

MINUTES OF HILLSDALE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

HILLSDALE BOARD OFFICE ENTRYWAY

7:00 PM

HILLSDALE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION — May 18, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. The Hillsdale Local Board of Education Regular Board Meeting was called to order by President Keith Yeater at 7:01 P.M. in the Hillsdale Board Office Entryway. Roll call was taken by Treasurer Lesa Deter with the following Board members present: Jon Burkholder, Mark Hoffman, Steve Smith, Melinda Turk and Keith Yeater.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mr. Yeater recognized the visitors: Maci Atterholt, Kody Manders, Tom Strine, Lindsay Bowen, Jennifer Seman, Velly King, Blake Schwan, Dekota Morris, Jodi Long, Kristin Weidrick, and Addi Weidrick.

The Board President opened the floor for public participation regarding agenda items.

No public comment on Agenda Items

A. Falcon Spotlight

1. Recognition of District Retiree/s:

Miss Dropsey
Uwe Locher -absent
Todd Miller -absent
Twila Robbins
Tom Selvage - absent
Chris Shenberger
Tom Williams

2. Student Achievement Update - Ms. Turk

3. Report - Heartland Technical Education Center - Mr. Smith

4. FFA

April 25, 2026 - Placed 13th at the meats contest

April 29, 2026 - 12 members toured Certified Angus Beef

April 30, 2026 - Went to State convention, attended sessions and toured the chocolate factory.

May 1, 2026 - Attended State Convention and State Degree were awarded to several recipients.

May 6, 2026 - Write to read week activities with elementary students

May 12, 2026 - Petting Zoo
May 14, 2026 - FFA monthly meeting
May 15, 2026 - students helped with the 6th grade Field Trip

IV. Administration Discussion Items

A. Lesia Deter

- Rover Pipeline - discussed options to reserve funds from the back tax settlement from 2019.

- Property Insurance quotes are coming in for 2026-2027

B. Catherine Trevathan

- Free Breakfast for May went really well. Great participation and the plan is to hopefully continue this next year.
- Technology Update provided by Kodly Manders

#26-59 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Moved by Hoffman, seconded by Burkholder to approve the consent agenda and Additions/Deletions for the Regular May 18, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.

Burkholder, aye; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0.

#26-60 TREASURER'S CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Smith, seconded by Burkholder to approve the Treasurer Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of the April 20, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

B. Approval of the April 20, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

C. Approval of the April 2026 Financial Reports as presented.

D. Approval to set mileage reimbursement rate to 72.5 cents per mile for FY27 per IRS standard mileage rate.

E. Approve the following donations:

\$300.00 from Capitol Square Foundation (A Gift from Honda) for Ohio Statehouse Tour 2025-26 SY. - to help offset transportation costs (General Fund 001).

\$500.00 from AMVETS Post 1969 for Purple Star Program (T-Shirts)
(Fund 019.9424).

- F. Approval to renew three (3) year GAAP Audit with
Julian & Grube FY 27-FY29.

Burkholder, aye; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0.

#26-61 SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Turk, seconded by Hoffman, to approve the Superintendent's Consent
Agenda

- A. Approve the resignation for the purpose of retirement for Todd Miller as
teacher, effective May 31, 2026, and from all supplemental contracts.
- B. Accept the resignation of Angie Sermulis as playground/cafeteria aide
effective April 28, 2026.
- C. Approve a three (3) year Administrative Contract for Rebecca Hartsel as
PreSchool Director effective 8-1-2026 - 7-31-2029.
- D. Approve the following to (1) year limited contracts as teachers, effective
2026-27 school year:
 - Sydney Long - Gr. 1 - Bachelor; Experience 3
 - Corey Beckett - K-6 Physical Education - Bachelor; Experience 5
 - Bailey Stevely - K-6 Music - Bachelor; Experience 3
- E. Approve Kathern Bray as Full-Time Relief School Bus Driver/Van Driver
effective April 23, 2026, through the end of the 2026-27 school year,
experience 0.
- F. Accept the resignation of Kathern Bray as Full-Time Relief School Bus
Driver/Van Driver effective May 13, 2026.
- G. Approve the re-assignment of Heidi Denny as Van Driver to
Full Time Relief Bus/Van Driver effective August 15, 2025.
- H. Approve the following contracts in accordance with the negotiated
agreement effective 2026-27 school year:

Two (2) Year ending 2028

Elizabeth Kohler
Katelyn Reynolds
Kilee Stoner
Adrianna Summerfield

Five (5) Year ending 2031

Brooke Power
Luke Power
Rochelle Tabler
Susan Tibbs
Sherri Brown
Sara Stral
Lyndsay Witmer
Emily Zimmerman

One (1) Year ending 2027

Megan Hottel
Gabe, Kendal
Adrienne Kidwell
Erin Licata
Allison Todd
Sondra Hays (Retired/Rehired)

1. Approve the following Extended Time Contracts for the 2026-27 school year:

Lindsay Bowen 60 days
Adrienne Kidwell 30 days
Scott Call 25 days
Allen Terwilliger 10 days
Kendal Gable 10 days

J. Approve the following contracts in accordance with the negotiated agreement effective 2026-27 school year:

Two (2) Year ending 2028

Ellen Black (bus driver)
Kara Blough (playground/cafe aide - 2.75 hours per day)
Karen Brown (playground/cafe aide - 2.50 hours per day)
Heidi Jo Denny (relief bus/van driver)
Laurie Draper (playground/cafe aide - 3.25 hours per day)
Kendra Flickinger (cook - 3 hours per day)
Sandy Grassman (bus driver)
Derek Knowlton (hourly custodian)
Jeremy Brant (Technology Technician)

- K. Approve the following to the 2025-26 Classified Substitute List:

Dally Meek

- L. Approve the following volunteers:

Lisa Eichelberger	Stacia Hunter
Victoria Everhart	Carly Mowry
Mary Foote	Tiffany Rachel
Rich Foote	Andrea Williams-Hackworth

- M. Accept the following resignations from Supplemental Contracts effective end of 2025-26 SY:

Amber Swisher - Elementary Vocal Concert Director
Carly Black - Power of the Pen
Kyle Wissel - High School Talent Show

- N. Approve the following Supplemental Contracts effective 2026-27 school year:

Class Advisor (Sophomore) - Rochelle Tabler - Classification I; Experience 0
Class Advisor (Junior) - Kyle Wissel - Classification H; Experience 0
Class Advisor (Senior) - Kyle Wissel - Classification H; Experience 0
National Honor Society - Elizabeth Kohler - Classification I; Experience 0
Co Prom Advisor - Kyle Wissel - Classification G; Experience 0
Co Prom Advisor - Alicia Metzger - Classification G; Experience 3
Academic Team Advisor - Elizabeth Kohler - Classification G; Experience 0
Jr. High Academic Challenge-Elizabeth Kohler -Classification I; Experience 0
Lead Mentor - Tekerro Peterson

- O. Amend the following Supplemental and/or Pupil Activity Contracts effective 2026-27 school year:

Supplemental:

Carly Black to Assistant Volleyball - Classification E; Experience 2
Linda McCoy to 7 & 8 Volleyball - Classification G; Experience 1

Pupil Activity:

Amanda Jones to 7 & 8 Volleyball - Classification G; Experience 1

- P. Approve the following to Pupil Activity Contracts effective 2026-27 school year/season:
- Brittney Pidgeon - Co-7 & 8 Basketball Cheerleader Advisor - Classification H; Experience 0
 - Brittney Pidgeon - Co 7 & 8 Basketball Cheerleader Advisor - Classification H; Experience 0
 - Aubriana Hardesty - Co 7 & 8 Football Cheerleader Advisor - Classification H; Experience 0
 - Aubriana Hardesty - Co 7 & 8 Basketball Cheerleader Advisor - Classification H; Experience 0
 - Dustin Brown - Assistant Boys' Basketball - Classification D; Experience 3
 - D.R. Haight -Assistant Marching Band Director -Classification G; Experience 11
- Q. Approve the following out-of-state trips:
- Washington Leadership Conference (WLC), Washington DC - June 2-6, 2026
 - The Big E, West Springfield, Massachusetts - September 16-19, 2026
 - The Nursery and Landscaping Career Development Team qualified.
 - FFA National Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana - October 21-24, 2026
- R. Approve the following student overnight trips:
- FFA Camp - Carrollton, OH - June and July 2026 - (different dates for students - TBD)
 - FFA Officers' Retreat - July 13 - 14, 2026 - Location TBD
- S. Approve Hillsdale Food Service to provide free breakfast to all Hillsdale students during the month of May 2026 and for the 2026-2027 school year.
- T. Approve the Updated Extra Duty Detail Rates for the Ashland County Sheriff's Department effective June 1, 2026.
- U. Approve the additional verbiage in the course description guide for Communications: Oral and Visual Standards, and to the Reading Literature and Informational Texts Standards within Ohio's Learning Standards for English Language Arts, ensuring students develop essential communication skills, as well as the proficiency necessary to access and interpret a variety of texts and mediums that transfer across all content areas for social and academic purposes.

V. Approve the following Supplemental Extra Duty Contracts for 2026-2027 school year.

Melissa Abrams	Science Dept. Chair	Class H, Exp. 18
Melissa Abrams	HS Technology Coord	Class H, Exp. 18
Lorraine Ayers	Elem. Tech Coordinator	Class H, Exp. 7
Lorraine Ayers	Specials Team Leader	Class H, Exp. 5
Carly Black	Freshman Class Advisor	Class I, Exp. 2
Carly Black	ELA Dept. Chair	Class H, Exp. 1
Nichole Blosser	CO JH Student Council	Class I, Exp. 8
Nichole Blosser	School Without Failure	Class H, Exp. 4
Nichole Blosser	Team Leader Grade 6	Class H, Exp. 4
Trevor Cline	JH History Fair Comp Days	Class I, Exp. 9
Scott Call	HS Site Manager	Class F, Exp. 19
Keara Copenhagen	Team Leader Grade 1	Class H, Exp. 5
Stacey Dilgard	Safety Town Advisor	Class I, Exp. 1
Tiffany Fickes	PBIS	Class H, Exp. 2
Katie Gibson	PBIS	Class H, Exp. 2
Carmen Greene	MS Tech Coordinator	Class H, Exp. 12
Carmen Greene	Spelling Bee Grade 7&8	Class J, 1% Base
Carmen Greene	Team Leader Grade 7	Class H, Exp. 3
Jennifer Grissinger	Specials Dept. Chair	Class H, Exp. 2
Regina Hickey	Safety Town	Class I, Exp. 12
Regina Hickey	Team Leader - Kindergarten	Class H, Exp. 5
Kent Hostetler	CO-JH Student Council	Class I, Exp. 9
Mindy Kalbfell	LPDC	
Elizabeth Kohler	Chess Club	Class I, Exp. 9
Erin Licata	Safety Town	Class I, Exp. 1
Alicia Metzger	Math Dept. Chair	Class H, Exp. 2
Alicia Metzger	School Without Failure 9-12	Class H, Exp. 4
Jessica Murawski	Musical Drama Director	Class H, Exp. 7
Katelyn Reynolds	School Without Failure 7-8	Class H, Exp. 1
Abigail Ricer	Team Leader Grade 3	Class H, Exp. 2
Jason Snow	Team Leader Grade 4	Class H, Exp. 5
Sara Sral	Special Ed. Dept. Chair	Class H, Exp. 6
Jenny Stump	LPDC	
Adrianna Summerfield	Safety Town	Class I, Exp. 2
Amber Swisher	CO Ski-Club	Class I, Exp. 13

Class H, Exp. 4	Asst. Musical Director	Allen Terwilliger
Class J, Exp. 5	Jazz Band	Allen Terwilliger
Class C, Exp. 5	Marching Band	Allen Terwilliger
Class G, Exp. 4	Auditorium Manager	Allen Terwilliger
Class J, Exp. 9	Power of the Pencil	Susan Tibbs
Class J, 1% Base	Spelling Bee Grade 6	Susan Tibbs
Class H, Exp. 2	PBIS	Susan Tibbs
Class H, Exp. 5	Team Leader Grade 2	Shawn Weiler
Class H, Exp. 2	PBIS	Shawn Weiler
Class F, Exp. 5	Yearbook Advisor	Kyle Wissel
Class H, Exp. 4	School Without Failure 9-12	Kyle Wissel
Class H, Exp. 3	Student Council Advisor	Kyle Wissel
Class I, Exp. 2	Co-Ski Club	Kyle Wissel
Class H, Exp. 4	Foreign Language Club	Emily Zimmerman

Burkholder, aye; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye; Motion passes 5-0.

Treasurer's New Business

#26-62 HEALTH INSURANCE RATES

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Smith to approve the **2026-2027 Health Insurance Premium Rates** through Jefferson Health Plan, reflecting an overall **19.61%** increase, effective **July 1, 2026**, for **monthly premiums** as follows:

- **Family Coverage (Monthly):**
 - Medical: \$3,037.00
 - Dental: \$145.00
 - Vision: \$19.50
 - Total: **\$3,201.50**
- **Single Coverage (Monthly):**
 - Medical: \$996.92
 - Dental: \$54.00
 - Vision: \$8.74
 - Total: **\$1,059.66**

Burkholder, aye; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye; Motion passes 5-0.

#26-63 BUS GARAGE PROJECT

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Smith to approve and authorize entry into an Agreement with Sloan Concrete, based on Estimate #5992, for the Bus Garage Concrete Project, in an amount not to exceed \$46,257.00; and

Explicitly authorize Dr. Catherine Trevathan, Superintendent, and Treasurer Lesa Deter to negotiate and execute the Agreement prior to the Board meeting in order to secure placement on Sloan Concrete's construction schedule.

Said project to include:

Interior concrete slab: 30' x 144' inside the Building

Exterior concrete apron: 6' x 144' outside the building

Fuel pad installation: 12' x 40' x 8"

Extension of concrete from the existing fuel tank pad to two (2) feet beyond the bollards

Work to include excavation and grading, broom finish, curing and sealing, and saw-cut joints, as outlined in the proposal.

Burkholder, aye; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0.

Superintendent's New Business

#26-64 RETIRE / REHIRE THOMAS WILLIAMS

Moved by Smith, seconded by Turk, to approve a motion that the Board of Education of the Hillsdale Local School District to approve the re-employment of Mr. Tom Williams as the PK-6 Principal for the 2026-2027 school year.

Burkholder, aye; Hoffman, Nye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 4-1.

#26-65 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARY SCHEDULE

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Turk, to approve the updated 2024-2027 Administrative Salary Schedule.

Burkholder, aye; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0.

#26-66 SECOND READING OF POLICIES

Moved by Smith, seconded by Hoffman, to approve the Second Reading and Approval of the following Policies:

EFD	EBDE	JECB
JEB	EDEC	

Burkholder, aye; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye; Motion passes 5-0.

#26-67 AI IN EDUCATION

Moved by Turk, seconded by Burkholder, to approve the first reading of the AI in Education: Model Policy for Ohio Districts and Schools.

Burkholder, aye; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye; Motion passes 5-0.

#26-68 HILLSDALE ONE PLAN

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Smith, to approve the Hillisdale Local Schools One Plan FY27-FY30.

Burkholder, aye; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye; Motion passes 5-0.

#26-69 GRIEVANCE DENIAL

Moved by Smith, seconded by Hoffman, to approve the Step 3 Grievance filed by OAPSE and Mr. Strine is hereby denied. The Board affirms that the compensation provided to the employee was appropriate and consistent with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

Burkholder, aye; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye; Motion passes 5-0.

#26-70 OHIO DIRECT ADMISSION PROGRAM

Moved by Turk, seconded by Smith, to approve the following: The Board of Education of the Hillisdale Local School District

elects to participate in the Ohio Direct Admission Program and authorizes the Superintendent to complete all required implementation steps.

Burkholder, aye; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye; Motion passes 5-0.

#26-71 SCHOOL RADIO

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Hoffman ,to approve a 24-month lease for a School-Radio Managed Service Program with School-Radio, a division of A Beep, Illinois LLC.

Burkholder, aye; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0

#26-72 RESIGNATION FROM RACHEL KELLY

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Hoffman, to approve the separation agreement and resignation for Rachel Kelly, and from all supplemental contracts effective June 30, 2026.

Burkholder, aye; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0

Public Participation for Non-Agenda Items

If you wish to address the Board on a non-agenda item, please state your name before speaking. Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker, with a total of 30 minutes allotted for public participation on non-agenda items. Please note that the Board may not be able to respond to comments or concerns at this time, as some matters may require additional review or research. Is there any public participation related to non-agenda items at this time?

Kristin Weidrick voiced her concerns on the surrounding road county/state proposal and to let us know that the period for public comment was open.

Discussion/Information Items

Items from the Board:

Mark Hoffman expressed the need for a flag pole that is visible for visitors during the National Anthem at the Baseball/Softball Complex.

Steve Smith asked about Handicap Bathrooms at the Football Stadium. Dr. Trevathan commented that a temporary handicap accessible bathroom will be in place for the fall.

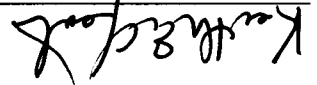
Keith talked about a tour that he took during school hours with Dr. Trevathan at the School. He mentioned it was a great experience and an eye opener of what all goes on during the school day.

#26-73 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Smith, seconded by Hoffman to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:09 P.M.

Burkholder, aye; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 5-0.

BOARD PRESIDENT



TREASURER

