

**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, June 16, 2025, at 6:01 p.m. President M Lancour called the meeting to order.

Present: Michael Lancour, Emilie Lancour, Catherine Jordan, Taylor Paul, and Rebecca Ylitalo

Absent: Charlie Klein, Rod Paavola

Recognition of Individuals:

- Congratulations to Sadie Biekkola and Brooke Koskela, WestPAC softball first team, Lucy Biekkola, WestPAC second team, and Sofie Freeman, honorable mention
- Congratulations to Ben Keranen and Ned Larsen, WestPAC baseball first team, Chase Keranen and Caleb Isaacson, WestPAC baseball second team, and Brayden Larson, honorable mention.

Agenda Items:

Routine Matters

Adoption of Agenda

It was recommended by Superintendent Salani that the submitted agenda be adopted as amended. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member E Lancour, to adopt the amended agenda. An additional action item added. 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 May 21, 2025, be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to adopt the minutes for the May 21, 2025, Committee of the Whole. 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 May 21, 2025, be adopted as presented. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Jordan, to adopt the minutes for the May 21, 2025, Regular Meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

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

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Approval of the finance statement for the month of May 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 May 2025 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member E Lancour, to approve the finance statement for the month of May 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

Visitor Comments: 3 visitors (no comments)

New Business:

Superintendent Report: Chris Salani

1. The school calendar is proposed and will be finalized with the signing of the HEA contract
 - a. tentatively September 2nd as the first day, and June 4, 2026, as the last day
2. Tomasi Road will be paved over the summer
3. The bus garage purchase is still in progress
4. The sidewalk construction continues on Elevation Street

Principal Reports:

Karen Eddy (Barkell Elementary)

- a. 28 students are registered for the Summer Learning program

Chris Salani (MS/HS)

- a. The cafeteria project will be complete next week
- b. 3 student workers will be cleaning this summer

Athletic Director report: Ryan Towles

- a. Multiple action items to follow.

Liaison Reports:

HPS Foundation:

- a. no report

DDA:

- a. Bridgefest and Juhannus Celebrations are taking place this month

Hancock Recreational Committee:

- a. no meeting

CCASB:

- a. no report

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the final revised 2024-25 budget. Moved by Member Ylitalo, seconded by Member E Lancour, to approve the final revised 2024-25 budget. Roll call: M Lancour, yea; E Lancour, yea; Ylitalo, yea; Jordan, yea; Paul, yea. Motion unanimously carried.
2. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the 2025-26 Budget and Levy District Millage. Moved by Member Ylitalo, seconded by Member Jordan, to approve the 2025-26 Budget and Levy District Millage.

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3. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of School State Aid. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of School State Aid. Roll call: M Lancour, yea; E Lancour, yea; Ylitalo, yea; Jordan, yea; Paul, yea. Motion unanimously carried.
4. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the 1-year contract with Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC for the district audit. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Jordan, to approve the 1-year contract with Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC for the district audit. Roll call: M Lancour, yea; E Lancour, yea; Ylitalo, yea; Jordan, yea; Paul, yea. Motion unanimously carried.
5. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the preliminary qualification application. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to approve the preliminary qualification application. This is the next step in the bond sequence. Motion unanimously carried.
6. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve granting the tenure to Jana Meckler, Music Teacher. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Paul, to approve granting the tenure to Jana Meckler, Music Teacher. Motion unanimously carried.
7. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towels to approve the MHSAA membership resolution for the 2025-26 school year. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the MHSAA membership resolution for the 2025-26 school year. This an annual requirement. There is no cost. Roll call: M Lancour, yea; E Lancour, yea; Ylitalo, yea; Jordan, yea; Paul, yea. Motion unanimously carried.
8. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towels to approve the promotion of Carsen Chynoweth to Varsity Girl's Basketball Coach. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the promotion of Carsen Chynoweth to Varsity Girl's Basketball Coach. He currently is the JV/Assitant Girls' Basketball Coach. Motion unanimously carried.
9. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towels to approve the hire of Kaydence Pizzi, Freshman Volleyball Coach. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Jordan, to approve the hire of Kaydence Pizzi, Freshman Volleyball Coach. She moved back to the area. Motion unanimously carried.
10. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towels to approve the hire of Marcus Sutherland, 7th grade Football Coach. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the hire of Marcus Sutherland, 7th grade Football Coach. Motion unanimously carried.
11. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the HEA contract pending HEA approval. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to approve the HEA contract pending HEA approval. There was a change in the step & lane schedule including longevity. It will be a 2 year contract. A Letter of Agreement regarding schedule B will also be included. Motion unanimously carried.

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Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Member Paul and seconded by Member Ylitalo to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm. The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour
Board Secretary