

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, May 20, 2024 at 5:31p.m. President Jordan called the meeting to order.

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

Recognition of Any Delegation or Individual:

Congratulations to Gary Michica and Jen Smith for receiving the Education Excellence Award(s) from the Copper Country Education Association.

Mike Garrison for the Copper Shores Foundation playground grant

Taylor Paul as the UP Health System Portage 24 Mercy Award winner

Jana Meckler, Bob Hiltunen & students for a great 5th grade band concert

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 Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2024.

It is recommended by Secretary E Lancour that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 2024, be approved. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Klein to approve the submitted minutes for the April 22, 2024 meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

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

Approval of the finance statement for April 2024. It is recommended by the CCISD Assistant Business Manager with concurrence by board Treasurer Wendy Chynoweth that the finance statement for April 2024 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Chynoweth seconded by Member Paavola to approve the finance statement for April. Motion unanimously carried

Visitor Comments: N/A 9 visitors in attendance

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New Business:

Superintendent Report: Chris Salani

See attached

Bond project: poster boards will be displayed in both the HS and Barkell

- The HS parking lot has started and the elementary parking lot will start in June (projected to be done before the first day of school), the kitchen, elementary and gym will also be worked on in June once school is out.

Principal Reports: see attached/below

1. Dan Vaara: Barkell Elementary School
2. Hannah Asiala: Hancock Middle and High School

Liaison Reports

1. The HPS Foundation donated \$28, 000 in scholarships; grants will be approved at the July meeting
2. The Hancock Recreational Committee met. A discussion was held in regard to the disc golf course, millage, HoCo Arena and the stone steps at the end of the bridge

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the attendance of District employees Karen Eddy, Mike Garrison, Darron Olson, Chris Salani and Michele Serafin at the Michigan School Safety Academy June 25th and 26th. Motion by member Chynoweth, seconded by member Paavola to approve the district employee's attendance at the Michigan School Safety Academy. Motion unanimously carries.
2. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve employee attendance of Peggy Meyers and Genevieve Nordmark at the Battelle Teacher Academy in Ann Arbor June 16th through June 20th 2024. Moved by member Klein, seconded by member M Lancour to approve District employee attendance at the Battelle Teacher Academy. Motion unanimously carried.
3. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve his attendance at the UP Administrator's Academy in Harris Michigan August 6th and 7th, 2024. Moved by member Klein seconded by member E Lancour to approve Chris Salani's attendance at the UP Administrator's Academy. Motion unanimously carried.
4. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the resolution for the CCISD 24-25 budget. Moved by member M Lancour, seconded by member Chynoweth to approve the resolution for the CCISD 2425 budget. Roll call vote - Yeas: Jordan, M Lancour, E Lancour, Chynoweth, Paavola, Klein, & Paul. Motion unanimously carried.
5. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towles to approve the MHSAA Membership Resolution for the 24-25 school year. Moved by member Klein, seconded by member Paavola to approve the MHSAA Membership Resolution for the 2024-25 school year. Motion unanimously carried.
6. Board self-assessment discussion: board members will complete a questionnaire through MASB on their own assessing the workings and functioning of the Board of Education

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Adjournment of Open Session to go into closed Session. Moved by member Klein, seconded by member M Lancour to go into closed session. Roll call votes - Yeas: C. Jordan, M. Lancour, E. Lancour, W. Chynoweth, R. Paavola, C. Klein and T. Paul. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:02 pm

It is recommended by Board Secretary E. Lancour to approve the minutes of the closed session meeting of 5/20/24. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by member M Lancour to approve the minutes of the closed session meeting of 5/20/24. The motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Member Paul and seconded by Member Paavola to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour
Board Secretary



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Hancock Middle/High School Board Report

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Middle School

-PBIS Update/Advisory

- We had our final data review and met our goals for the year
 - Goal #1: Increasing our TFI score to 75%
 - Our final score was 87%
 - Goal #2: Maintain or decrease an average of 0.21 major referrals per day.

Behavior (average major referrals per day by month)

September: 0.21

February: 0.11

October: 0.05

March: 0.06

November: 0.00

April: 0.18

December: 0.00

May:

January: 0.11

June:

-Planning on adding on to PBIS next year and looking at Tier 1 Reading Interventions

-Other

- Mr. Hauswirth brought 8th grade on their annual Courthouse/Jail field trips
- Completed all M-Step testing; went very smoothly
- Leaving for Camp Nesbit on Wednesday of this week

High School

- NHS did their annual Highway Pickup and hosted the Blood Drive
- Finished M-Step testing for Juniors (SS and Sci)
- Seniors had their Annual Rotary Brunch (40 students from Hancock were recognized)
- HS/MS Band Concert
- Mrs. Laakonen brought sophomores interested in Healthcare on a Gear Up Field trip to MTU

-Local business did some HVAC presentations in Mr. Mishica's class

-2 high school classes and a group of students volunteered and helped the City of Hancock with Pitch in for Parks on May 9; worked at Larn Grove, Driving Park and McAfee

-Mrs. Peltz brought a group of students to work on a mural at a community building in Mohawk?

-Gogebic came and met with all seniors going there as well as class meeting with sophomores and juniors

-Last day of school for seniors on May 17

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Barkell Elementary Board Report
5/20/24

- MSTEP testing is over. The testing window closed last Friday.
- Y5s/K Registration numbers- As of now I feel good about our incoming numbers for next year. As of last week, we have 49 new enrollees for Young 5s and kindergarten. All but 1 or 2 of our Y5s will move on to kindergarten. This is a few more than what we had for the start of this school year, and about 10 more than what we had at this time last year. We anticipate that number to increase, as we get closer to September.
- A HUGE thank you to our PTO and to our Barkell families for everything they did for Staff Appreciation Week! As always, the outpouring of support was outstanding.
- Our 5th grade band performed on Friday for our students. Thank you to Mrs. Meckler for her work at getting this going. Also congratulations for our 5th grade students who have been working hard all year to prepare for this.

- **STEM Program Summary**

We are finishing year 3 of having a STEM special in the Elementary. All classes from Young 5's - 5th grade attend STEM twice a week. Children learn problem-solving strategies that can help in all subject areas. This year, the Foundation paid for a new hand tool curriculum called "We Will Build It Better" that introduces children to hand tools, how they are used, and what careers use hand tools. This is a great life skill for everyone to learn!

The STEM special is also a time for enhancing our science curriculum with more exploration of science concepts. For example, 2nd graders learned about habitats around the world. They then created habitat dioramas with 3D designed animals. They also learned to make a non-fiction story in Google Docs.

We are continuing to teach engineering, coding, robotics, and circuitry to all grade levels (scaled to their ability level). 3D printing design is taught from 1st grade on up using Tinkercad. One great use of 3D printing is the creation of our Field Day medals. This year's winning design was created by Cheyenne in 3rd grade. All students that place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in this year's Field Day event will receive a 3D printed medal.

3rd-5th graders learn about Artificial Intelligence and how it can be used as a tool, what can go wrong with AI, and how to be a responsible user of these tools. The AI tools we try out are filtered for Elementary usage.

We look forward to having a Fab Lab next school year that will allow us to continue to engage our students with new technologies and tools.