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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, July 15, 2024, at 5:31 p.m. Vice-President M Lancour called the meeting to order.

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

Recognition of Any Delegation or Individual:

Congratulations Hannah Asiala and family for the birth of their son Robby.  
Thank you to the Principal Interview Committee  
Thank you to the HEA and HEPSEA Negotiation team members  
Thank you to John Vaara for being our NEOLA representative

Agenda Items:  
Routine Matters

Adoption of Agenda

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

Approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

It is recommended by Secretary E Lancour that the submitted minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 17, 2024, be approved. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Paul to approve the submitted minutes for the June 17, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes.

It is recommended by Secretary E Lancour that the submitted minutes of the Budget Hearing meeting of June 17, 2024, be approved. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola to approve the submitted minutes for the June 17, 2024 Budget Hearing meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes.

It is recommended by Secretary E Lancour that the submitted minutes of the Regular meeting of June 17, 2024, be approved. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Chynoweth to approve the submitted minutes for the June 17, 2024 regular board meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.

It is recommended by Superintendent Salani that the submitted minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of June 24, 2024, be approved. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Klein to approve the submitted minutes for the June 17, 2024 Policy Committee meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

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

Visitor Comments: 3 visitors

Deanna Levanen asked that the meeting times be shared on the parent list-serve as they had been in the past.

New Business:

Superintendent Report: Chris Salani

1. Governance/Board:
  - a. Both HEA and HEPSA negotiating teams have action items on the agenda tonight
  - b. New superintendent training will be on the 22nd
  - c. Facitalites and Personnel Committee met on the 11th
    - i. worked on sinking fund/bond timelines
2. Business and Finance
  - a. Contract negotiations with both HEA (1 year) and HEPSA (3 years)
  - b. HMS/HS paving of parking lots July 18th; Elem tentative date Aug 5-9
  - c. Bus Garage appraisal this week
  - d. Expense reduction plan
3. Instructional Leadership:
  - a. Offer to Hire Elementary principal
  - b. coaching and teaching positions open
4. Staff Relations
  - a. HS/MS class schedule dependent on contract ratification
  - b. Academic calendar awaiting approval
5. Community Relations
  - a. social media development
  - b. contract with Apptegy Mobile platform

Principal Reports: none

Liaison Reports:

HPS foundation: will meet next week

DDA: will add Chris Salani's name as Superintendent

Hancock Recreational Committee met: discussed fees for a variety of areas of use; disc golf will be set up soon; possible grant for outdoor gym

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New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to determine the dates and locations of regular board meetings for the year. Moved by member Chynoweth, seconded by member Klein to determine dates and locations of regular board meetings for the year meetings being the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Motion unanimously carries.
2. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the schools of choice resolution for 2024-2025 moved by member Klein, seconded by member E Lancour to approve the schools of choice resolution for 2024-2025. Motion unanimously carries.
3. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the first reading of the NEOLA Spring Policy/Administrative Guidelines Update. Moved by member E. Lancour, seconded by member Paavola to approve the first reading of the NEOLA Spring Policy/Administrative Guideline Updates. The motion unanimously carried.
4. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the 2024-2025 District calendar moved by member Paul, supported by member Chynoweth to approve the 2024-2025 district calendar. Motion unanimously carried.
5. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the food service contract with Houghton-Portage Township Schools for the 2024-2025 school year. Moved by member Paavola, supported by member Paul to approve the food service contract with Houghton-Portage Township Schools for 2024-2025. Motion unanimously carried.
6. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the contract with Support Net for 2024-2025. Moved by member Klein, supported by member E Lancour, to approve the contract with Support Net for 2024-2025. The REMC package includes hardware, software, and on-site services with a savings of \$18,000. Motion unanimously carried.

It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to adjourn the Open Session to go into a closed session for contract negotiations and Personnel issues. Moved by member E. Lancour, seconded by member Paul to adjourn the Open Session to go into a closed session for contract negotiations and Personnel issues. Roll call vote: Ayes: M Lancour, E Lancour, Chynoweth, Paavola, Klein & Paul. Nays: N/A.

The meeting returned to open session at 6:52 p.m.

It is recommended by Board Secretary E Lancour to approve the minutes of the closed session meeting of 7/15/24. Moved by member Paul, seconded by member E Lancour to approve the minutes of the closed meeting session of 7/15/24. Motion unanimously carried.

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7. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the ratification of a one (1) year HEA contract. Moved by member E Lancour, seconded by member Paavola, to approve the ratification of a one (1) year HEA contract. Roll call vote: Ayes: M Lancour, E Lancour, Paavola & Paul. Abstain: Chynoweth & Klein. Nays: N/A. Motion carries.
8. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the ratification of a three (3) year HEPSA contract. Moved by member Klein, seconded by member Paul, to approve the ratification of a three (3) year HEPSA contract. Roll call vote: Ayes: M Lancour, E Lancour, Paavola, Klein, & Paul. Abstain: Chynoweth. Nays: N/A. Motion carries.
9. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the recommendation to extend an offer of employment for the Elementary Principal position. Moved by member Klein, discussion held, supported by member E Lancour to approve the recommendation to extend an offer of employment for the Elementary Principal position. Motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Member Paul and seconded by Member Klein to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour  
Board Secretary