

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

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Hancock Public Schools was held in the boardroom on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 5:32 p.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 Jana Meckler and the band for participation in the Bridgefest parade.

Congratulations to the Boys Golf team for being D2 champions.

Congratulations to the Girls Softball for winning both Districts and Regionals.

Congratulations to the Baseball team for their performance in the District Quarterfinals.

Congratulations to the track and field team for participation in the UP finals and many personal achievements and record-breakings.

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 M Lancour, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2024.

It is recommended by Secretary E Lancour that the submitted minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2024, be approved. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola to approve the submitted minutes for the May 20, 2024 meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

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

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

Visitor Comments: 4 visitors no comments

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New Business:

Superintendent Report: Chris Salani

1. Governance/Board:
 - a. Negotiations continue with HEA and will start with HEPSA this week
2. Business and Finance
 - a. The construction at the high school campus continues and the Barkell entrance has started
3. Instructional Leadership:
 - a. Due to the retirement of Dan Vaara in the fall, there will be three interviews this week for a new elementary principal. Interviewees include Jack Johnson, Karen Eddy, and Andrew Vestich. Another candidate will be interviewed in July.
4. Staff Relations
 - a. all evaluations are complete
 - b. a survey will be shared soon
5. Community Relations
 - a. Bob Hiltunen will be doing content on social media for the summer
 - b. part of PowerSchool called K Swift is going out of business so we will need to switch to a new system

Principal Reports: none

Liaison Reports: none

(The Foundation will meet in July)

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. Board terms:
 - a. Terms will expire for both Wendy Chynoweth and Michael Lancour
 - b. Those appointed this year must be on the ballot to continue the terms they are currently filling. This includes Emilie Lancour, Charlie Klein, and Taylor Paul.
2. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the final revised 2023- 2024 budget. Moved by Member M Lancour, seconded by Member Chynoweth to approve the final revised 2023- 2024 budget. Roll call vote: YEAS - Jordan, M Lancour, E Lancour, Chynoweth, Paavola, Klein and Paul. Nays: N/A. Motion unanimously carries.
3. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the 2024-25 Budget and Spread Levy District Millage. Moved by Member M Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola to approve the 2024-25 Budget and Spread Levy District Millage. Roll call vote: Yeas - Jordan, M Lancour, E Lancour, Chynoweth, Paavola, Klein and Paul. Nays: N/A. Motion unanimously carries.
4. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Notes in anticipation of State School Aide. Moved by Member Chynoweth, seconded by Member M Lancour, to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Notes in anticipation of State School Aide. Roll call vote: Yeas - Jordan, M Lancour, E Lancour, Chynoweth, Paavola, Klein and Paul. Nays: N/A. Motion unanimously carries.

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5. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the 2-year contract with Lamers Transportation. Moved by Member Klein seconded by Member M Lancour to approve the 2-year contract with Lamers Transportation.
 - a. There is an inflationary cost increase of 18%.
 - b. We will continue to operate four buses.
 - c. Lamers is the exclusive vendor to the area.Motion unanimously carries.

6. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the 2-year contract with the Portage Lake District Library. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola to approve the two-year contract with the Portage Lake District Library. The motion unanimously carried.

7. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the one-year contract with Anderson Tackman and Company, PLC for the district audit. Moved by member Klein, seconded by member M Lancour to approve the one-year contract with Anderson Tackman and Company, PLC for the district audit.
 - a. There is a decrease in cost this year.Motion unanimously carried.

8. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towles to accept the resignation of Rebecca Johnson Freshman Volleyball Coach. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Chynoweth to accept the resignation of Rebecca Johnson Freshman Volleyball Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

9. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towles to approve the hire of Kaydance Kilpela, Freshman Volleyball Coach. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Klein to approve the hire of Kaydance Kilpela, Freshman Volleyball Coach.
 - a. She is a graduate of Hancock and has helped with Middle School volleyball.Roll call vote: Yeas: Jordan, M Lancour, E Lancour, Chynoweth, Klein and Paul. Abstain: Paavola. Motion carries.

It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to adjourn the Open Session to go to Closed Session for the superintendent evaluation. Moved by Member Paul seconded by Member Klein to adjourn the Open Session to go into closed session for the superintendent evaluation to go into closed session at 6:34 pm. Roll call vote: Yeas - Jordan M. Lancour, E. Lancour, Chynoweth, Paavola, Klein and Paul. Nays: N/A. 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 6/17/24. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member M Lancour to approve the minutes of the closed session meeting of 6/17/24. Motion unanimously carried.

It is recommended by President Jordan to approve the evaluation for Superintendent Salani. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member M Lancour to approve the evaluation for Superintendent Salani. Superintendent Salani received a highly effective rating. Scores of 1.75 in professional practice, 1.6 in student growth, and .3 in progress for district-wide goals for a total of 3.65 or 91% in the three categories. Motion unanimously carried.

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Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Member Klein and seconded by Member Paavola to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour
Board Secretary