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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 18, 2026

Call to Order

Mr. Dyes called the regular meeting of the Heritage Southwest Intermediate School District Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room #1 of the Administrative Services Center on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Roll Call

Members present: Ms. Dodd, Mr. Ross, Mr. Dyes, Ms. Cripe
Members absent: Mr. Garber
Administrators Present: Mr. Hubbard, Ms. Wimberley, Mr. Townsley, Mr. Jasper, Mr. Geesaman

Declaration of a Quorum

Mr. Dyes declared a quorum of the Board.

Pledge to the Flag

Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Communi-cations to the Board

Captain of the Month for Encouraging
Brookside: Hayden Clark - Laurie Eckerley, teacher. He received an award.

Communi-cation from the Audience

None

Presentations

Special Education Update
Staff member, Tina Wimberley, gave the Board a handout and recapped program updates.
Instructional Services Update
Staff members; Josh Townsley, Karen Thornburg, and Sarah Newton, gave the Board a handout on "Michigan's Dyslexia Law" and discussed working with local district staff on topic.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Cripe, to approve the minutes of February 18, 2026 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Ms. Cripe, supported by Ms. Dodd, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, that the Board of Education hereby approves payment of bills which includes General Fund totaling $113,650.98 and Special Ed Fund totaling $262,459.93.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mr. Dyes Ms. Cripe, Mr. Ross, Ms. Dodd
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

2025-2026 Budget Amendment

Moved by Ms. Dodd, supported by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education adopt the 2025-2026 Budget Amendments as presented and that the special details of these Budget Amendments be kept on file in the superintendent's office.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Ms. Cripe, Ms. Dodd, Mr. Dyes, Mr. Ross
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Vehicle Purchase

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, that the Board of Education accept the bid from Campbell Ford for a 2025 Pickup with plow for a cost of $66,585.00.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mr. Ross, Mr. Dyes, Ms. Cripe, Ms. Dodd
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Playground Proposal

Moved by Ms. Cripe, supported by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education accept the Proposal from Landscape Structures Inc for the playground project at BLC for a cost of $510,682.16.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Ms. Dodd, Mr. Ross, Mr. Dyes, Ms. Cripe
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Property Resolution

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution as presented to purchase real property from Midwest Energy Cooperative.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mr. Dyes, Ms. Cripe, Ms. Dodd, Mr. Ross
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

1st Reading of Policies

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Cripe, that the Board of Education approve the 1st Reading of Vol. 40, No. 2 Policies 0100, 1410, 2370.01, 2418, 4210, 5136, 5336, 6320, 6325, 7540.09, 8120.09, 8402 dated February 2026 and rescind Policies 3120.09 and 4120.09.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Ms. Dodd, Mr. Ross, Ms. Cripe, Mr. Dyes
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra Cripe, Secretary

These minutes are subject to board approval.