



HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2026



1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Jill Beidelschies

Roll Call: Jill Beidelschies; aye, Mr. Kelly Cook; aye, Mrs. Linda Depinet; aye, Mr. Kevin Kreais; aye, Mr. Justin Wyman; aye. All members present.

2. The following people were recognized at the meeting:

- Mylie Alt – March Student of the Month

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wyman moved to approve the following minutes, seconded by Mrs. Depinet, motion carried 4-0, Mrs. Beidelschies abstained (not present at March 18, 2026 meeting):

- Regular Meeting – March 18, 2026

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

5. INFORMATIVE REPORTS

- A. HLEA Report- Ms. Karen Rumschlag informed the Board that teachers and students are preparing for State Testing this month.
- B. Vanguard Sentinel Bd. Member – Mrs. Depinet presented a printout. The last day of school for students is May 28, 2026. Important events coming up include: April 12th Sentinel FFA Banquet, April 29th New Student Orientation, April 30th-May 1st FFA State Convention, May 5-6th Skills USA State Competition, May 19th Vanguard Tech Passport Ceremony, May 20th Sentinel Passport Ceremony, May 27th Adult Education Graduation Ceremony. The Growth Plan 2030 includes upgrades to security, personnel planning for 26-27 school year, permanent improvements, programming, facilities/equipment and student success. The Learn and Lead podcast has been recognized by the BGSU education department. Next meeting is April 16, 2026 in Tiffin. Mrs. Depinet discussed a presentation she attended regarding AI at Sentinel. Mr. Wyman asked about the need for AI policies at Hopewell-Loudon. Mr. White commented that we are working with NEOLA and Mr. Justin Schlenker, Technology Supervisor, to ensure we are covered.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. White discussed the following:

- Preschool update – We currently have met the capacity of 36 students. We have 25 additional non-residents who have also registered. The discussion was had about adding another ½ or whole class of preschool. This would require an additional room and staff through the NCOESC. Mr. Wyman asked for a report showing preschool enrollment into our Kindergarten. Mr. White is also looking into screening of out of district students.
- Food Service Director of the Year – Congratulations to Ms. Myranda Dible who was named the Food Service Director of the Year by OASBO. She is being honored on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 in Columbus.
- Calvert is hosting a track meet at our facility this Saturday, April 11, 2026.
- Bascom Lion's Club Dinner – The Bascom Lion's Club is using the Chieftain Gym on Sunday, April 12, 2026 from 11-1pm for a drive-thru dinner pick up. This dinner benefits Pediatric Cancer.

- Superior Rating – Congratulations to our High School Band for receiving a Superior Rating in the District Competition. The State Competition is May 2, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at Findlay High School.
- Crowdfunding Presentation – Mr. Roger Frank from Vertical Raise gave a presentation about crowdfunding.

7. TREASURER’S REPORT

Mrs. Depinet moved to approve the following items presented by Mr. Bergman, seconded by Mr. Wyman, motion carried 5-0.

A. Approval of Financial Statements

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

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board discussed the following:

- First Reading of the following Policies:

1. 2460.03

Mr. Cook moved to approve the following Policies, seconded by Mr. Kreais, motion carried 5-0.

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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

9. ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Kreais motioned to approve the following actions items, seconded by Mr. Cook motion carried 5-0.

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. Retirement of Administrative Personnel

Rick Renz Jr./Sr. High Principal, eff. June 30, 2026

B. Resignation of Supervisory Personnel

Alicia Swartzmiller Director of Transportation/EMIS Coordinator, eff. June 30, 2026

C. Appointment of Supervisory Personnel

Jeff Fahl District Transportation Supervisor

D. Appointment of Certified Personnel – 2025-2026 School Year

One-Year Limited New Contract 2026-2027

Zoe Kent Intervention Specialist

Kade Nelson Intervention Specialist

One-Year Limited Contract Renewal 2026-2027

Samantha Sneider

Two-Year Limited Contract Renewal 2026-2028

Kelsey Coppus

Janelle Hall
Hunter Hendrix
Elizabeth Humphrey
Aaron Kapelka
Kristi Martinez
James Parker
Roman Ream
Robert Rohrer

Three-Year Limited Contract Renewal 2026-2029

Michelle Burns
Heather Hoover
Sarah Wolf

Continuing Contract

Meagan Steyer Social Worker

E. **Appointment of Classified Personnel – 2025-2026 School Year**

Seasonal Mowing, as needed, \$16/hour

Kerry Brickner

F. **Appointment of Classified Personnel – 2026-2027 School Year**

Dana Mathias School Nurse, as needed

Three-Year Limited Contract 2026-2029

Alicia Swartzmiller Admin. Asst./EMIS Coordinator

Two-Year Limited Contract Renewal, 2026-2028

Mackenzie Blechinger Bus Driver/Aide

Adrienne Brickner Fiscal Support

Jacob Coldiron Custodian

Maryah Darr Aide

Ryan Holcomb Maintenance

Kaitlyn Hoyer Aide

Donald Martin Bus Driver/Aide

Amberlyn McKelvey Aide

Jill Oakleaf Aide

Lakell Otte Aide

Kelly Smith Cafeteria

Leslie Walter Cafeteria

Seasonal Mowing, as needed, \$16/hour

Todd Boes

Kerry Brickner

Continuing Contract

Heather Siebenaller Nurse Support/Aide

Substitute

Jacob Coldiron Bus Driver

Dustin Humphrey Bus Driver

G. **Assignment of Certified Personnel – Supplemental/Extra Duty 2026-2027 School Year**

Athletic

Sara Bell Head Volleyball

Brian Colatruglio Head Football

Kacie Costilla ½ High School Cheer Coach

Roger Jury Head Boys' Basketball

Aaron Kapelka Head Wrestling

Robert Rohrer Head Boys' Golf

Extended Days

Janelle Hall	2 days
Sarah Sendelbach	2 days
Ashley Schumm	2 days
Kelcey Willman	2 days

Outdoor School

Jennifer Snyder
Brett Swanagan
Sarah Wolff

H. Assignment of Classified Personnel – Supplemental/Extra Duty, 2026-2027 School Year

Athletic

Eric Brickman	Head Girls' Basketball
Joe Cline	Head Girls' Golf
Helen Coleman	Head Boys' Cross Country

10. CONSENT ITEMS

Mrs. Depinet motioned to approve the following consent items, seconded by Mr. Kreais motion carried 5-0.

- Donations
Accept the following donations:

<u>Item</u>	<u>From</u>
\$1000.00 for BE Wise Camp	Tiffin Community Foundation Inc.
- Substitute Teachers
The Superintendent recommends approval of substitute teachers and aides for the 2025-2026 school year as approved and updated by NCOESC.
- Approval of Graduates
The Superintendent recommends approval of the list of the Class of 2026 for graduation on May 17, 2026, as presented, pending completion of all graduation requirements.
- Owens Community College CCP Agreement
The Superintendent recommends approval of the 2026-2027 College Credit Plus (CCP) Agreement with Owens Community College as presented.
- Terra State Community College CCP Agreement
The Superintendent recommends approval of the 2026-2027 College Credit Plus (CCP) Agreement with Terra State Community College as presented.
- Overnight Trip Approval
The Superintendent recommends approval of the following overnight trips as presented:
 - Boys' Cross Country Camp – Rushville, OH – August 3-6, 2026
 - Girls' Cross Country Camp – Columbus, OH – August 3-6, 2026
- 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:
 - Jamie May

11. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Mr. Wyman motioned to approve the following additional action item, seconded by Mr. Kreais, motion carried 5-0.

- HLEA and HLBOE Contract
Approve the collective bargaining agreement between HLEA and the Board of Education from July 1, 2026-June 30, 2029.

12. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Mr. Cook motioned to approve the following additional action item, seconded by Mr. Wyman, motion carried 4-0, Mrs. Depinet abstained.

- Assignment of Certified Personnel – Supplemental/Extra Duty 2025-2026 School Year
Athletic
Kailey Depinet Head Girls' Cross Country

13. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Mr. Cook motioned to approve the following additional action item, seconded by Mr. Wyman, motion carried 5-0.

- Termination of Volunteer Position
Bruce Creasap Boys' Basketball

14. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

Mr. Krais motioned to approve the following additional action item, seconded by Mr. Wyman, motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE TREASURER TO PLACE A NOTICE IN THE ADVERTISER-TRIBUNE, NO LATER THAN APRIL 10, 2026, WHICH READS SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS:

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hopewell-Loudon School District Board of Education hereby gives public notice in accordance with Section 3307.353* of the Ohio Revised Code that Rick Renz who is currently employed by the Board of Education as the Jr./Sr. High School Principal, will be retiring and seeking re-employment with Hopewell-Loudon School District in the same position following his retirement.

The Board of Education will hold a public meeting on the issue of re-employing the above-named person at the Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, May 20, 2026 in the district Auditoria located at 181 N. CR 7, Bascom, OH 44809.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

15. ACTION ITEM

Mrs. Depinet motioned to approve the following additional action item, seconded by Mr. Krais, motion carried 5-0.

1) Personnel

Per the Resolution passed on June 8, 2022, the Treasurer has the authority to make hiring recommendations in situations where the Superintendent's nomination would be a violation of R.C. 2921.42. Therefore, the Treasurer 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. Resignation of Certified Personnel

Julie White Intervention Specialist, eff. end of 25-26 School Year

16. BOARD COMMENTS

- None

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Wyman moved to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Cook for the following items, motion carried 5-0:

(A) To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check-marked items with respect to a public employee or official:

1. Appointment
2. X Employment

3. ___ Dismissal
4. ___ Discipline
5. ___ Promotion
6. ___ Demotion
7. ___ Compensation
8. ___ Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested)

Time in: 6:22 p.m. Time out: 7:16 p.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Krais motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Cook.
Motion carried 5-0. The meeting at adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Jill Beidelschies, President

Nicholas Bergman, Treasurer/CFO