

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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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, December 18, 2023 at 5:01 p.m. President Jordan called the meeting to order.

Present: Catherine Jordan, Michael Lancour, Rod Paavola, Taylor Paul, Emilie Lancour, Charlie Klein

Absent: Wendy Chynoweth

Correspondence:

Thank you note from Karyn Rudak and family for the flowers for her mom's funeral.

Agenda Items:

Routine Matters

Adoption of Agenda

It was recommended by Interim Superintendent Salani that the submitted agenda be adopted as presented. Replace the word 'resignation' with 'retirement' in #2 under new business. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member E Lancour, to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2023.

It is recommended by Board Secretary E. Lancour to approve the submitted November 20, 2023, regular minutes. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Klein to approve the submitted November 20, 2023 regular minutes. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the minutes of the December 13, 2023 policy committee meeting

It is recommended by Board Secretary E. Lancour to approve the meetings of the December 13, 2023 policy committee meeting. Moved by Member M Lancour, seconded by Member Klein to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2023 policy committee meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval of checks written for the Month of November 2023.

It is recommended by the CCISD Assistant Business Manager, Jeff Klein, with concurrence by Board Treasurer, Wendy Chynoweth, that the checks written for the month of November 2023 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member M. Lancour, to approve the checks written for the month of November 2023. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval of the finance statement for November 2023. It is recommended by the CCISD Assistant Business Manager with concurrence by board Treasurer Wendy Chynoweth that the finance statement for November 2023 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Klein seconded by Member E Lancour to approve the finance statement for November. Motion unanimously carried

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Visitors' Comments: Peg Bernard, MS secretary, spoke in support of keeping a dedicated middle school principal to support both the staff and students. Her comments were seconded by another visitor.

Old or unfinished business: N/A

Superintendent Report:

1. Security/SRO Update
 - a. Critical Mapping was completed at no cost to the district. This will be in the school and shared with Hancock Police and the Houghton County Sheriifs office.
 - b. SRO Officer Olson is looking into both AI software and reviewing our current software for emergency communication support
2. Bond Update
 - a. There is a change in the timelines. Interior work will be delayed until the spring due to materials and timelines for contractors. The exterior should start on June 10th. MJO may start on the egress to Tomasi as early as April or May
3. Social worker services update
 - a. both the school Social Work support services and the SRO are supported through grants
 - b. a survey was sent to stakeholders and 22 people responded positively
4. SmartZone update
 - a. discussion with SmartZone and its connection to our manufacturing curriculum
 - b. discussion about a facility in proximity to the school which would assist in future employment for students
5. Athletic director / principal restructuring
 - a. Three interviews for the athletic director were held. An offer will be extended.
 - b. The possible principal restructuring will offer support for students and staff while being fiscally responsible

Principal Reports: see attached/below

1. Dan Vaara Barkell Elementary School
2. Hannah Asiala Hancock Middle School
3. Chris Salani Hancock High School

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

Accept the the resignation of Joe Neher, Kitchen Helper 12/19/23

It is recommended by Interim Superintendent Salani to accept the resignation of Joe Neher, kitchen helper. Moved by Member Klein seconded by Member M. Lancour to accept the resignation of Joe Neher, Kitchen Helper. The motion unanimously carries.

Accept the letter of retirement of Gary Michigan MS/HS Industrial Arts Teacher effective 6/30/24.

It is recommended by Interim Superintendent Salani to accept the retirement of Gary Mishica, Middle School/ High School Industrial Arts Teacher effective 6/30/24. Moved by Member M Lancour, seconded by Member Paul to accept the retirement of Gary Michigan MS/HS Industrial Arts Teacher effective June 30th, 2024. Motion unanimously carries.

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Approve the first reading of the Fall 2023 NEOLA policies / administrative guidelines.

It is recommended by Interim Superintendent Salani to approve the first reading of the Fall 2023 Neola policy/administrative guidelines. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Klein, to approve the first reading of the Fall 2023 Neola policy / administrative guidelines. Motion unanimously carries.

Approve the request from Jennifer Smith, HS teacher to organize a French trip for 2025.

It is recommended by Interim Superintendent Salani to approve the request from Jennifer Smith, HS teacher, to organize a French tip for 2025. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member E Lancour, to approve the request from Jennifer Smith High School teacher to organize a French trip for 2025. Motion unanimously carries.

Approve the superintendent contract.

It is recommended by Board President Jordan to approve the superintendent contract. Moved by Member Klein seconded by Member Paul to approve the superintendent contract. Motion unanimously carries

Adjournment of meeting.

Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Paavola to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 pm. The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour
Board Secretary

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Barkell Elementary Board Report

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- Pancake Breakfast thank yous: PTO, Our community, Marcy Messner, Tom Figures, Dave's Service Station, The Tire Shop, McDonald's, Walmart, KC Bonkers, Keweenaw Co-op, Phi Kappa Tau, Julie Meyette, Barkell STEM program, staff and community volunteers
- Bulldog Shop update- Thank you to all who donated items and volunteered. Of course thank you to the PTO as well.
- Christmas Concert update
- Breakfast With Santa- Thank you to Marcy Messner and Ryan Towles
- TV6 Canathon
- School Index/ Report Card- See attachments
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Hancock Middle School Board Report

12-18-23



-PBIS Update/Advisory

- Mr. Hauswirth Advisory won the Human Pipeline contest
- Referrals (avg per day)
 - Sept: 0.58
 - Oct: 0.57
 - Nov: 1.25
 - Dec: 0.62 - nice to get this back down!

-Academic Information

- Honor Roll Stats (from Trimester 1)
 - 6th Grade: 62% of students made the A or A/B Honor Roll
 - 7th Grade: 83% of students made the A or A/B Honor Roll
 - 8th Grade: 59% of students made the A or A/B Honor Roll
- 98% of 8th graders taking Algebra successfully completed Trimester 1

-Updates

- Finishing up Life Skills in all the grades
- 6th and 7th grades went to a Mind Trekkers event on Tuesday, Dec 12; had lots of fun!
- Band Concert on Dec 12 went off successfully
- Big Thank-you for Mrs. Schneiderhan for working hard and "bringing back" the 6th grade Christmas play! They will be performing The Grinch Who Stole Christmas at 9:30 am and 10:45 am on Tuesday, Dec 19
- Tuesday afternoon will be a fun activity time for the students before Christmas break; some will be going to a MTU Men's Basketball game while others stay back at school for activities here