



BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 20, 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.

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 Hearing - Thomas Williams - Retire-Rehire

IV. Administration Discussion Items

A. Lesa Deter

OASBO Conference

Becky Princehorn/Red Tree Investments/Rover update

B. Catherine Trevathan

- Agriculture Education Building Update

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- 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 March 16, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
- B. Approval of the March 16, 2026 Board Work Session Minutes as presented.
- C. Approval of the March 2026 Financial Reports as presented.
- D. Approve the following donations:
- Access Ability - \$2,000.00 - Kindstock
 - Andrew & Krystal Raubenolt - \$50.00 - Kindstock
 - The Eldritch Bastion Co. - \$100.00 - Kindstock
 - Hayesville AmVets Post 1969 - \$1,500.00 - to Food Service for student lunch accounts
 - American Legion Auxiliary Unit 749 - \$600.00 to Food Service for student lunch accounts

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. Approval to place the following on the negotiated master salary schedule due to advanced training, effective 2026-27 school year:

Kendal Gable - Masters + 20

- B. Amend the effective date of retirement for Uwe Locher to be May 31, 2026.
- C. Accept the resignation of Nathaniel Thomas as Full-Time Relief Bus/Van Driver effective March 27, 2026.
- D. Accept the resignation of Heather Shenberger as Hourly Custodian effective **April 18, 2026**.
- E. Approve the following as Summer 2026 Remediation Tutors:
Lori Ayers
Megan Hottel
- F. Approve the transfer of Erin Licata to a grade 1 teacher, effective 2026-27 school year.
- G. Approve the following volunteers:
Courtney LeMaster

- H. Approve the following to Supplemental Contracts effective 2025-26 school year/season:

Nichole Blosser - Co - 7 & 8 Girls' Track - Classification G; Experience 0
Rebecca Case - Co - 7 & 8 Girls' Track - Classification G; Experience 0
Jessica Rosendaul - 7 & 8 Boys' Track - Classification G; Experience 0

- I. Approve the following to Supplemental Contracts effective 2026-27 school year/season:

Trevor Cline - Assistant Girls' Basketball - Classification D; Experience 6
Lyndsay Witmer - Assistant Girls' Basketball - Classification D; Experience 10
Brittany Poling - Assistant Girls' Basketball - Classification D; Experience 4
Kent Hostetler - 7 & 8 Girls' Basketball - Classification G; Experience 12
Jim Visintine - Co - Assistant Wrestling - Classification E; Experience 23
Gary Weisenstein - Co - Assistant Wrestling - Classification E; Experience 26

- J. Approve the following to Pupil Activity Contracts effective 2026-27 school year/season:

Tom Strine - 7 & 8 Girls' Basketball Coach - Classification G; Experience 10
Dan Mager - Head Wrestling - Classification C; Experience 8
Soren Osicka - 7 & 8 Wrestling - Classification G; Experience 1
JJ Griffith - 7 & 8 Wrestling - Classification G; Experience 4
Ben Ferguson - Head Boys' Basketball - Classification B; Experience 4
Eric Pickering - Assistant Boys' Basketball - Classification D; Experience 4
Ben Rogers - Assistant Boys' Basketball - Classification D; Experience 6
Lyra Lawson - JV & Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Advisor - Classification F; Experience 3
Jamie Best - Weight Trainer (Winter) Classification E; Experience 8

- K. Approve Angel Stoner, **Dally Meek**, and **Shannon Cunningham** to the 2025-26 Classified Substitute List pending receipt of a report from FBI and BCI.

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- L. Approve Michael Mack as Tournament Director of the Bob Valentine Invitational Track Meet - May 2026 at a rate of \$200 plus benefits. All wages and benefits to be paid from the Athletic Department Managed Activity Fund 300.950A.
- M. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education and Hillsdale Education Association.
- N. Approve the Student Protection Agency to provide voluntary student accident insurance for the 2026-27 school year.
- O. Approve the salary schedule for Educational Aides (ESC), effective 7/1/2026.
- P. Approve the following Service Agreements for the 2026-27 school year:
 - River Education Services, Inc.
 - Tyler Technologies

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- Q. Approve the following graduating seniors for the 2025-26 school year. Such approval is contingent upon the student's satisfactory completion of all school and state requirements and obligations:

Owen Jeffrey Atkinson	Aurora Harmony Martin
Gage Gregory Ryan Barker	Hayden Allan McFadden
Parker Kayne Bigley	Parker James Moneer
Autumn Brooke Bond	Wade Michael Moody
Carter Ryan Booher	Allyson Marie Morgan
Brock Hayden Bower	Camden Michael Morgan
Alan Jamison Brown	Colton Lee Mosher
Braxten Walker Burgett	Ryan Ronald Nalley
Tessa Joy Butcher	Sara Grace Nebergall
Klarissa Marie Byler	William Connor Nethero
Hunter Douglas Dalton	Lillian Rosemarie Olszewski
Gabriella Vivian Davis	Landen Edward Raines
Kylee Marie Devault	Valerie Kate Raubenolt
Riley Amelia Dewitt	Nathan William Ries
Carter Allen Erandio	Zoe Faith Ritchie
Kennedy Elise Fickes	Keagen Stanley Schnell
Ava Justine Flory	Blake Allen Schwan
Michael Jarod Fuller	Mikayla Rose Schwendeman
Garrett Laith Furr	Dryden Eli Shoemaker
Carmen Ann Gentry	Kahlen Aubrey Simmons
Hayden Quinn Gerber	Mikayla Rae-Ann Simmons
Vanessa Ilene Harned	Jacey Leeann Slagle
Jacob Allen Haven	Owen Lewis Sloan
Cade Allen Hawley	Emma Rose Snyder
Conner Douglas Helbert	Joseph Ryan Swazey
Gretchen Alana Heldenbrand	Cameron James Sweet
Brady Steven Heller	William Timothy Tate
Hunter Tyler Hickey	Landon Michael Thomas
Aiden David Hoffman	Landen Allen Timms
Trenton Micheal Houchin	Jesse David Trevathan
Emma Anne Linder	Reed Timothy Twining
Macy Lee Mager	Alex Caden Tyson
Jordan Alexander Maki	Riley Sue Wagner
	Kaylee Lynn Wilfong
	Ian Lee Zimmerman

VIII. Treasurer's New Business

- A. May I have a motion to approve the following transfers:
General Fund (001) to Lease Payment Fund (003-9020) \$5,950,000.00
General Fund (001) to Severance Fund (035) \$150,000.00

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

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

- B. May I have a motion to approve the following Adjustments in estimated Resources and Adjustments to Permanent Appropriations for FY26 (see attached list).

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

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

- C. May I have a motion to purchase a nine (9) passenger MPV Stock Unit 225 Chevrolet/Micro Bird at an estimated base price of \$81,958.00 from Cardinal Bus Sales and Service, Inc., Bids were collected through Ohio School Council.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

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

- D. May I have a motion to purchase a 78-passenger Blue Bird Gas School Bus at an estimated cost of \$153,061.00 (META Pricing).

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

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

- E. May I have a motion to purchase a 2026 Dodge Ram 4 x 4 Truck at a cost of \$56,420.00. Bids were collected through the Ohio School Council.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

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

- F. May I have a motion to authorize the Treasurer to pay Jefferson Health Plan a supplemental deposit in the amount of \$350,000, as required to meet the district's reserve account balance requirement for participation in the health plan.

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 for a First Reading of the following policies:

EFD JEB JECB
EBDE EDEC

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

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

B. May I have a motion

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

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

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XI. Discussion/Information Items

A. Items from the Board.

XII. Executive Session

- A. May I have a motion to move into Executive Session at _____ PM for the purpose of discussion of personnel. There will be no Board action following Executive Session.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

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

- B. May I have a motion to resume Regular Session at _____ PM.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

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

XIII. Adjournment

- A. May I have a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn the Board meeting at _____

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

