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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, March 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. President M Lancour called the meeting to order.

Present: Michael Lancour, Charlie Klein, Emilie Lancour, Rod Paavola, Catherine Jordan, Taylor Paul and Rebecca Ylitalo

Recognition of Individuals:

- Congratulations to the Girls Basketball team and coaches as District Champions
- Thank you to the Sports Booster Club for another successful Elementary Basketball Tournament
- Congratulations to the Elementary and Middle School Vex Robotics teams for making it to the state tournament
- Congratulations to Mallory Spurlaski, Spark Plug Award recipient
- Congratulations to the Solo and Ensemble Festival Participants. David Gabik, Ethan Perreault-Fill, Nate Thompson, and Austin Goodall, who received first ratings at Calumet. David and Ethan for advancing to States at NMU on 3/15

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 Ylitalo, to adopt the agenda as presented. 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 February 17, 2025, be approved. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Jordan, to approve the minutes for the February 17, 2025, Regular Meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval of checks written for the Month of February 2025.

It is recommended by the CCISD Assistant Business Manager, Jeff Klein, with concurrence by Board Treasurer Ylitalo, that the checks written for the month of February 2025 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Klein, to approve the checks written for the month of February 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval of the finance statement for the month of February 2025

It is recommended by the CCISD Assistant Business Manager, Jeff Klein, with concurrence by Board Treasurer Ylitalo, that the finance statement for the month of February 2025 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the finance statement for the month of February 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

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Visitor Comments: 5 visitors (no comments)

New Business:

Superintendent Report: Chris Salani

1. Governance/Board
 - a. We were given Peg Bernard's retirement announcement, effective at the end of the school year.
 - b. We have received a "notice of negotiations" from the HEA
 - c. Spark Plug Awards on the 20th - Youth Contributor of the Year
 - d. CCASB Awards will be on April 2nd
2. Business and Finance
 - a. Look at Construction Management and Project Management tonight
 - b. Bus Garage purchase agreement has been received from Thurn
 - c. MPSERS update: the state will reimburse eligible employees with 3%
3. Instruction/ Personnel / Leadership
 - a. HS/MS Principal position posted
 - b. Update on the PowerSchool breach: no personal identifying information was breached from HPS
4. Staff Relations
 - a. meeting schedule continues
5. Community Relations
 - a. The Bulldog Bite Radio show each Wednesday at 8:45 am
 - b. Kindergarten Roundup on April 8th

Principal Reports:

Karen Eddy (Barkell Elementary)

- a. Michigan State University Science Theater on March 7th
- b. UPPCO Electricity Program on March 7th for 4th graders
- c. 2nd grader's field trip to Calumet Visitor's Center in Calumet on March 11th
- d. Hearing and Vision screenings on March 17th
- e. Professional Development on March 12th
 - i. Larissa Kilgore: Vision-related learning deficits
 - ii. Becky Garnell: math fact fluency and math essentials
- f. March is Reading Month (animal theme)
 - i. book raffle, and crab ball (Thursday)

Chris Salani (MS/HS)

- a. March is Middle School month. Thank you to the students, faculty, and staff
- b. The paper towel dispensers in the HS bathrooms
- c. Spring Break starts on Friday
- d. April will be testing (SAT/PSAT/ACT Workkeys/M-Step)
- e. Bond initiative
 - i. graphics in the cafeteria by the end of the weekend and the windows by the end of the school year

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High School Student Council President report: Mallory Sporlaski

- a. Sprit Club: can drive for fundraising.
- b. Discussion of the attendance policy for returning late for athletics and other clubs, too
 - i. change the arrival time to midnight (from the current time of 1 am)
- c. Organized the trophy cases
- d. Met with the MS
- e. Paper towel dispensers are installed

Athletic Director report: Ryan Towles

- a. no report

Liaison Reports:

HPS foundation:

- a. no meeting

DDA:

- a. no report due to snowstorm

Hancock Recreational Committee:

- a. Discussion of Grill House Trail

CCASB:

- a. Awards on April 2nd

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to accept the resignation/retirement of Margaret Bernard, MS Administrative Assistant. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to accept the resignation/retirement of Margaret Bernard, MS Administrative Assistant. Thank you for many years of service. This will be effective June 30th. Motion unanimously carried.
2. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towles to accept the resignation of Zackary Ohtonen, Boys Basketball Coach. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paul, to accept the resignation of Zackary Ohtonen, Boys Basketball Coach. He is moving out of the area. Motion unanimously carried.
3. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towles to approve the hire of Stacy Bussiere, Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Klein, to approve the hire of Stacy Bussiere, Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach. Motion unanimously carried.
4. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Chris Benge, High School Special Education teacher. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the hire of Chris Benge, High School Special Education teacher. Welcome back to Hancock Public Schools. We are working on getting his special education certification in Michigan, as he is certified in Texas. Motion unanimously carried.

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5. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the (1) one-year contract with ESS Midwest Inc. for substitute service staff services. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member E Lancour, to approve the (1) one-year contract with ESS Midwest Inc. for substitute service staff services. This is the standard contract. Motion unanimously carried.
6. Discussion with Gundlach-Champion for Construction Management Services
 - a. A representative was unable to attend the meeting
7. Discussion with OHM for Architectural Services (Tracy and Jared)
 - a. We are at approximately \$8-10 million for the mileage/bond proposal in November
 - b. There are Infrastructure needs in both buildings
 - c. Thurn Law recommends construction management, but Tracy feels that the cost expected that the general contractor can manage the subcontractors. A Construction Management Service is not required.
 - d. Chris said there are finite dollars, and we know what needs to be done. He asked if we would need a Construction Manager if it is locally based and if we need to redo the RFP if we choose not to hire a construction manager.
 - e. Tracy said we would not need to the Construction Management Service even if it were a line item in the budget.
8. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve/disapprove the RFP from Gundlach-Champion for Construction Management Services. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Klein, to disapprove the RFP from Gundlach-Champion for Construction Management Services. Motion unanimously carried.
9. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve/disapprove the RFP with OHM for Architectural Services. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Ylitao, to approve the RFP with OHM for Architectural Services. Motion unanimously carried.
10. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the 5th-grade trip to Mackinac Island in May 2025. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the 5th-grade trip to Mackinac Island in May 2025. The dates are May 22nd and 23rd. Motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Member Paavola and seconded by Member Jordan to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm. The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour
Board Secretary