

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, April 22, 2024 at 5:37 p.m. President Jordan called the meeting to order.

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

Absent: N/A

Superintendent Salani declared a quorum is present and directs the Board to proceed with the regular order of business.

Congratulations to the Unified Championship Participants and Organizers. Congratulations to all of the Fall/Winter Athletic Participants and Award Recipients.

Mary Brayak, MASB Representative conducted the conclusion of the hiring process.

Agenda Items:
Routine Matters

Appointment of a temporary secretary was not necessary.

Adoption of Agenda

It was recommended by Superintendent Salani that the submitted agenda be adopted as presented. Member Klein, seconded by Member M. Lancour, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2024

It is recommended by Board Secretary E. Lancour to approve the March 18, 2024 regular minutes. Moved by Member E. Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola to approve the submitted March 18, 2024, regular minutes. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval of checks written for the Month of March 2024.

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 March 2024 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Klein, to approve the checks written for the month of March 2024. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval of the Finance Statement for March 2024

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 March 2024 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the finance statement for the month of March 2024. The motion unanimously carried.

Visitors comments: N/A (7 visitors in attendance)

Old or unfinished business: N/A

Superintendent Report

- 1) Library Report Update
 - a) amended proposal shared with board members
 - i) 2-year proposed term of contract
 - ii) Divide the fund balance over two years
 - iii) Next meetings at PLDL are April 23, 2024 and May 22, 2024
- 2) Bond Update
 - a) Security measures and protocol installed
 - b) Work will be done in May
 - c) Food Pickup will still happen one day a week at the elementary building
- 3) Security and Maintenance Update:
 - a) AI weapons detection program is in a 2 week trial period
 - b) Thank you to Darren for his work on the updates
- 4) Wellness Committee
 - a) Food Service Assessment
 - b) Food Service audit this week by MDE
 - c) Wellness committee will meet at least twice a year starting in the 24-25 school year
- 5) Lamers Contract Review for 2024
 - a) Projected increase of 10-20%
- 6) School Aid Budget Projections
 - a) potential per pupil increase
 - b) stabilization fund available
 - c) At Risk funding may increase
 - d) Mental Health grant continues
 - e) Mental Health and Security Grants 50% funded by state
 - f) Free meals will likely continue
 - g) Great Start Initiative continuing
 - h) 1st Robotics' Vex funding continues

Principal Reports: see attached

Liaison Reports: DDA; Hancock Recreational, Negotiations: not met

Foundation: meeting soon

- a) two grants
 - i) water bottle fillers in MS and Barkell
 - ii) AED machines updated

New Business/Action Items:

Approve the hire of Matt Griffth, Dean of Students

It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Matt Griffth, Dean of Students. \$4200 as a Schedule B extra duty annual salary. Moved by Member E. Lancour, seconded by Member M. Lancour, to approve the hire of Matt Griffth, Dean of Students. The motion unanimously carried.

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Approve the hire of Kristen Huffman, MTSS PBIS Coordinator

It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Kristen Huffman, MTSS PBIS Coordinator. \$2200 as a Schedule B extra duty annual salary. Moved by Member Klein seconded by Member Paul, to approve the hire of Kristen Huffman, MTSS PBIS Coordinator. The motion unanimously carried

Accept the resignation/retirement of Dan O'Connell, Building Custodian.

It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to accept the resignation/retirement of Dan O'Connell, Building Custodian at the end of the school year. Thank you for many years of service as well as being a bus driver. Moved by Member M. Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola, to accept the resignation/retirement of Dan O'Connell, Building Custodian. The motion unanimously carried.

Accept the resignation/retirement of Kristan Coleman, MS/HS teacher.

It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to accept the resignation/retirement of Kristan Coleman, MS/HS teacher at the end of the school year. She is an asset and a huge part of the district especially related to manufacturing and STEM. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Klein, to accept the resignation/retirement of Kristan Coleman, MS/HS teacher. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Triennial Wellness Assessment

It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the Triennial Wellness Assessment. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Chynoweth, to Approve the Triennial Wellness Assessment. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve granting tenure to Miranda Smith, Elementary Teacher.

It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve granting tenure to Miranda Smith, Elementary Teacher. She is a great teacher, especially in the math department. She also works with the 4th and 5th grade basketball programs. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the granting tenure to Miranda Smith, Elementary Teacher. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve granting tenure to Paul Smith, a High School Teacher.

It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve granting tenure to Paul Smith, a High School Teacher. Paul is also a great teacher, especially in the math department. He has high expectations for himself and his students. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member M. Lancour to approve the granting tenure to Paul Smith, a High School Teacher. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the 5th-grade trip to Mackinac Island

It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the 5th-grade trip to Mackinac Island. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Chynoweth to approve the 5th-grade trip to Mackinac Island. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the 6th-grade trip to Camp Nesbit

It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the 6th-grade trip to Camp Nesbit. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member E. Lancour to approve the 6th-grade trip to Camp Nesbit. The motion unanimously carried.

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Approve the hire of Jeff Hauswirth, Varsity Head Football Coach.

It is recommended by Ryan Towles, Athletic Director, to approve the hire of Jeff Hauswirth, Varsity Head Football Coach. He will be an asset to the football program. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paul to approve the hire of Jeff Hauswirth, Varsity Head Football Coach. The motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment:

Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member E Lancour to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour
Board Secretary

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Barkell Elementary Board Report

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MSTEP testing began last Tuesday.

Y5s/K Registration is tomorrow (4/23)

Staff Appreciation Week is the first full week of May. Thank you to our PTO, and our Barkell families, for all of the things they do for our staff not only this week, but throughout the school year.

Track and Field Day is May 30th .

Spring Field Trips- Adventure Mine, Hancock Field Trip (City Hall, Police Station, Houghton County Arena, etc.), Quincy Mine, and the Coast Guard Station to name a few.



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Hancock Middle/High School Board Report

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Middle School

-PBIS Update/Advisory

- Kristan Huffman has taken over role as PBIS coordinator
- We finally held out Tri 2 Reward Day on Friday, April 19
- Mid-Tri 3 Newsletter coming out

-Other

- 2 students went on TRIO field trip to MTU
- Camp Nesbit plans are underway; we will have Carsen Chynoweth as the Camp Coordinator for the third year in a row

High School

-KMEA Band Festival took place at Houghton

-NHS did their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Barkell

-Mrs. Laakonen took Anatomy students on a field trip to MTU

-Mrs. Serafin again led the way to help us all navigate through College Board Testing. First year with all the testing being online, seemed to go smoothly and was much easier overall than all the testing booklets. Teachers again showed their adaptability with adjusting to the new test format. We have completed all SAT and PSAT tests.

- Still to come: ACT Workkeys makeups, MSTEP Science and SS for juniors
- MSTEP for middle school

-Ms. Thoun took a small group of students on an ISD transition field trip

-Unified Basketball Game finally took place after the snow delays!