

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Regular Meeting
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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District Board of the Hancock Public School District, Houghton County, State of Michigan.

Meeting open -Pledge of Allegiance

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Hancock Public Schools was held in the Boardroom on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. President Kero called the meeting to order.

Present: Dale Kero, Catherine Jordan, Michael Lancour, Wendy Chynoweth, Randy Heinonen, Rod Paavola & Steve Koskela

Absent: N/A

Declaration of Quorum: The Superintendent declared a quorum was present and the Board proceeded with the regular order of business.

Senior Board Member Heinonen presided over the meeting.

Election of Officers

Nomination of President. It is moved by Member Chynoweth to nominate Member Kero as President, seconded by Member Lancour to elect Member Kero as President. Motion unanimously carried.

Nomination of Vice-President. It is moved by Member Lancour to nominate Member Jordan as Vice-President, seconded by Member Kero to elect Member Jordan as Vice-President. Motion unanimously carried.

Nomination of Secretary. It is moved by Member Paavola to nominate Member Lancour as Secretary, seconded by Member Jordan to elect Member Lancour as Secretary. Motion unanimously carried.

Nomination of Treasurer. It is moved by Member Jordan to nominate Member Chynoweth as Treasurer, seconded by Member Paavola to elect Member Chynoweth as Treasurer. Motion unanimously carried.

Board President Kero resides over the meeting.

Recognition of Any Delegation or Individual

Thank you to the Board of Education for their service to the school, students and community!

Thank you to Gladys Dupuis, Kellie Jackson and their students for their generous donation to the Salvation Army.

Agenda Items:

Routine Matters

Adoption of Agenda

It was recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin that the submitted agenda be adopted as presented.

Moved by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes

It was recommended by Board Secretary Lancour that the submitted regular meeting minutes of December 19, 2022 be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Koskela, seconded by Member Heinonen, to adopt the regular meeting minutes of December 19, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

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Approval of checks written for the Month of December 2022

It was recommended by the CCISD Assistant Business Manager, Jeff Klein, with concurrence by Board Treasurer, Wendy Chynoweth, that the checks written for the month of December 2022 be approved as presented.

Discussion was held on payment to Krist Oil. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Koskela, to approve the checks written for the month of December 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of the finance statement for the Month of December 2022

It was recommended by the CCISD Assistant Business Manager, Jeff Klein, with concurrence by Board Treasurer, Wendy Chynoweth, that the finance statement for the month of December 2022 be approved as presented.

Discussion was held. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Lancour, to approve the finance statement for the month of December 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Dr. Patchin provided a security update. Had a meeting with Standard & Poor to prevent evidence to secure a higher bond rating. A checking account for the bond funds will be opened with Superior National Bank. Assembling a PTO Playground Committee to select a playground designer. Traveling to Hurley High School to examine their manufacturing Program on February 16. Traveling to Fox Valley to visit Phab Labs with representatives from Palmer Hamilton.

Principal Reports

Principal Vaara noted that the MTU Women's Society of Engineers would be visiting the elementary school on January 16 with an assembly-taking place for students to learn about the engineering process followed up by MTU students going to individual classrooms for age appropriate engineering tasks. Thank you to MTU Society of Engineering for putting this on for our students. Martin Luther King day will include MTU students coming into the classrooms to do readings with the students. Thank you to Mrs. Nordmark and Mrs. Kuntzleman for leading our elementary robotics team, which consists of 3rd and 5th graders.

Principal Impola shared a PBIS update and Life Skills Lessons with Dial Help has been completed for all grade levels. The Student Council planned a fun activity day prior to the Christmas holiday that was a great success.

Principal Salani reviewed the successful completion and future professional development for staff. Tyler Markel is filling in as a long-term sub with the retirement of Steve Smith. Austin Keranen is filling in as a long-term sub for Leanne Laakonen. Congratulations to Leanne and family for the birth of their baby. There will be a VEX Robotics Competition in Grand Rapids on February 9 & 10. Costing for the replacement of the high school bleachers was received. A lengthy discussion was held on the type of seating, colors and layout.

New Business/Action Items

Approve the bid to replace the high school gym bleachers.

It is recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to approve the bid to replace the high school gym bleachers. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by member Heinonen to approve the bid to replace the high school gym bleachers. Motion unanimously carried.

Director of Athletics Salani shared the hockey coach restructuring with the resignation of the varsity coach. Upcoming athletic events were reviewed.

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Old or Unfinished Business - Discussion on the cooperative agreements with sports was held.

New Business/Action Items continued

Designation of signatories: Dr. Steve Patchin, Jill Karkkainen, Jeff Klein, Board Treasurer, Margaret Bernard, Tami Bessner, Dan Vaara, Chris Salani & Hannah Impola. It is recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to approve the designation of signatories. Motion by Member Koskela, seconded by Member Paavola to approve the designation of signatories. Motion unanimously carried.

Designation of banks: Superior National Bank, Huntington Bank, Fifth 3rd Bank, MILAF and The New York Bank of Mellon.

It is recommended by Dr. Superintendent Patchin to approve the designation of banks. Moved by Member Koskela, seconded by Member Paavola to approve the designation of banks. Motion unanimously carried.

Designation of Legal Counsel: Thrun Law Firm, P.C.

It is recommended by Dr. Superintendent Patchin to approve the designation of legal counsel. Moved by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Jordan to approve the designation of legal counsel. Motion unanimously carried.

Designation of liaison with Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) & a Representative for the Copper Country Association of School Boards (CCASB).

It is recommended by Dr. Superintendent Patchin to approve the designation of liaison with the MASB and a representative for the CCASB. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Chynoweth to approve Member Lancour as the designation with the MASB and a representative for the CCASB. Motion unanimously carried.

Designation of liaison with the HPS Foundation and Campus & Community Joint Committee with Finlandia University.

It is recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to designate a liaison with the HPS Foundation and Campus & Community Joint Committee with Finlandia University. Moved by Member Heinonen, seconded by Member Koskela to approve Member Paavola as liaison with the HPS Foundation and Campus & Community Joint Committee with Finlandia University. Motion unanimously carried.

Designation of the Office of Superintendent to be responsible for posting public notices for all Board of Education meetings.

It is recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to designate the Office of Superintendent to be responsible for posting public notices for all Board of Education meetings. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Koskela to designate the Office of Superintendent to be responsible for posting public notices for all Board of Education meetings. Motion unanimously carried.

Designation of the Office of Superintendent to perform all election duties necessary for conducting all school elections.

It is recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to designate the Office of Superintendent to perform all election duties necessary for conducting all school elections. Moved by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Heinonen to designate the Office of Superintendent to perform all election duties necessary for conducting all school elections. Motion unanimously carried.

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Approve the School District Bylaws be adopted as written in the NEOLA manual; the Board of Education shall conduct supervision of the District according to the laws of the State of Michigan; that the School District shall be operated as a General Powers School District.

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Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Jordan to approve the School District Bylaws be adopted as written in the NEOLA manual; the Board of Education shall conduct supervision of the District according to the laws of the State of Michigan; that the School District shall be operated as a General Powers School District. Motion unanimously carried.

Accept the resignation of Cami Isaacson, Elementary Paraprofessional Aide.

It is recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to accept the resignation of Cami Isaacson, Elementary Paraprofessional Aide. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Koskela to accept the resignation of Cami Isaacson, Elementary Paraprofessional Aide. Motion unanimously carried.

Accept the resignation of Scott Mikesch, Varsity Hockey Coach.

It is recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to accept the resignation of Scott Mikesch, Varsity Hockey Coach. Moved by Member Koskela, seconded by Member Lancour to accept the resignation of Scott Mikesch, Varsity Hockey Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Hockey Coach Restructuring.

It is recommended by Director of Athletics Salani to approve the Hockey Coach Restructuring. Interim Head Coach - Kyle Hauswirth, Interim Associate Head Coach - Zach Hill, Assistant Coaches Jeff Mikesch & Jim Hanner, Volunteer Assistant Coach, Brett Lepisto and Volunteer Assistant Goalie Coach, Devin Kero. Discussion was held on the posting of the Head Coach position. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Heinonen to approve the Hockey Coach Restructuring. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the change in the 2nd Trimester end date of March 10, 2023 (was March 17, 2023).

It is recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to approve the change in the 2nd Trimester end date of March 10, 2023. Discussion was held on the date change. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Koskela to approve the change in the 2nd Trimester end date of March 10, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the contract with Enrollmint Consultants.

It is recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to approve the contract with Enrollmint Consultants. A lengthy discussion was held. Moved by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Koskela to approve the contract with Enrollmint Consultants. Yeas: Kero, Jordan, Lancour, Paavola & Koskela. Nay: Heinonen. Motion carried.

Visitors Comments:

Graham Jaehng commented on articles being published pertaining to the District.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m. motion by Member Heinonen, seconded by Member Paavola. Motion unanimously carried.