

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 16, 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. Student Achievement Update/National Merit - Ms. Turk
2. Report - Heartland Technical Education Center - Mr. Smith
3. Report - FFA

IV. Administration Discussion Items

A. Catherine Trevathan-

B. Lesa Deter -

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 October 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

B. Approval of the October 2026 Financial Reports as presented.

C. Approval of the following donations:
BlessReach Knee Scooter from Courtney Leyshon - Approximate Value $100.00

D. Approval to update mileage reimbursement rate at the IRS standard mileage rate effective July 2026 due to an IRS update.

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. Approve the transfer of Angel Stoner from Full Time Relief School Bus Driver/Van Driver to Bus Driver effective October 19, 2026 - Experience 0.

B. Approve Victoria Everhart to a one (1) year contract as 3 hour Cafeteria Cook effective November 23, 2026, Experience 0.

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

Supplemental Contracts

Michael Wolf - Assistant Baseball Coach - Classification E; Experience 13

D. Approve the following Sports Volunteers:
Jason Radcliffe - 7 & 8 Boys' Basketball

E. Approve the following Volunteers:

Hayla Clark
Kathryn Derr
Shayla Sloan
Natasha Smith

VIII. Treasurer's New Business

A. May I have a motion to approve a Five (5) year contract with Quadient for Postage Meter Services.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms.Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

B. May I have a motion to approve a quote for a Five (5) year planned maintenance program with Generator Systems for preventative maintenance and service of our Generators effective February 2027 - August 2031.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms.Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

C.

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 RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO FULFILL ITS LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO FULLY FUND THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT

WHEREAS, the Hillsdale Local School District Board of Education is committed to providing every student with a high-quality education that supports individual growth, builds character, and prepares students for success; and

WHEREAS, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), originating with the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, ensures that eligible children with disabilities have access to a free appropriate public education, including special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs; and

WHEREAS, Congress established a federal funding goal based on 40 percent of the national average per-pupil expenditure to assist states and local school districts with the additional costs of educating students with disabilities, commonly referred to as “full funding” of IDEA; and

WHEREAS, federal appropriations have consistently fallen short of this goal, leaving states and local school districts responsible for a substantially greater share of these costs; and

WHEREAS, Hillsdale Local School District remains responsible for providing the individualized instruction, qualified personnel, related services, specialized transportation, and other supports required by eligible students, regardless of the level of federal funding received; and

WHEREAS, as a rural Ohio school district, Hillsdale must carefully manage limited resources to meet students’ needs while maintaining strong academic programs and exercising responsible stewardship of public funds; and

WHEREAS, insufficient federal IDEA funding places additional pressure on state and local resources and limits districts’ flexibility to support educational programs and services for all students; and

WHEREAS, adequate, stable, and predictable federal funding would strengthen Hillsdale’s ability to plan effectively, sustain essential services, and reduce financial pressure on local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, fulfilling the federal IDEA funding commitment would reinforce the shared responsibility of federal, state, and local governments to ensure meaningful educational opportunities for students with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Local School District Board of Education urges the United States Congress to:

1. **Fulfill the federal IDEA funding commitment** by adopting a defined, multiyear plan to reach the full-funding benchmark of 40 percent of the national average per-pupil expenditure under the applicable IDEA funding formula.
2. **Provide meaningful annual funding increases** that close the gap between current appropriations and the full-funding benchmark, accounting for changes in educational costs and the number of students served.
3. **Ensure stable, predictable IDEA funding and protect these funds from reductions that shift additional costs onto** states, local school districts, and taxpayers.
4. **Sustain full funding once achieved**, recognizing the federal government's ongoing responsibility to support special education and related services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Local School District Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to meeting the needs of students with disabilities and providing the services and supports necessary for their educational success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and Superintendent are directed to transmit this resolution to Ohio's United States Senators; the United States Representative serving Hillsdale Local School District; the district's representatives in the Ohio General Assembly; the Ohio School Boards Association; the Buckeye Association of School Administrators; the Ohio Association of School Business Officials; and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms.Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

B. May I have a motion to approve the First Reading of the 2028-29 Hillsdale School Calendar.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

_____ Mr. Burkholder, _____ Mr. Hoffman, _____ Mr. Smith,
_____ Ms.Turk, _____ Mr. Yeater.

C. May I have a motion

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. 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.