

MINUTES OF HILLSDALE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

HILLSDALE BOARD OFFICE ENTRYWAY

7:00 PM

HILLSDALE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION — June 15, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. The Hillsdale Local Board of Education Regular Board Meeting was called to order by President Keith Yeater at 7:00 P.M. in the Hillsdale Board Office Entryway. Roll call was taken by Treasurer Lesa Deter with the following Board members present: Mark Hoffman, Steve Smith, Melinda Turk and Keith Yeater. Jon Burkholder was absent.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mr. Yeater recognized the visitors: Courtney Gross, Zane Gross III, Tammy Young, Tim Young, Dave Hinkle, Zane Gross Jr., Debbie Gross, Tommy Theisen, Vella King, Marjorie Patterson, Brian Kellogg, Jodi Long, Shawn Weiler, Karen Kaufman, Chris Young, Jason Mailloux, Steve Buzzard, Kim Buzzard, Kyle Wissel

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

Courtney Gross & Zane Gross III addressed the board regarding open enrollment for their 2nd grader. They always turn in the application by the deadline, part of their land is in Hillsdale district. Would like the board to reconsider accepting Nolan as open enrollment and hire a 4th teacher for 2nd Grade.

Zane Gross Jr - Nolan's Grandfather also addressed the board regarding hiring another 2nd grade teacher. Told the board they are 5 generations of Falcons and said it should be simple open enrollment, once your in, your in. He asked the board to do right by the students going forward.

A. Falcon Spotlight

1. Student Achievement Update - Ms. Turk
2. Mr. Smith reported that Heartland Technical Education Center approved updated handbooks at its most recent meeting. A donation was also received to support the HVAC program.

The former Heartland Home, now designated as the Adult Education Building, is scheduled to undergo renovations at an estimated cost of \$5.5 million.

Over the summer, construction will continue with the completion of several lab spaces, including RAMTEC, Auto Technology, Animal/Veterinary Science, as well as the Group Room and Commons area. The overall project is anticipated to be substantially complete by September 1, at which time punch list items will begin. Final completion is expected by October 1.

Additionally, work has commenced on the road widening project to support lane expansion.

IV. Administration Discussion Items

A. Lesa Deter

- End of June Special Board Meeting - time/date as close to June 30th as possible
- Review paving project at Bus Garage - estimated cost/will need to run in the paper for two weeks per bid process.

B. Catherine Trevathan

- Curriculum Presentation/Dr. Baker - she reviewed in depth the One Plan which aligns with Ohio Strategic Priorities in working with all students to provide appropriate instruction, guidance and support.

#26-74 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Moved by Turk, seconded by Hoffman to approve the consent agenda and Additions/Deletions for the Regular June 15, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.

Burkholder, absent; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 4-0.

#26-75 TREASURER'S CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of the May 18, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
- B. Approval of the May 2026 Financial Reports as presented.
- C. Approve the following donations:
 \$50.00 from Kendra Carnegie in Memory of Mason Chandler to the Little Falcons PreSchool

 \$353.90 - Anonymous donor - for Student Lunch Accounts

\$300.00 approximate value - Rogers Tent Rentals, LLC - Chairs used for graduation

D. Approve Adrienne Kidwell to receive the AG 5th Quarter Grant for the 2025-26 school year - \$2,210.46 plus benefits \$300.00.

E. Approve the Student Activity Purpose and Goals Budget:

Fund Title Budget Requested Amount

018-9803	Elementary Principal	\$34,000.00
018-9804	7-12 Principal	\$5,500.00
018-9824	Principal Kindness Club	\$1,100.00
200-926A	Spanish	\$50.00
200-933A	FFA	\$109,000.00
200-961A	HS Student Council	\$1,800.00
200-961B	MS Student Council	\$1,000.00
200-9027	Class of 2027	\$2,438.50
200-9028	Class of 2028	\$13,000.00
200-9029	Class of 2029	0.00
200-9030	Class of 2030	0.00
200-971A	National Honor Society	\$2,000.00
300-940A	Music	\$1,000.00
200-913A	Thespians	\$7,500.00
300-968A	Yearbook	\$3,500.00
300-950A	Athletics	\$141,321.00

Burkholder, absent; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 4-0.

#26-76 SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve Rylan Felumlee to a one (1) year limited contract as teacher (Gr. 8 Social Studies) effective 2026-27 school year, Bachelors; experience 0.
- B. Approve Thor McDonald to a one (1) year limited contract as teacher, (7-12 Music) effective 2026-27 school year, Bachelors, experience 0.
- C. Approve Angel Stoner to a one (1) year contract as Full-Time School Bus/Van Relief Driver, experience 0 - effective 2026-27 school year.
- D. Accept the resignation of Nicole Holland, as Playground Aide, effective May 29, 2026.
- E. Approve the following volunteers:
Jackie Sours

- F. Accept the following resignations from Supplemental Contracts or Pupil Activity Contracts effective end of 2025-26 SY:

Supplemental Contracts:

Kyle Wissel - School without Failures (9-12)

Pupil Activity Contracts:

Amand Silva - Head Boys' Soccer Coach

Christopher Schwan - Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach

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

Sue Tibbs - Power of the Pen - Classification I; Experience 0

Allen Terwilliger - Department Chairperson (Fine Arts)-Classification H; Exp. 0

Kyle Wissel - Department Chairperson (Social Studies) - Classification H; Exp 0

Elizabeth Kohler-School without Failures/PBIS (Gr. 9-12)-Classification H; Exp 0

Carly Black - High School Talent Show - Classification J; Exp. 0

Melissa Abrams-Ruque - LPDC

Scott Frank - Co Team Leader (Gr. 8) - Classification H; Exp. 0

Brooke Fetzer - Co Team Leader (Gr. 8) - Classification H, Exp 0

Kent Hostetler - Co Team Leader (Gr. 8) - Classification H; Exp. 0

Kent Hostetler - Co Middle School Site Manager - Classification F; Exp.0

Lisa Bicker - Co Middle School Site Manager - Classification F; Exp.0

Elizabeth Kohler- E-Sports Coach- Class I; Exp. 0

Alyson Baker- E-Sports Coach- Class I; Exp. 0

- H. Approve the following to Supplemental Contract effective 2026-27 school

year/season:

Christopher Shenberger - Head Girls' Basketball Coach- Class B; Exp. 15 (effective 10/30/2026)

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

Briar Funk - Co 7 & 8 Football Coach - Classification G; Experience 0

- J. Amend the Pupil Activity Contract of Garrett Goodwin to reflect Co 7 & 8 Football Coach effective 2026-27 school year/season.

- K. Approve the following Service Agreements effective 2026-27 SY:

Rumpke of Ohio, Inc.

ChanceLight - Mansfield Ohio

- L. Second reading and Approval of the AI in Education:

Model Policy for Ohio Districts and Schools.

- M. Approve the Substitute Employee Rates effective July 1, 2026.

- N. Approve the following changes to the 2026-27 Gr. 7-12 Student Handbook:

Dress Code Philosophy

Students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are primarily responsible for student attire. The district ensures that clothing does not compromise health or safety, or distract from or disrupt the learning environment. Attire should be age-appropriate, clean, and suitable for school. Clothing must fully cover the chest, stomach, buttocks, and genitals with opaque material.

The principal will make final decisions regarding dress code compliance. Enforcement will be applied equitably and without discrimination based on race, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, gender identity, or cultural observance.

Course-Specific Attire

Certain classes may require attire for safety, participation, or professionalism (e.g., science labs, physical education, presentations).

Enforcement

Students in violation will be asked to change, contact home, or may be sent home. In some cases, students may remain in the office until arrangements are made. Absences resulting from dress code violations are considered unexcused.

Dress Code Expectations

- Footwear must be worn at all times; no spikes.
- Clothing must be intact, appropriate, and provide proper coverage
- Clothing may not display profane, obscene, sexual, violent, or graphic (including scary or gory) images or language, nor advertise drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.
- No revealing clothing (e.g., halter tops, spaghetti straps, backless tops, midriffs, see-through items).
- Undergarments must not be visible; bottoms must be worn at the natural waist; skirts, dresses, and shorts must be mid-thigh or longer.
- No hats, sunglasses, or outdoor apparel inside during the school day.
- Jewelry and accessories must not pose a safety risk; spikes, chains, and similar items are prohibited.

- For grades 7 and 8, spillproof water bottles are permitted.

For safety reasons, book bags must be stored in lockers during the school day, as they can create tripping hazards in classrooms. ~~Students may bring their book bags to their final period only if that class is held in the choir, band, wood shop, or agriculture rooms. This allows students to head directly to their buses at dismissal without delay.~~

Burkholder, absent; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 4-0.

Treasurer's New Business

#26-77 AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS

Moved by Smith, seconded by Hoffman to approve amended appropriations and estimated resources for fiscal year end 2026.

Burkholder, absent; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 4-0.

#26-78 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

Moved by Turk, seconded by Smith to approve Temporary Appropriations for FY27.

Burkholder, absent; Hoffman, aye;Smith, aye;Turk, aye;Yeater, aye; Motion passes 4-0.

#26-79 HILLSDALE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Moved by Smith, seconded by Turk to approve the following:

RESOLUTION: ESTABLISHING THE HILLSDALE EDUCATION FOUNDATION FUND (USAS 029), TRANSFERRING MONIES FROM THE GENERAL FUND (USAS 001) INTO SUCH FUND AND APPOINTING A COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS FOR SUCH FUND.

Burkholder, absent; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 4-0.

#26-80 TRANSFERS

Moved by Hoffman, seconded by Smith to approve the following Transfers:

\$4,000,000.00 from 001 (General Fund) to 070 (Capital Projects)
 \$200,000.00 from 001 (General Fund) to 035 (Severance Fund)
 \$65,000.00 from 001 (General Fund) to 029 (Educational Foundation)
 \$20,000.00 from 001 (General Fund) to 022 (Board Service Fund)

Burkholder, absent; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 4-0.

#26-81 SORSA INSURANCE

Moved by Hoffman, seconded by Smith to approve the following estimated premium with SORSA (School of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority) for property, fleet, cyber, and liability insurance for the period July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027: Estimated Premium - \$103,520.00. SORSA is endorsed by OSBA, OASBO and BASA.

Burkholder, absent; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 4-0.

#26-82 APPROPRIATION MODIFICATIONS

Moved by Smith, seconded by Turk to approve to authorize the Treasurer/CFO to make appropriation modifications, cash advances, transfers and additional appropriations as needed to balance accounts for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Burkholder, absent; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 4-0.

Superintendent's New Business

#26-83 MOA

Moved by Smith, seconded by Hoffman, to approve a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Hillsdale Local School District Board of Education and the Hillsdale Education Association.

Burkholder, absent; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 4-0.

#26-84 APPROVE POLICIES

Moved by Smith, seconded by Turk ,to approve a motion for a first reading of the following policies:

DJH JHCD
JED JHCD-R (3)
JEDA

Burkholder, absent; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 4-0.

#26-85 NOVEL APPROVAL

Moved by Turk, seconded by Smith, to approve the novels sent to the Board on 06/02/26 starting with A Dog's Life and ending with You'll Like it Here (Everybody does).

Burkholder, absent; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 4-0.

#26-86 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT

Moved by Smith, seconded by Turk, to approve a Supplemental Contract, effective for the 2026-27 school year/season for Tom Williams - Assistant Football Coach Classification D; Exp. 21 (effective 8/1/2026).

During discussion prior to the vote on the hiring of a principal in an assistant football coaching role, Mr. Hoffman stated his opposition to administrative staff serving in coaching positions, citing a perceived imbalance of authority. He further stated that individuals in equivalent roles should not evaluate one another under the supplemental contract referenced above. .

Burkholder,absent; Hoffman,nays; Smith,aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 3-1.

#26-87 ADDITIONAL 2ND GRADE TEACHER

Moved by Turk, seconded by Smith ,to approve the addition of a second-grade teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.

During discussion, Mr. Hoffman expressed opposition to open enrollment, citing concerns related to the state funding structure for public education. He noted that approximately \$12,366 per pupil is supported through the local tax base and stated his concern that, under current funding conditions, the District does not receive additional revenue for open enrolled students while still incurring associated costs. He further stated concern regarding the potential fiscal impact of increased open enrollment participation on the District's financial position. Mr. Hoffman referenced his prior experience as a teacher during a reduction in force, noting it as part of his perspective on staffing and budget considerations.

Ms. Turk expressed support for adding a second-grade teacher, noting the benefit of reducing class size and improving the student-to-teacher ratio at that grade level. She also stated that the District's current financial position allows for the addition at this time; however, she noted that future financial conditions may change and that a similar decision in the future could be evaluated differently depending on circumstances.

Mr. Smith expressed support for the addition of a second-grade teacher to maintain consistency with prior year staffing levels. He also stated that students who begin in the District should be able to remain in the District.

Mr. Yeater stated that, while the addition represents a negative financial impact, the District currently has sufficient funds in the budget to support the position, noting that future financial conditions may not allow for the same decision.

Burkholder,absent; Hoffman,abstained; Smith,aye; Turk,aye; Yeater,aye;. Motion passes 3-0, with 1-abstained vote

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?

Ms. Vella King thanked the District leadership team for their work on the One Plan, acknowledging the level of effort involved and expressing appreciation. She also thanked Mrs. Trevathan and Mrs. Deter for proactively allocating funds into specific line item accounts, noting this effort may help reduce carryover amounts that are subject to state monitoring.

Mrs. Karen Kaufman expressed appreciation for the timely posting of agendas and minutes, noting the importance of public access to Board information, particularly in the absence of consistent press coverage at meetings. She also inquired about the status and location of the class gift from the Class of 1967, the bell, asking where it is currently located and when it may be returned to public display, referencing its prior ringing during football celebrations.

Mr. Kyle Wissel thanked the Board and community members for their attendance and participation. He noted the value of respectful community engagement in local government discussions. Kyle also expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Hillsdale Education Association, for the Board and Administration's efforts in providing Staff Appreciation Week. He stated that faculty and staff greatly value and look forward to this each year.

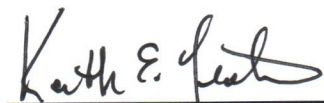
Discussion/Information Items

Mr. Yeater expressed appreciation for the Board's ability to engage in open discussion on various topics, including both positive and challenging issues. He noted that this approach contributes to strengthening the school, the community, and the effectiveness of the Board as a leadership team.

#26-88 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Hoffman, seconded by Smith to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:17 P.M.

Burkholder, absent; Hoffman, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye;. Motion passes 4-0.



BOARD PRESIDENT



TREASURER