

HIGHLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 20, 2026
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
6:00 PM

The regular meeting was called to order and roll call taken by Mr. Wolny, Board President, at 6:01 P.M.

Mr. Ross, present; Mr. Hill, present; Mrs. Schreiner, present; Mr. Houska, present; Mr. Wolny, present.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 18, 2026, at the High School Media Center at 6:00 P.M.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 26-04-36

Mrs. Schreiner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 16, 2026, and the special meeting held on March 31, 2026, as presented.

Mrs. Schreiner, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Hill, yes; Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS 26-04-37

Mr. Houska made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the March 2026 financial reports, as presented.

Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Hill, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mrs. Schreiner, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes.

Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Schreiner shared information regarding upcoming Highland Foundation/Alumni Association events including the annual Hornet Dash, flag football, and car show.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS AND/OR DELEGATION REPRESENTATIVES

None

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OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

PRESENTATION OF 5-STAR AWARD

Sherman Micsak, Area Coordinator for the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, was in attendance to present the District with its "Overall 5-Star Award" banner for significantly exceeding state standards for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Micsak emphasized what a great accomplishment it is to receive this award. Only 47 schools in Ohio received the award and Highland was the only district in Medina County to receive the award. Mrs. Aukerman stated that an achievement like this doesn't happen without the full buy in of the District's dedicated staff. Board members concurred noting how proud everyone should be.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS 26-04-38

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Houska, that the Board of Education accept the following donations:

TO	FROM	ITEM/DESCRIPTION
Granger Elementary	Nick & Bethany Speck	\$2,500.00 / Speech & Literacy Materials
Hinckley Elementary	Artsonia	\$250.00 / Online Sales Commission
Hinckley Elementary	Hinckley PTO	\$94.50 / Decorations for 3rd & 4th Grade Musical
Hinckley Elementary	Hinckley PTO	\$23.91 / Spring Conference Staff Meal
Hinckley Elementary	Hinckley PTO	\$60.00 / Incentives for Winners of Buzzard Coloring Contest
Hinckley Elementary	Hinckley PTO	\$224.00 / PE Specialist Program for Anne Crawford
Hinckley Elementary	Hinckley PTO	\$3,430.08 / Folding Chairs and Chair Racks

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Mr. Hill, yes; Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mrs. Schreiner, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF FACILITIES 26-04-39

Mrs. Schreiner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education approve the following requests for use of facilities, as listed:

Hinckley

Gym - Tuesdays from 4/7/2026 until 6/2/2026 - 6:30pm to 8:00pm - 22elite

Mrs. Schreiner, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Hill, yes; Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes.

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS 26-04-40

Mr. Houska made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education approve the following contracts and/or agreements A through H, as presented:

- A. Ohio Schools Council Electricity Agreement (Exhibit 1)
- B. Southeast Security Agreement (Exhibit 2)
- C. Beyond Words Service Agreement 2026-2027 (Exhibit 3)
- D. Goodwill Vocational Services Agreement 2026-2027 (Exhibit 4)
- E. Schoolinks Agreement 2026-2029 (Exhibit 5)
- F. Medina ESC Summer Enrichment Program 2026 (Exhibit 6)
- G. LLA Therapy 2026 ESY Agreement (Exhibit 7)
- H. Medina County Career Center Project Lead the Way Agreement 2026-2027 (Exhibit 8)

Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Hill, yes; Mrs. Schreiner, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes.

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL 26-04-41

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel items A through M), as presented:

- A. Employment - Certified Substitutes/Home Tutors

Adopted the attached list of certified substitutes/home tutors for use for the 2025-2026 school year, as submitted by the ESC of Medina County (Exhibit 9).

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B. Employment - Certified

Employed the following individuals, on one-year limited contracts of employment, as listed:

1. Melissa Priddy, High School Counselor, effective 8/17/2026
2. Emma Robinette, Middle School Intervention Specialist LTS, effective 4/17/2026
3. Anne Yarema, Middle School Math LTS, effective 5/1/2026

C. Revision in Employment - Certified

Approved the Revision in Employment of the following individuals:

1. Christie Boger, from Sharon Elementary Intervention Specialist to Granger Elementary Intervention Specialist, effective 8/18/2026

D. Maternity/Family Medical/Parental Leave - Certified

Approved the Maternity/Family Medical/Parental Leave Requests of the following individuals:

1. Haley Chaplin, High School Intervention Specialist, with an anticipated effective date of 9/22/2026, and return 1/4/2027

E. Revision in Maternity/Family Medical/Parental Leave - Certified

Approved the extension of Maternity/Family Medical/Parental Leave Requests of the following individuals:

1. Nicole Kilway, Sharon Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher, to extend her Parental Leave through 5/29/2026

F. Resignation/Retirement - Certified

Accepted the resignation of the following individual(s) for the purpose of retirement:

1. Amy Lyon, Granger Elementary 4th Grade Teacher, effective 5/29/2026

G. Resignation - Administration

Accepted the resignation of the following individual(s):

1. Carrie Knapp, High School Principal, effective 6/30/2026

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H. Employment - Classified

Employed the following individuals on one-year limited contracts of employment, as listed:

1. Katie Fertal, High School Cook, effective 5/4/2026
2. Stacy Bernard, High School Cook, effective 8/17/2026

I. Employment - Classified Substitutes - 2025-2026 School Year

Employed the following individuals on one-year limited contracts of employment, on an "as needed" basis for the 2025-2026 school year, as listed:

Substitute Custodian

Cody Bendau
Jameson Gordon
Tyler Manning
Leo Mrksich

J. Revision in Employment - Classified

Approved the Revision in Employment of the following individuals, as listed:

1. Jack Faught, from Hinckley Elementary 2nd Shift Custodian, to Sharon Elementary Building Manager, effective 3/20/2026
2. Mark Krusinski, Bus Driver, from 5.17 hours per day to 6 hours per day, effective 4/16/2026
3. Maria Melchiorre, from Middle School Special Education Aide for 6.5 hours per day, to High School Special Education Aide for 7 hours per day, effective 8/18/2026
4. Patricia Noonan, Middle School Special Education Aide, from 5.5 hours per day, to 7 hours per day, effective 8/18/2026

K. Resignation - Classified

Accepted the resignation of the following individual(s):

1. Morgan Eredish, Middle School Cook, effective 3/20/2026
2. Brenda Prezenkowski, Sharon Elementary Special Education Aide, effective 5/28/2026
3. Gabrielle Eaton, Sharon Elementary Special Education Aide, effective 5/28/2026

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L. Resignation/Retirement - Classified

Accepted the resignation of the following individual(s) for the purpose of retirement:

1. Kathy Grudosky-Dearth, High School Special Education Aide, effective 5/28/2026

M. Employment - Co-Curricular/Supplemental - 2025-2026

Employed the following individuals, on one-year limited supplemental contracts of employment, for the 2025-2026 school year (unless otherwise noted), as listed in Exhibit 10.

ALL EMPLOYMENT ITEMS ARE CONTINGENT ON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND PROPER CERTIFICATION WHEN APPLICABLE.

Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Hill, yes; Mrs. Schreiner, yes; Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes.

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 26-04-42

Mr. Houska made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment of public employees.

Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Ross, yes; Mr. Hill, yes; Mrs. Schreiner, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes.

Motion carried.

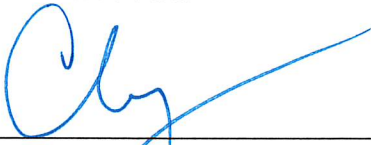
The Board adjourned to executive session at 6:21 P.M.

The Board exited executive session at 6:49 P.M.

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ADJOURNMENT

With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.



Board President

Treasurer