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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, April 21, 2025, at 5:31 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 District CCASB Award Recipients: Karen Anderson, Outstanding Employee, Mallory Sporalski, Student Leadership, and Maria Norman, School Service Award
- Congratulations to Aili Melvig, USFS Gold Medal winner
- Thank you to all faculty and staff for their help with state testing

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 E Lancour, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

Presentation by Peggy Meyers and Genevieve Nordmark - STEM

- Asking students, "How can you figure this out?" instead of "What do you know?"
- Lots of community and University partnerships
- Numerous certifications for students
- Elementary students designing and creating the field day t-shirts

Presentation by Jim Rautiola, CCISD Superintendent - Bond Proposal and ISD Planning

- August 5th election (1.5 mil)

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes.

It is recommended by Secretary E Lancour that the submitted minutes of the Regular meeting of March 17, 2025, be approved. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the minutes for the March 17, 2025, Regular Meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval of checks written for the Month of March 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 March 2025 be approved as presented. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the checks written for the month of March 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

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Approval of the finance statement for the month of March 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 March 2025 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Jordan, to approve the finance statement for the month of March 2025. Discussion about the transfer in and out of grant funds. The motion unanimously carried.

Visitor Comments: 6 visitors (no comments)

New Business:

Superintendent Report: Chris Salani

1. Governance/Board
  - a. External Focus group next meeting on April 23rd
  - b. Committee meetings to be scheduled
  - c. Wellness committee on Wednesday, April 16th
2. Business and Finance
  - a. Bond, Debt Mileage timeline (Committee met April 18th, next meeting May 1st)
  - b. Lamers contract (contract for 25-26 locked in at 3% increase)
    - i. Potential offer of a 3-year contract with a 12% increase annually to cover the predicted 36% increase in costs
  - c. GSRP Update (grant continues, also a 3-year-old program as a possibility)
3. Instruction/ Personnel / Leadership
  - a. HS/MS Principal position posted (5 candidates, interviews in May)
  - b. MDE snow day waiver submitted for 3 days
  - c. April 17th half-day training at ISD
  - d. Unified BB game on May 2nd at 1 pm
4. Staff Relations
  - a. Staff Appreciation Week May 5-9
  - b. meeting schedule continues
5. Community Relations
  - a. Alumni All-school reunion

Principal Reports:

Karen Eddy (Barkell Elementary)

- a. M-STEP testing April 10- May 9
- b. The National Honor Society held an egg hunt with young 5s through 2nd graders on the 17th
- c. Y5-5th grade will attend "Janet's Planet" on May 7th at the Rozsa Center
- d. Field Day on May 30th (rain day June 2nd)
- e. Band concert May 16th
- f. Mackinaw Island May 22nd-23rd

Chris Salani (MS/HS)

- a. Thank you to all staff for their help with testing
- b. Thank you to Dean of Students Griffith, Assistant to Principal Johnson, and MTSS Coordinator Huffman (and all faculty and staff)
- c. Tuesday, May 6th, HCH-MS Spring Band Concert

- d. May Senior/Honor activities
  - i. May 5 Rotary Lunch
  - ii. May 13 Honors convocation
  - iii. May 16 seniors' last day
  - iv. May 21 rehearsal
  - v. May 23 picnic
  - vi. May 24 graduation
- e. Camp Nesbit 6th grade May 21-23

High School Student Council President's Report: Mallory Sporklaski

- a. Discussion continues about the phone ban
- b. Teacher Appreciation Week
  - i. possibility of a car wash

Athletic Director report: Ryan Towles

- a. Congratulations to the girls' BB on the district championship
- b. Thank you to the City of Hancock for assisting with directing Ariens' equipment testing to ready the driving park
- c. Thank you to Brian Nordmark for clearing the HCH track
- d. Accept resignations of coaches
- e. Ticketing and referee costs: Collaborate with local athletic directors
  - i. General \$5-\$7
  - ii. Students/Seniors \$3-\$4
  - iii. Family \$15-\$20
  - iv. continue Vets/Active duty military free
  - v. Annual HPS Family Pass \$150-\$175

Liaison Reports:

HPS Foundation:

- a. Meeting on Wednesday

DDA:

- a. everything continuing

Hancock Recreational Committee:

- a. no meeting

CCASB:

- a. The awards dinner was held on April 2nd
- b. Michael attended the School Showcase in Baraga last week
- c. Hancock will be the CCASB School Showcase next year

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towles to accept the resignation of Ward Helakoski, Varsity Basketball Coach. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to accept the resignation of Ward Helakoski, Varsity Basketball Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

2. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towles to accept the resignation of Pete Rouleau, Varsity Hockey Coach. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to accept the resignation of Pete Rouleau, Varsity Hockey Coach. Motion unanimously carried.
3. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towles to accept the resignation of Fred Jaehnig, MS Football Coach. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Jordan, to accept the resignation of Fred Jaehnig, MS Football Coach. Will be the head JV hockey coach. Motion unanimously carried.
4. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to adopt a resolution to support or disapprove the proposed ISD budget for the 2025-26. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Jordan, to adopt a resolution to support the proposed ISD budget for 2025-26. Roll call: M Lancour, yea; Klein, yea; E Lancour, yea; Ylitalo, yea; Jordan, yea; Paavola, yea; Paul, yea. Motion unanimously carried.
5. Discussion on scheduling upcoming committee meetings
  - a. Personnel: HEA dates for negotiations will be the first week of May
  - b. Facilities: will continue to meet
  - c. Finance: meet as a committee of the whole before the next regular board meeting
  - d. Policy: will meet to discuss NEOLA vs Thrun

#### Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Member Paavola and seconded by Member Paul to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour  
Board Secretary