Hillsdale Community Schools
Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
June 29, 2026

I. Call to Order

President Sumnar called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. which was held in the Davis Intermediate School Auditorium.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Recognition of Guests

Members Present

Nicole Hoffman
Kathy Petersen
Rebecca Portteus
Matt Gordon
Jeff Kunkel
Dan LaRue
Chris Sumnar

Members Absent

Administration Present

Ted Davis - Superintendent
Becky LaFollette - Gier Principal
Lara Baker - HHS Principal
Allison Wirick - Bailey Early Childhood Center Director
Katie Stebelton - DIS Principal
Jeremy LaFollette - Maintenance Supervisor
Emily Hale - Food Service Supervisor
Sid Halley - Transportation Director

Guests

James Edward Thomas Carrie Strong Blake Dixon Jean Michael
Connie Kuenzer

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes - May 18, 2026 – regular board meeting
B. Finance
B1. Treasurer's Receipts

Treasurer's receipts for May 2026 are as follows:

General Fund	$ 1,685,592.19
Building & Site	$ 17,128.51
Food Service	$ 127,979.81
Activity	$ 30,049.26

B2. Bills Payable

Expenditures for May 2026 are as follows:

General Fund	$ 1,080,972.09
Building & Site	$ 10,250.00
Food Service	$ 69,798.44
Activity	$ 50,474.13

Moved by Petersen, supported by Portteus to approve the consent agenda as presented

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

V. Communications

A. Written

B. Public Comment

VI. Information & Proposals from Board, Superintendent & Staff

A. Committee Reports

Personnel & Finance 6/10

Personnel & Finance 6/23

B. Superintendent's Report

- Summer custodians: M Rimer DMS / L Nakata DMS / J Rosenberry DMS / M Zaharias Gier / M Frizzell HHS / A Gramling HHS
- HHS summer secretary: K Parks - DMS EA
- Summer Program: K Luce / C Willoughby / J Johnson / K Butler
- I Wittenbach - Gier head custodian 6/1
- Paint crew: M Tesch / A Poling / C Rounds / R Marcavage / S McWilliams
- HHS summer school: Coord: M Milnes teachers: W Miller / C Farmer
- V Wells - FMLA 6/9-7/1
- M Blonde - Gier EA - resignation 6/18
- S Smith - DMS night custodian - FMLA 5/18-8/2
- Furniture Purchases
- School Bus Purchase
- Construction Project Update
- High Reliability School
- Master Agreements HESPA / HEA
- Wilson Hall Information
- M Brockmann - GSRP Teacher - resignation 6/26

VII. Old/New Business

A. Personnel

1. Coaching Hires

Moved by Kunkel supported by Petersen to approve the slate of coaches as presented.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

2. Contract Extensions for Non-Union Personnel

Moved by Hoffman supported by Portteus to approve contract extensions for Non-Union Personnel for the 26-27 school year.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

3. Blake Dixon - 1st grade Teacher
   Moved by Hoffman supported by Kunkel to hire Blake Dixon as a teacher.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

4. Marcelle Al-Zoughbi - 26/27 Leave of Absence Request
   Moved by Kunkel supported by Petersen to approve a leave of absence for Marcelle Al-Zoughbi for the 26/27 school year as requested.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

5. Amy Goldsmith - HHS Instructional Coach part-time Lay Off
   Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to approve a lay off for Amy Goldsmith.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

6. Carrie Strong - DIS Special Education Teacher
   Moved by Petersen supported by Hoffman to hire Carrie Strong as a teacher.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

7. Amanda Cole - Gier EA Rehire
   Moved by Hoffman supported by Portteus to hire Amanda Cole as a paraprofessional.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

B. Board Affairs

1. Insurance Public Act 271 Resolution
   Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to adopt the hard cap for Insurance Public Act 271 for the 2026-2027 school year.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

2. Collective Bargaining Agreement - HEA
   Moved by Kunkel supported by Portteus to approve the HEA 7/1/26 - 6/30/29 Master Contract.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

3. Collective Bargaining Agreement - HESPA
   Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to approve the HESPA 7/1/26 - 6/30/28 Master Contract.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

4. Bus Purchase (2)
   Moved by Petersen supported by Hoffman to approve the purchase of two buses, one in the 25/26 school year and one in the 26/27 school year from Midwest Transit for a total amount of $320,116.00.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

5. Supt. Contract Extension
   Moved by Kunkel supported by Petersen to approve a contract extension for the Superintendent.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

6. Technology Hub Furniture
   Moved by Hoffman supported by Petersen to approve the technology hub furniture purchase with KI in the amount of $62,110.66.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

7. Library / Classroom Furniture
   Moved by Hoffman supported by Petersen to approve library/classroom furniture purchase with VS America in the amount of $230,425.01.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

8. Cafeteria Furniture
   Moved by Petersen supported by Hoffman to approve the cafeteria furniture purchase with Palmer Hamilton in the amount of $250,823.73.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

9. 2025-2026 Budget Amendment Resolution
   Moved by Hoffman supported by Petersen to adopt the 2025-2026 budget amendment resolution as presented.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

10. 2026-2027 Budget Adoption Resolution
    Moved by Petersen supported by Hoffman to adopt the 2026-2027 budget adoption resolution as presented.
    7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

V111. Addenda

A. Public Comment –
   -J Thomas - noted two screws in a plague; bldg. repairs needed

B. Board Member Comment –
   Kunkel - Happy with Supt contract extension and the direction HCS is headed forward
   Petersen - noted an open board position - Nov. election - Hoffman - Jan. 27

IX.Adjournment

President Sumnar adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Rebecca Portteus, Secretary
Hillsdale Board of Education
JMM 6/30/26

7.20.26