

MINUTES OF HILLSDALE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026
HILLSDALE BOARD OFFICE ENTRYWAY
6:00 PM**

HILLSDALE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION — August 19, 2026 The Hillsdale Local Board of Education Regular Board Meeting was called to order by President Keith Yeater at 6:00 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: Seth Ebert, Sandy Bally, Adrienne Kidwell, Lindsay Bowen, Karen Kaufman, Vella King, Isabelle Linder, Ella Braeunig, Kiana Lingenfeller, Ryan Felumlee, Kyle Wissel, Brian Schoen and Robin Beasley.

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

An opportunity was provided for public participation. No members of the public requested to address the Board.

A. Falcon Spotlight

1. Student Achievement Update - Ms. Turk
2. Report - Heartland Technical Education Center - **Heartland Technical Education Center:** Mr. Smith reported that Heartland Technical Education Center is tentatively planning an Open House for October 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. He also reported that the remodeling project is very impressive. State Route 60 is scheduled to be closed during the second and third weeks of September.
3. **FFA Report:** Isabelle Linder and Ella Braeunig reported on FFA activities held over the summer, including FFA Camp, Leadership Camp, assisting with setup for the Balloon Fest, an officer retreat, ordering and organizing first-grade school supplies, participating in Veterans Appreciation Day, and the annual summer picnic. Upcoming activities include livestock and still projects at the fair, the monthly FFA meeting, Greenhand Camp, and trapshooting.

IV. Administration Discussion Items

A. Catherine Trevathan

Russell Gayheart, Project Manager with GPD Group, presented information regarding the potential construction of an Agricultural Education Center on District-owned school property. Mr. Gayheart reviewed the planning process to date, including the involvement of the project team in developing the proposed location, layout, and design. He also discussed the anticipated next steps should the Board elect to proceed with putting the project out for bid.

B. Lesa Deter

OSBA Small School District Advisory: The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2026.

OSBA Capital Conference: The conference is scheduled for November 15–17, 2026. Board members were asked to notify the Treasurer's Office prior to September 15, 2026, if they planned to attend so that hotel accommodations could be arranged.

Financials were discussed during the Five-Year Forecast presentation.

#26-99 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Moved by Smith, seconded by Turk to approve the consent agenda and additions/deletions for the regular Board of Education meeting.

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

#26-100 TREASURER'S CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of the July 20, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
- B. Approval of the July 2026 Financial Reports as presented.
- C. Approve the following donations:

Anonymous - Nerf Football & Soccer balls valued at approximately \$300.00 to the Athletic Department.

\$200.00 from Hayesville Lions - Hillsdale FunFest - Fund 019.2026

Nate and Lauren Chandler - Bench for the Preschool Playground in memory of their son, Mason Chandler at an approximate value of \$700.00

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

#26-101 SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval to place the following on the negotiated master salary schedule due to advance training effective 2026-27 school year:

Rebecca Case - Masters

- B. Approve Rachel Speelman to a one (1) year limited contract as Intervention Specialist effective 2026-27 school year, Masters + 10; Experience 13, pending receipt of all required documentation.

- C. Approve the following to one year contracts effective 2026-27 school year:

Kendra Flickinger-Playground/Cafeteria Aide -up to 2.75 hours;experience 0
Tiffanie Rachel -Playground/Cafeteria Aide - up to 3.25 hours; experience 0

- C. Approve the transfer of Heidi Jo Denny from Full Time Relief School Bus/Vandriver to Bus Driver, Experience 1, effective 2026-27 school year.

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

Supplemental Contracts:

Shawn Weiler - Team Leader (Gr. 2)
Jessica Rosendaul - 7 & 8 Boys' Track

Pupil Activity Contracts:

Garrett Goodwin - 7 & 8 Football
Carter Brightbill - 7 & 8 Boys' Basketball
Luke Honaker - 7 & 8 Boys' Basketball
Jake Hoverstock - Assistant Baseball

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

Supplemental Contracts:

Jedediah Smith - Assistant Varsity Coach - Classification D; Experience 0

Pupil Activity Contracts

Kenneth Morris - Head Boys' Soccer Coach - Classification C; Experience 0

Dane Russell-Stow - Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach - Classification E; Experience 0

Jamie Best - Fall Weight Trainer (18%) - Classification E; Experience 8

Jamie Best - Spring Weight Trainer (21%) - Classification E; Experience 8

Zachary Johnston- Marching Band Percussion Instructor - Classification H; Experience 0

- F. Amend the Pupil Activity Contract of Briar Funk from Co 7 & 8 Football Coach to 7 & 8 Football Coach effective 2026-27 school year/season.
- G. Approve the following volunteers effective 2026-27:
Casey Meek - Volunteer Golf
Chad Buzzard - Volunteer Football
- H. Approve the following to the Classified Substitute List for 2026-27 school Year:
- Katie Ajtaji, Kim Beck, Tiffany Bisesi, Ellen Black, Julia Blamer, Rhdawnda Bliss, Kara Blough, Karen Browne, Kenneth Canterbury, Keith Carroll, Julie Coblentz, Freda Cook, Karen Cook, Christina Colopy, Shannon Cunningham, James Dahl, Josh Davis, Heidi Jo Denny, Sherri Dickerson, Jocelyn Dickerson, Joyanna Dickinson, Sharon Dular, Amanda Dziak, Victoria Everhart, Nanette Flickinger, Ora Flickinger, Steve Gilbert, Violet Gilmore, Katie Gray, Sandra Grassman, Nicole Holland, Katie Kamenik, Joanne Killey, LeeAnn King, Shyanne Koon, Mike Mack, Jessica Markley, Brea Madsen, Kelly Martin, Sandie Maynard, Karen McCullough, David McQuillen, Cassie Meek, Dally Meek, Jill Meyer, Sadie Moffett, Marianne Moody, Amanda Morgan, Cheryl Murray, Char Patterson, Kim Paullin, Amy Placie, Jody Radcliffe, Lora Raines, Scarlett Raines, Jody Raubenolt, Melissa Rice, Twila Robbins, Erin Rogers, Kitty Runkle, Janet Rush, Sandra Sasser, Mallori Schaad, Darlene Schuck, Angie Sermulis, Angie Sigler, Doug Simpson, Sarah Smith, Tom Stine, Angel Stoner, Barbara (DeAnn) Strahler, Amy Tafur, Melanie Tallmadge, Kristin Weidrick, Kristi Weisenstein, Jennifer Wolfgang, Ruth Ann Zakutini.
- I. Approve Bus Routes for 2026-27 school year and appoint the Superintendent to authorize needed changes throughout the school year.
- J. Approve continued participation in the National School Lunch Program for

2026-27 school year.

- K. Approve waiving student fees for students who qualify for the National School Lunch Program effective 2026-27 school year. Applications must be completed and approved prior to October 1, 2026.
- L. Approve an Employee Services Sharing Agreement with Crestview Local School District.

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

Treasurer's New Business

#26-102 FINANCIAL FORECAST

Moved by Hoffman, seconded by Turk to approve the Financial Forecast as presented.

Financial Forecast: The Treasurer presented the August 2027 financial forecast, with a detailed handout provided to the Board. The forecast included the projected ending cash balance and reflected the impact of Rover's significant back-tax payment. It was noted that this one-time revenue creates an anomaly when compared with the District's normal revenue and transfer trends. The unusually large transfers associated with these funds also affect the historical averages used by the forecasting software, making the projected trends less representative of the District's typical financial activity.

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

#26-103 ASPHALT PAVEMENT PROJECT

Moved by Hoffman, seconded by Turk to approve the **Bus Garage Pavement Project:** The Board approved a resolution awarding the General Contract for the Bus Garage Pavement Project to **McB Paving, LLC**, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in accordance with applicable State bidding requirements. The bus garage parking lot inside the fenced-in area will be constructed with concrete pavement.

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

#26-104 SUPERINTENDENT OUT OF STATE TRIP

Moved by Turk, seconded by Hoffman to approve an out-of-state professional development trip for Superintendent Cathy Trevathan to attend the National Superintendents Conference in Omaha, Nebraska. The District's expense will be limited to transportation costs, with all other conference-related expenses covered by the sponsoring national organization.

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

Superintendent's New Business

No new business

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?

An opportunity was provided for public participation. No members of the public requested to address the Board.

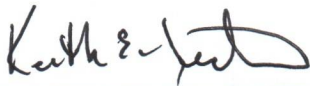
Discussion/Information Items

Mr. Yeater brought up the Hillsdale Endowment Fund, which is housed at the Ashland Community Foundation. Discussion included ways to revive the fund and increase community awareness so that community members are aware of the opportunity to make contributions to the fund.

#26-105 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Hoffman, seconded by Turk to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:37 P.M.

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



BOARD PRESIDENT



TREASURER