

RECORD OF MINUTES

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, March 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. President Kero called the meeting to order.

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

Absent: Wendy Chynoweth

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

Recognition of Any Delegation or Individual

Thank you from the Lucier/Roy family for the flowers in memory of Robbyn.

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 Jordan, seconded by Member Koskela, 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 February 13, 2023 be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Jordan, to adopt the regular meeting minutes of February 13, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes

It was recommended by Board Secretary Lancour that the submitted special meeting minutes of February 27, 2023 be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola, to adopt the special meeting minutes of February 27, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

It was recommended by Board Secretary Lancour that the submitted committee of the whole meeting minutes of February 27, 2023 be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Koskela, seconded by Member Heinonen, to adopt the committee of the whole meeting minutes of February 27, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of checks written for the Month of February 2023

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 February 2023 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the checks written for the month of February 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

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Approval of the finance statement for the Month of February 2023

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 February 2023 be approved as presented.

Moved by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Jordan, to approve the finance statement for the month of February 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Visitors' Comments: Tim Stukel, Annette Tchida, Brett Lepisto, Brady Galletto, Zach Hill, Tracee Hanner, Sarah Stukel, Kary Rudak, Dan Rouleau and Sam Roberts voiced their support in keeping the hockey cooperative with Lake Linden schools and shared the many positive aspects the opportunity provides for the hockey athletes.

Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Dr. Patchin shared grant opportunities that were pending, noted that Darron Olson has begun as the School Resource Officer for the District through the Hancock Police Department. A meeting with Jon Stone was held to discuss the security plan and an update on bond projects was discussed.

Principal Reports

Principal Asiala, provided an overview of both the elementary and high school activities with the absence of Principal Vaara & Salani. Barkell Elementary congratulates Trivitz champions Bryn Koskela and Boden Kilpela, 4th graders, March is Reading Month and activities are in full swing, School Resource Officer Darron Olson has been reading to students as a way to build relationships.

High school staff have been successful in completion of professional development, 2nd trimester exams and welcomed School Resource Officer Darron Olson aboard. April is testing month for the SAT, PSAT, M-Step and WorkKeys, thank you to Ms. Murphy and National Honor Society for participating in Reading Month at Barkell Elementary, the Honors Convocation will be held on May 17.

With the absence of Principal Salani,

Principal Asiala shared a PBIS update, reviewed Middle School Month activities, which were organized by Mr. Sturos and the student council, Mr. Sorenson has been available during the school day to help with math tutoring showing improved math grades.

Discussion on athletics based on Director of Athletics Salani's report was held.

Old or Unfinished Business - N/A

New Business/Action Items

Approve the Revised Budget.

It was recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to approve the revised budget. Motion by Member Koskela, seconded by Member Lancour to approve the revised budget. Discussion was held. Motion unanimously carried.

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Approval of Palmer Hamilton as the Phab Lab/STEM lab designer and assistant to use of Sourcewell to procure fixtures and equipment for the spaces.

It is recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to approve Palmer Hamilton as the Phab Lab/STEM lab designer and assistant to use of Sourcewell to procure fixtures and equipment for the spaces. Moved by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola to approve Palmer Hamilton as the Phab Lab/STEM lab designer and assistant to use of Sourcewell to procure fixtures and equipment for the spaces. Discussion was held. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the hire of Jenn Smith, Head Varsity Track Coach in addition to her current position as Middle School Track Coach.

It was recommended by Director of Athletics Salani to approve the hire of Jenn Smith, Head Varsity Track Coach. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Heinonen to approve the hire of Jenn Smith, Head Varsity Track Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the hire of Jeff Hauswirth, Assistant Varsity Track Coach.

It is recommended by Director of Athletics Salani to approve the hire of Jeff Hauswirth, Assistant Varsity Track Coach. Moved by Member Koskela, seconded by Member Jordan to approve the hire of Jeff Hauswirth, Assistant Varsity Track Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the hire of Carsen Chynoweth, Assistant Track Coach.

It is recommended by Director of Athletics Salani to approve the hire of Carsen Chynoweth, Assistant Track Coach. Moved by Member Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola to approve the hire of Carsen Chynoweth, Assistant Track Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the hire of Alex Nordstrom, Assistant Baseball Coach.

It is recommended by Director of Athletics Salani to approve the hire of Alex Nordstrom, Assistant Baseball Coach. Moved by Member Heinonen, seconded by Member Koskela to approve the hire of Alex Nordstrom, Assistant Baseball Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the rehire of Spring Athletic Coaches: Volunteers, Ryan Towles & Kristan Wanhala, Track, Golf, Paul Sintkowski, Softball, Randy Heinonen, Gary Scholie & Hannah Asiala, Assistant Coaches, Baseball, Travis Pietila, Head Coach.

It is recommended by Director of Athletics Salani to approve the rehire of the Spring Athletic Coaches. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by member Lancour, approve the rehire of the Spring Athletic Coaches. Abstain: Heinonen. Motion carried.

Approve a resolution to dissolve the Varsity Hockey Cooperative with Lake Linden Schools.

It is recommended by the Board of Education to approve a resolution to dissolve the Varsity Hockey Cooperative with Lake Linden Schools. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Lancour, the Board of Education entered into discussion on the cooperative that turned into an lengthy open discussion with visitors. Ayes: Kero, Jordan, Heinonen & Koskela - Nays: Lancour & Paavola. Motion carried.

Approve the hire of Maija Sebbas, Temporary Childcare Worker.

It is recommended by Superintendent Dr. Patchin to approve the hire of Maija Sebbas, Temporary Childcare Worker. Moved by Member Heinonen, seconded by Member Koskela, to approve the hire of Maija Sebbas, Temporary Childcare Worker. Motion unanimously carried.

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Moved by Member Heinonen, seconded by Member Jordan to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Michael Lancour  
Board Secretary