Kelly Cook; aye, Mrs. Linda Depinet; aye, Mr. Kevin Kreaiss; aye, Mr. Justin Wyman; aye, Mrs. Jill Beidelschies absent.

1. The following people were recognized at the meeting:

- Roman Ream – Staff Member of the Month

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Depinet moved to approve the following minutes, seconded by Mr. Wyman, motion carried 4-0:

- Regular Meeting – February 16, 2026

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr. Doug Brickner spoke about wanting to name the Track facility after Paul Jones due to the legacy and countless lives he touched during his time here.
- Sergeant D. Kneeskern spoke about their drone program and thanked the school for allowing them to use our facility for training.

4. INFORMATIVE REPORTS

- A. HLEA Report- Ms. Karen Rumschlag thanked the Board and Administration on all of their work during negotiations with the teachers union. Negotiations should be coming to an end soon.
- B. Vanguard Sentinel Bd. Member – Mrs. Depinet presented a printout. The current enrollment as of February is 2,750. The Skills USA competitions have begun with 120 students competing, and an additional 100 students qualified “Straight to State.” The Learn & Lead podcast has been running for a year and is a meaningful way to showcase the positive work happening in the district and to highlight VSCTC students and their achievements.
- C. Admin report – Brian Colatruglio, Athletic Director, presented an update to the Board regarding Athletics. He highlighted the following:
 - Project Plans- Mr. Colatruglio will be working with the Athletic Boosters to help furnish the new weight room that will be built in our new building by the track.
 - Bowling- Boys and Girls ended up 3rd in the SBC
 - Potential to add Gymnastics- Mr. Colatruglio would like to start the process to make gymnastics a recognized club sport for Hopewell-Loudon. It would be at no cost to the district and would allow some of our students to compete in OHSAA events while representing our school.
 - Baseball/Softball- Mr. Colatruglio would like to get concrete backstops and netting behind home plate for our baseball and softball fields in the future.
 - Football Facility- A committee is being formed to start a capital campaign to move the football field to the current track facility. Mr. Colatruglio is looking to get information out to the public at the Reverse Raffle this April.
 - Everything is ready to go to join the N10 athletic conference for the 26-27 school year.
 - OHSAA updates- According to OHSAA, Track is moving to 5 divisions. They are having conversations about adding another division in golf and wrestling.
 - Athletic Trainer- Mr. Colatruglio advocated the need for the District to have a full-time Athletic Trainer. A master’s degree is required in order to be an official trainer.

5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. White discussed the following:

- Transportation Supervisor – We are finishing up interviews.
- Policy Updates – Highlighted changes in policies including NIL and Crowdfunding.
- Preschool – We received the numbers for preschool registration earlier this month. The district will need to consider opening up a third section of 2 days a week preschool to accommodate our numbers.
- April BOE meeting – Need to move the April Regular meeting to April 9th.
- Drone Training – Seneca County Sheriff’s office conducted training in our facility today.
- Wind Damage – The wind caused damage to the sign in front of Chieftain Gym and the HVAC unit. We are currently working with Insurance to resolve this.

6. TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Krais moved to approve the following items presented by Mr. Bergman, seconded by Mr. Wyman, motion carried 4-0.

A. Approval of Financial Statements

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

B. Accepting Tax Rates

The Treasurer recommends the approval of the Resolution accepting the amounts and tax rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor as presented.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The board discussed the following:

A. First Reading of the following Policies:

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| 1. 2431.06 | 7. 5112 | 13. 6325 |
| 2. 3440/4440 | 8. 5223 | 14. 6425 |
| 3. 6423 | 9. 5421 | 15. 7540.09 |
| 4. 6424 | 10. 5430 | 16. 6605 |
| 5. 6460 | 11. 6220 | 17. 8500 |
| 6. 6465 | 12. 6320 | |

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

8. ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Depinet motioned to approve the following actions items, seconded by Mr. Krais, motion carried 4-0.

1) Personnel

The Superintendent recommends the following personnel resignations and/or appointments be approved as presented. Appointments are contingent 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

Jacob Coldiron Substitute Bus Driver

B. Retirement of Classified Personnel

Mary Mora Classified Employee, eff. end of 2025-2026 school year

C. Unpaid Volunteers

Athletic

Glen Fruth Jr. High Track

9. CONSENT ITEMS

Mrs. Depinet motioned to approve the following consent items, seconded by Mr. Wyman, motion carried 4-0.

- Donations

Accept the following donations:

<u>Item</u>	<u>From</u>
\$500.00 to Girls' Basketball	Bob Gase
\$500.00 to Girls' Basketball	American Legion Post 169
\$200.00 to Athletics in memory of Tom Swanagan	Erlene Swanagan
\$161.00 to Bowling Club	Anonymous
\$50.00 to Library in memory of June Painter	Marion and Alma Lucius
\$25.00 to Bowling Club in memory of Barbara Schroeder	Elaine and Herbert McCoy

- Donations

Accept the additional donations collected by Hoffman-Gottfried Mack Funeral home in memory of Paul Jones totaling \$5000.00

- Substitute Teachers

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

- Tiffin University CCP Agreement

The Superintendent recommends approval of the 2026-2027 College Credit Plus (CCP) Agreement with Tiffin University as presented.

- 2026-2027 School Calendar

The Superintendent recommends approval of the 2026-2027 school calendar as presented.

- Overnight Trip Approval

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following overnight trips as presented:

6th Grade Camp, Michindoh Outdoor Education School – Sept 9-11, 2026 – Hillsdale, MI

- Washington D.C. Trip Chaperones

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

Samantha Sneider

10. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Mrs. Depinet motioned to approve the following additional action item, seconded by Mr. Krais, motion carried 3-0, Mr. Wyman abstained.

Unpaid Volunteers

Athletic

Hanna Wyman Track

11. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Mr. Krais motioned to approve the following additional action item, seconded by Mr. Wyman, motion carried 4-0.

RESOLUTION SELECTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE STADIUM BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Superintendent recommends the Board select Professional Services Industries, Inc. ("PSI") as the most qualified firm to provide geotechnical engineering, soil borings, construction material testing, and special inspection services (the "Services") for the Stadium Building and Improvements Project (the "Project") and requests authority to negotiate and execute an agreement with PSI for the Services for the Project.

Rationale:

1. The Board previously identified a need for the Project.
2. The Board requires the service of a design professional to provide the Services for the Project.
3. Sections 153.65 through .71 of the Ohio Revised Code prescribes a qualifications-based selection process, which is required to be followed by public entities when professional design services are needed.
4. In accordance with the statutory process, the Superintendent publicly advertised and issued a request for qualifications for commissioning services, and the evaluation committee evaluated the statements of qualifications submitted by the design professional firms. Two statements of qualifications were received.
5. The evaluation committee evaluated the statements of qualifications provided, in accordance with the criteria outlined in the request for qualifications, and ranked the firms in the following order: 1) PSI and 2) Terracon Consultants, Inc.; thus, the evaluation committee identified PSI to be “most qualified” to provide the Services for the Project.
6. The Superintendent recommends that the Board adopt the recommendation of the evaluation committee and select PSI as the “most qualified” to perform the Services for the Project.
7. PSI provided a pricing proposal for the Services for the Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$21,984 (“Contract Sum”).
8. Based on the recommendation of the evaluation committee, the Superintendent requests authority for the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Board President, working with legal counsel, to negotiate and execute an agreement with PSI for the Services for the Project in an amount not-to-exceed the Contract Sum.

The Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board adopts the ranking provided by the evaluation committee and selects PSI as the firm “most qualified” to provide the Services for the Project.
2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Board President, working with legal counsel, to negotiate and execute an agreement with PSI for the Services for the Project in an amount not-to-exceed the Contract Sum, which the Board believes is fair and reasonable.

12. ADDENDUM ACTION ITEM

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

- Proline Technology Inc. Camera Purchase
The Superintendent recommends approval to purchase cameras from Proline Technology Inc., as presented

13. BOARD COMMENTS

Athletic Council Update – Mr. Kelly Cook discussed the following:

- In June teams can practice no more than 3 days a week.
- Senior Awards night is May 5th.
- High demand has prompted the Athletic Boosters to increase the ticket supply for the April 25th Reverse Raffle
- Summer Cleaning for our gymnasiums is scheduled for June 27th and July 8th.
- Potential for competitive cheerleading- Mr. Colatruglio was unsure at this point if we would add that option.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Depinet moved to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Kreais for the following items, motion carried 4-0:

(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: 6:52 p.m. Time out: 8:09 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Depinet motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kreais.
Motion carried 4-0. The meeting at adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Jill Beidelschies, President

Nicholas Bergman, Treasurer/CFO