Hillsdale Community Schools
Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 17, 2026

I. Call to Order

President Sumnar called the meeting to order at 6:00 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
Jeff Kunkel
Dan LaRue
Chris Sumnar
Matt Gordon
Rebecca Portteus

Members Absent

NA

Administration Present

Ted Davis - Superintendent
Lara Baker - HHS Principal
Katie Stebelton - DIS Principal
Becky LaFollette - Gier Principal
Allison Wirick - Director of Innovative Learning
Jeremy LaFollette - Maintenance Director
Emily Hale - Food Service Director
Alyssa Smith - Business Manager
Sid Halley - Transportation Director

Guests

James Edward Thomas

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes - July 20, 2026 – regular board meeting

B. Finance

B1. Treasurer's Receipts

Treasurer's receipts for July 2026 are as follows:

General Fund	$	131,774.73
Building & Site	$	37,629.36
Food Service	$	934.12
Activity	$	6,614.19

B2. Bills Payable

Expenditures for July 2026 are as follows:

General Fund	$ 2,287,098.91
Building & Site	$ 816,610.98
Food Service	$ 120,177.98
Activity	$ 6,974.67

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

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

V. Communications

A. Written - NA

B. Public Comment - NA

VI. Information & Proposals from Board, Superintendent & Staff

A. Committee Reports - NA

B. Superintendent's Report

- V Wells - DMS head custodian 7/17 resignation
- R Delphey - 3.5 hr. HHS cook to 5 hr. cook
- S McWilliams - 5.5 hr. HHS cook to 6 hr. cook
- S DuVall - DIS Head Custodian
- S Smith - Gier Night Custodian
- T Wells - part time custodian - resignation 8/3
- Opening PD update
- Early Release and Collaborative Teams
- Building project update
- Cafeteria Furniture
- Classroom Furniture
- Bus Update
- Athletic Teams Update
- MASA Conference September 22-24
- Bailey Early Childhood Center update

VII. Old/New Business

A. Personnel

1. Matt Seiser - HHS Behavior Interventionist
   Moved by Kunkel supported by Petersen to hire Matt Seiser as a behavior interventionist.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

2. Shawn Vondra - Boys Tennis Coach
   Moved by Hoffman supported by Petersen to hire Shawn Vondra as a coach.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

3. Mike Robison - DIS Night Custodian
   Moved by Hoffman supported by Portteus to rehire Mike Robison as a custodian.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

4. Addison McLouth - Gier Paraprofessional
   Moved by Kunkel supported by Petersen to hire Addison McLouth as a paraprofessional.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

5. Savannah Roberts - Gier Paraprofessional
   Moved by Petersen supported by Hoffman to hire Savannah Roberts as a paraprofessional.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

6. Melissa Mayes - DIS Paraprofessional
   Moved by Hoffman supported by Petersen to hire Melissa Mayes as a paraprofessional.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

7. Kristi Hoffer - DIS Paraprofessional
   Moved by Petersen supported by Hoffman to hire Kristi Hoffer as a paraprofessional.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

8. Ashlee Snay - DIS Paraprofessional
   Moved by Hoffman supported by Portteus to hire Ashlee Snay as a paraprofessional.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

9. Jesse Crow - HHS Paraprofessional
   Moved by Hoffman supported by Petersen to hire Jesse Crow as a paraprofessional.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

10. Becky Barnett - 3.5 hr. Custodian - Gier / BG
    Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Becky Barnett for a 3.5 hour custodian.
    7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

11. Mary Brown - HHS Night Custodian
    Moved by Hoffman supported by Portteus to hire Mary Brown as a custodian.
    7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

12. Savanna Snook - HHS Night Custodian
    Moved by Kunkel supported by Petersen to hire Savanna Snook as a custodian.
    7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

B. Board Affairs

1. MASB Delegate Assembly - tabled

2. Staff Handbook - tabled

3. Student Cell Phone Policy
   Moved by Portteus supported by Hoffman to adopt the student wireless communication devices policy as discussed.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

4. Thrun Policy Update 6/10/26 - tabled

5. HCCF Donation - Isaiah 54:2 Fund
   Moved by Hoffman supported by Petersen to accept $12,000.00 from HCCF from the Isaiah 54:2 Fund for cross country boards up to $3,000.00 and the balance for the purchase of power racks and benches for the high school.
   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

V111. Addenda

A. Public Comment – E Hale - 8/4 last distribution: 77,000 meals distributed
   J E Thomas: Great job bringing meals to the community, TY to K Petersen pausing on policies

B. Board Member Comment – Petersen -AP Lit / passwords
   Sumnar - TY to all faculty and staff with all the changes; making the district a better place for students.
   Gordon - GSRP drop-off concerns
   Kunkel - attended PD presentation; strong theme / excited HRS speaker will return

IX.Adjournment

President Sumnar adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Rebecca Portteus, Secretary
Hillsdale Board of Education
JMM 8/25/26

