HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 26, 2026

President, Scott Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center of Huron High School.

Members present: Cox, Monte, Johnson, Town, Spicer, Roupe, and Ferguson

Members absent: -0-

Pledge to the flag was given

Public Concerns and Comments: Mrs. Gibson spoke regarding the amazing Girls Wrestling program, and their interest is having a coach dedicated to the girl's team. She spoke highly of Coach Ritchie, but knows that he has a lot on his plate with Varsity, JV, and the Girls teams.

Amelia Szawara also spoke about all of the success of the Girls Wrestling team and how important a dedicated coach would be to the team.

Communications: Donovan recognize that January is School Board Appreciation month and what a great job all of our School Board Members have been doing.

25/26-082. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Cox, that the Board of approve the minutes for the Regular Metting and Closed Session of December 15, 2025 along with the Special Meeting and Closed Session of December 18, 2025, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Motion carried

25/26-083. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Town, to appoint Donovan Rowe as the temporary chairman until the President of the Board is elected and Dana Town as temporary Secretary until the position of Secretary of the Board is elected.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Motion carried

25/26-084. Moved by Town, seconded by Cox, to nominate Scott Ferguson as President of the Board of Education, through January 25, 2027.

There were no other nominations for President, therefore; Scott Ferguson will service as Board President for the period of January 26, 2026 through January 25, 2027.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Motion carried

25/26-085. Moved by Town, seconded by Cox, to nominate Cory Roupe as the Vice President of the Board of Education, through January 25, 2027.

There were no other nominations for Vice President, therefore; Cory Roupe will serve as Board Vice President for the period of January 26, 2026 to January 25, 2027.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-086. Moved by Roupe, seconded by Town, to nominate Jennifer Johnson as the Treasurer of the Board of Education, through January 25, 2027.

There were no other nominations for Treasurer, therefore; Jennifer Johnson will serve as Board Treasurer for the period of January 26, 2026 to January 25, 2027.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-087. Moved by Cox, seconded by Spicer, to nominate Dana Town as the Secretary of the Board of Education, through January 25, 2027.

There were no other nominations for Secretary, therefore; Dana Town will serve as Board Secretary for the period of January 26, 2026 to January 25, 2027.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-088. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education adopt the schedule for the Regular Board Meetings for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, through January 25, 2027, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-089. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Monte, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation from the Executive Director of Finance for banking and investment depositories for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year through January 25, 2027, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-090. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Monte, that the Board of Education continue to authorize the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Board to sign checks for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, through January 25, 2027.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-091. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Monte, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution for Investment Authority for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, through January 25, 2027, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-092. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education continues to authorize the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Board to invest funds of the school district for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, through January 25, 2027, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-093. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson, that the Board of Education use the Monroe Evening News as our official publication for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, through January 25, 2027.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-094. Moved by Town, seconded by Johnson, that the Board of Education approve Foley & Robinette, P.C. as general counsel for Huron School District for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, through January 25, 2027.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-095. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Town, that the Board of Education approve Thrun Law Firm to handle elections and any future Durant Litigations for the Huron School District for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, through January 25, 2027.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-096. Moved by Roupe, seconded by Ferguson, that the Board of Education approve Thrun Law Firm as bond and general counsel for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, through January 25, 2027.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-097. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Town, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Sandra Hoffman as a District Bus Driver, effective December 17, 2025, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-098. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Sarah Pieprzyk, as the Independence Aide at Miller Elementary, effective January 6, 2026, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-099. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Talib Al-Badany as a District Bus Driver, effective January 6, 2026, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-100. Moved by Town, seconded by Johnson, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Calling the Election and setting matters to be voted upon, as presented.

Donovan talked about the Bond that they are hoping to have on the May election ballot

Roll Call Vote: Cox, Monte, Johnson, Town, Spicer Roupe, and Ferguson- - - AYES

Motion carried

25/26-101. Moved by Town, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education approve the Out of State Field Trip for the DECA students to attend the State Career Development Conference in Detroit, Michigan, from March 5, 2026 through March 7, 2026, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

25/26-102. Moved by Town, seconded by Johnson, that the Board of Education approve the Out of State Field Trip for the Robotics Team to attend the FIM District Competition, in Berrien Springs, Michigan, from March 19, 2026 through March 22, 2026, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Motion carried.

25/26-103. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Town, that the Board of Education approve the Unpaid Leave of Absence request from AFT member, Carolyn Horvath, from January 1, 2026 through May 1, 2026, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Motion carried.

25/26-104. Moved by Town, seconded by Johson, that the Board of Education except the change in dates for the Out of State Field Trip to France and Italy, for the High School Students, that was previously approved on June 24, 2024, to the new dates of March 27, 2026 through April 5, 2026, as presented.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Motion carried.

25/26-105. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Town, that the Board of Education approve the Account Payable totaling $5,889,902.31, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:	Cox, Monte, Johnson, Town, Spicer Roupe and Ferguson - - - AYES
	Motion carried
Investment Report	Note and File
Statement of Revenue/Expenditures	Note and File

25/26-106. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Town, that the Board of Education accept the appointments to the subcommittees for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, through January 25, 202 as follows:

Policy Committee:	Dana Town, Aaron Cox, Josh Monte
Finance Committee:	Scott Ferguson, Dana Town, Jennifer Johnson
LDFA Committee:	Scott Ferguson, Donovan Rowe
Facilities Committee:	Cory Roupe, Julie Spicer, Aaron Cox
Strategic Planning Committee:	Cory Roupe, Jennifer Johnson, Josh Monte

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion carried

Comments from the Board of Education Members:

Monte – He hopes that everyone has a had a great start to the new year and is humbled by all of the Board Appreciation gifts.

Spicer – Thanked all of the wrestlers who game in support of their team. She hopes that everyone is having a happy new year.

Cox – Wished everyone a happy new year and thanked everyone for the gifts.

Johnson – Thanked everyone for the appreciation gifts and thanked everyone for speaking on behalf of the Girls Wrestling team.

Town – Thanked everyone for all of the gifts and stated how thankful she is to work with all of the staff and students of Huron.

Roupe – Congratulated the Girls Wrestling team on all of the successes and thanked everyone for all of the gifts.

Ferguson – Echoed everyone's comments, and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Superintendent's Comments:

Donovan thanked the Board for all of the kind words about his evaluation. He did want to let everyone know that he was out driving the back roads to check on the conditions. He discussed a letter he sent out to parents and staff, regarding criteria for school closures and their threshold for the weather conditions.

25/26-107. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Spicer, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Motion carried.