



**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, September 28, 2026**

**7:00 PM**

**Hillsdale Board Office Entryway**

***Mission:*** Hillsdale: focused on success through innovation, empowerment, and collaboration.

***Vision:*** The Hillsdale Local Schools, in partnership with the community, will build character and expect excellence by providing a safe and challenging environment that prepares students to be successful in life.

School Board meetings are more than a simple vote or approval process. In the weeks leading up to each meeting, the Superintendent and Treasurer provide regular updates to Board members to ensure they are informed about district operations, finances, and upcoming items. An agenda review is held the week prior to the meeting with two Board members to clarify items and ensure materials are ready for public discussion. A comprehensive Board packet is then shared with all Board members in advance, giving them time to review the information and prepare any questions or concerns. While no decisions are made outside of the public meeting, these steps ensure Board members come to each meeting fully informed and prepared to engage in thoughtful, transparent decision-making on behalf of the district.

**Tentative Agenda**

I. **Call to Order**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder

\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith

II. Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

III. Public Participation for Agenda Items

At this time, the Board would like to recognize and thank our visitors for being here this evening. We now invite public participation on agenda items. Individuals wishing to address the Board are asked to please state their name and the agenda item they wish to address. Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker, with a total of 30 minutes allotted for public participation on agenda items. Please understand that the Board may not be able to respond to comments or concerns immediately, as some matters may require further review or research. Public participation on non-agenda items will be heard following the conclusion of new business. Is there any public participation related to agenda items at this time?

A. Falcon Spotlight

1. OSBA Business Honor Roll (2026)
  - Certified Angus Beef
  - Madsen Party Rentals
  - RES Auction Services
2. Student Achievement Update - Ms. Turk
3. Report - Heartland Technical Education Center - Mr. Smith
4. Report - FFA

IV. Administration Discussion Items

A. Catherine Trevathan- Food Service, Wellness Plan

B. Lesa Deter - Rover 2nd Appeal - 2020 tax year update  
Financial District Overview

- V. Recommend approval of the consent agenda and additions/deletions for the regular Board of Education meeting.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

VI. Treasurer's Consent Agenda

May I have a motion to approve the Treasurer's Consent Agenda.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

- A. Approval of the August 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
- B. Approval of the August 2026 Financial Reports as presented.
- C. Approve the following donations:

\$3,000.00 - Anonymous - to be used for Student/Staff Gift Cards -  
Deposited in 018.9804 (7-12 Principal Fund)

Anonymous Donation to Food Service for student lunch accounts

Granite bench from the Class of 1971

\$28.99 - Andy McClure - to Hillsdale Library (book/subscription)

To FFA:

\$150.00 - DR Lawncare for the purchase of Chapter T-Shirts  
\$250.00 -Heffelfinger Meats, Inc. for the purchase of Chapter T-Shirts  
\$150.00 - Moser Crop Insurance, LLC - for the purchase of Chapter T-Shirts  
\$500.00 - National FFA Foundation on behalf of Darling Ingredients  
(Cleveland, Ohio) to be used to support chapter expenses  
(conventions, conferences, career development events and  
community outreach)

VII. Superintendent's Consent Agenda

May I have a motion to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

- A. Accept the resignation of Courtney Leyshon as Accounts Payable Specialist, effective September 9, 2026.
- B. Approval to place the following on the negotiated master salary schedule due to advanced training effective 2026-27 school year:

Kendal Gable - Master's +40  
Katie Gibson - Masters  
Adrianna Summerfield - Bachelor's +10

- C. Accept the following resignations from Supplemental Contracts:

Supplemental Contracts:

Allen Terwilliger - Assistant Musical Director effective August 31, 2026  
Jessica Murawski - Musical Drama Director effective September 8, 2026  
Nicole Blosser - Co 7 & 8 Girls' Track effective September 14, 2026  
Rebecca Case Co 7 & 8 Girls' Track effective September 15, 2026

- D. Approve the following Supplemental Contracts effective 2026-27 schoolyear:

Supplemental Contracts:

Rylan Felumlee - 7 & 8 Boys' Basketball - Classification G; Experience 0  
Tim Keib - 7 & 8 Boys' Track - Classification G; Experience 18  
Madelynn Mitchell - 7 & 8 Girls' Track - Classification G; Experience 1  
Alison Todd - Grade 2 Team Leader - Classification ; Experience 0  
Bailey Stevely - Vocal Concerts Director (K-6) - Classification I; Experience 0  
Jessica Murawski - Musical Director - Classification G; Experience 0  
Thor McDonald - Assistant Musical Director-Classification H; Experience 0  
Thor McDonald - Vocal Concerts Director (7-12) - Classification I; Experience 0  
Allison McDonald - Musical Drama Director - Classification H; Experience 0

- E. Approve the following to the classified substitute list:  
Kelsi Funk

- F. Approve the following volunteers effective 2026-27:

Katharine Dunlavy  
Cashayla Forsthoefel  
Brian Jackson  
Ruth Haney  
Jennifer Lyons  
Lindsay Miller

- G. Approve the following volunteers effective 2026-27:

Becky Case - Volunteer Soccer Coach  
Brady Welch - Volunteer High School Wrestling

- H. Approve the estimate of JC Lawncare & Son, LLC for snow removal/salting for the 2026-27 school year. (see attached)

- I. Approve the Auctioneer Camp (overnight trip) for FFA - October 5-7, 2026.

- J. Approve Darlene Schuck as K-6 Fall Fundraiser Coordinator for 2026-27 school year at a rate of \$300 plus benefits to be paid from the Hillsdale Elementary School Principal Support Fund, account 018.8903.

VIII. Treasurer's New Business

- A. May I have a motion to approve a **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAMS**

**Fiscal Year 2026–2027**

**WHEREAS**, the Hillsdale Local Schools Board of Education desires to participate in certain cooperative purchasing programs offered by the Ohio Schools Council, a council of governments organization established under the laws of the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hillsdale Local Schools Board of Education has reviewed the Agreement and Bylaws of the Ohio Schools Council and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions contained therein; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hillsdale Local Schools Board of Education hereby authorizes its Superintendent to execute, including by initialing where required, the Agreement and Bylaws of the Ohio Schools Council on behalf of the District and authorizes its Treasurer to pay the applicable annual membership fee for Fiscal Year 2026–2027.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall remain in effect for Fiscal Year 2026–2027 and shall authorize the District's participation in applicable Ohio Schools Council cooperative purchasing programs in accordance with the Agreement and Bylaws.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

- B. May I have a motion to approve a **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING META SOLUTIONS TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR SCHOOL BUS CHASSIS AND BODIES**

**FISCAL YEAR 2026–2027**

**WHEREAS**, the Hillsdale Local Schools Board of Education desires to have the option to participate in the cooperative purchasing program administered by META Solutions (META) for the competitive procurement of school bus chassis and bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, the District may have a need to purchase one or more school buses during Fiscal Year 2026–2027, but the District has not yet determined whether a school bus purchase will be necessary; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hillsdale Local Schools Board of Education hereby authorizes META Solutions (META) to advertise and receive bids on behalf of the Hillsdale Local Schools Board of Education for the cooperative purchase of school bus chassis and bodies in accordance with the specifications established by META Solutions and the District's applicable requirements.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution authorizes Hillsdale Local Schools to participate in the META Solutions cooperative bidding process but does not obligate the District to purchase any school bus, chassis, or body. The District may elect to purchase a bus or buses through the cooperative procurement process if a purchase is determined to be necessary and in the best interest of the District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any purchase resulting from this cooperative procurement shall be subject to Board approval, applicable Ohio law, available appropriations, and the District's purchasing policies and procedures.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

C. May I have a motion to approve the following Resolution:

**Recognizing Outside Organizations**

**WHEREAS**, the Hillsdale Local School District Board of Education values the involvement and contributions of community organizations that provide support to our students, staff and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations play a vital role in enhancing the educational, extracurricular, and community experiences of Hillsdale students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to formally recognize the following organizations for their ongoing commitment and partnership with the District in accordance with Board Policy KMA - *Relations with Support Organizations*:

- Hillsdale Athletic Boosters
- Hillsdale Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Hillsdale FFA Alumni
- Hillsdale Performing Arts Booster Club

**WHEREAS**, the Board also wishes to extend coverage under the Board of Education's liability insurance to the above-named organizations during the 2026-27 insurance policy year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hillsdale Local School District Board of Education does hereby recognize the above-named organizations as official outside support organizations of the district, and expresses its gratitude for their dedication, service, and positive impact on the students and community of Hillsdale.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above-named organizations are recognized as Support Groups of the School District for liability insurance and other purposes, and the Board hereby directs the Treasurer to send a signed copy of this Resolution to the Board's insurance company.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above-named organizations are hereby approved to receive general liability coverage under the Board of Education's liability insurance policy for the 2026-27 insurance policy year, for which they will each reimburse the Board for the cost of such insurance upon written notification from the Treasurer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that as a condition of remaining a recognized Support Organization, the above-named organizations shall comply with applicable Board policies and accompanying regulations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal action of the Board of Education concerning and/or relating to the adoption of the Resolution was taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

D. May I have a motion

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

IX. Superintendent's New Business

- A. May I have a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Hillsdale Local School District Board of Education and the Hillsdale Education Association for the purpose of establishing a Grade 7-12 Advisory Facilitator supplemental position for the 2026-27 school year only to support the district's advisory program and provide consistent, meaningful advisory lessons for students in grades 7-12 and shall be placed under Classification J of the HEA negotiated agreement.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

- B. May I have a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Hillsdale Local School District Board of Education and the Hillsdale Education Association to establish a supplemental position for a Fine Arts Festival Coordinator starting the 2026-27 school year. This supplemental position shall be placed under Classification J of the HEA negotiated agreement.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

- C. May I have a motion to approve the following to supplemental contracts effective 2026-27 school year:

Thor McDonald - Fine Arts Festival Coordinator - Classification J; Experience 0  
Jessica Murawski - Gr. 7-12 Advisory Facilitator - Classification J; Experience 0

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

- D. May I have a motion for a first reading of the following policies:  
BBE, DJF-R(1), DLC-R(1), DN, EBBA, EEACC, EFF, EHA, IGD, IGDJ,  
JECB, JECBB, JECBD, JF, JFC, JFCF, JFCK, JHCA, JP, and KKAA.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

- E. May I have a motion to approve the “Dock Day” Procedures.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

- F. May I have a motion to approve a quote from Mike’s Music for the  
purchase of various new band instruments at a cost of \$33,348.07.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

G. May I have a motion to

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

X. Public Participation for Non-Agenda Items

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XI. Discussion/Information Items

A. Items from the Board

XII. Executive Session

A. May I have a motion to move into Executive Session at \_\_\_\_\_ PM for the purpose of discussion of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee. There will be no action taken following the Executive Session.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

B. May I have a motion to resume Regular Session at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

XIII. Adjournment

A. May I have a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to adjourn the  
Board meeting at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hoffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.