

**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, July 21, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. President M Lancour called the meeting to order.

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

Recognition of Individuals:

- Sadie Biekkola: All-State Honorable Mention, All-Region, All-District (pitcher)
- Brooke Koskela: All-State Honorable Mention, All-Region, All-District (catcher)
- Lucy Biekkola: All-Region, All-District (utility)
- Vaeda Brooks: All-Region, All-District (outfield)
- Sofie Freeman: All-Region, All-District (outfield)
- Romey Koskela: All-Region, All-District (second base)
- Emily L'Esperance: All-Region, All-District (designated player)
- Alice Larson: All-District (at-large)
- Mrs. Mollie Trewartha, HS-MS Principal

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

Approve the Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes.

It is recommended by Secretary E Lancour that the submitted minutes of the Budget Hearing meeting of June 16, 2025, be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to adopt the minutes for the Budget Hearing meeting of June 16, 2025. 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 June 16, 2025, be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Jordan, to adopt the minutes for the June 16, 2025, Regular Meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Special Meeting Minutes.

It is recommended by Secretary E Lancour that the submitted minutes of the Special meeting of June 16, 2025, be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to adopt the minutes for the Special meeting of June 16, 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

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

Visitor Comments: 3 visitors (no comments)

New Business:

Superintendent Report: Chris Salani

- a. Election timeline protocol discussion
- b. Discussion regarding the switch to Thrun from NEOLA for policy
- c. District email domain: @hancockps.org
- d. No update on state budget
- e. Teacher switches: J Johnson to 5th grade, C Bengé to MS Math and STEM, J Kero split Elem and MS PE
- f. HS/MS Industrial Tech position open
- g. District PD for teachers will be August 25th and 26th
- h. Alumni All-School Reunion Week
- i. Discussion around homeschool athletic language
- j. Interviews for head coaches this week

Athletic Director report: Ryan Towles

- a. fall schedules posted to hchbulldogs.com
- b. changing from BigTeams to Eventlink (url stays the same)
- c. Girls JV basketball coaching position posted

Liaison Reports:

HPS Foundation:

- a. meeting this week

DDA:

- a. Special meeting last week regarding the purchase of the building and parking area of the "bike shop"

Hancock Recreational Committee:

- a. discussion about a splash pad at Poorvo Park
- b. Discussion about leveling the dugouts at the ball fields
- c. A trail will be put in to connect the campground to the bike pump track to the Maasto Hiihto trails

CCASB:

- a. no meeting

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani that the dates and locations for regular board meetings be determined for the 2025-26 school year. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to hold board meetings at 5:30 pm on the third Thursday of the month at Hancock High School for the 2025-26 School Year. Motion unanimously carried.

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2. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the schools of choice resolution. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the Schools of Choice Resolution. Motion unanimously carried.
3. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the 2025-26 District Calendar. Moved by member Klein, supported by member Ylitalo, to approve the District Calendar. Motion unanimously carried.
4. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the Food Service Contract with Houghton-Portage Township Schools for the 2025-2026 school year. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the Food Service Contract with Houghton-Portage Township Schools for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion unanimously carried.
5. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve Mollie Trewartha, MS/HS principal, as a signatory at Superior National Bank. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve Mollie Trewartha, MS/HS principal, as a signatory at Superior National Bank. Motion unanimously carried.
6. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the Special School Election Resolution. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to approve the Special School Election Resolution. Roll call: M Lancour, yea; Klein, yea; E Lancour, yea; Ylitalo, yea; Jordan, yea; Paavola, yea; and Paul, yea. Motion unanimously carried.
7. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve granting tenure to Diana Langdon, Elementary Teacher. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Jordan, to approve granting tenure to Diana Langdon, Elementary Teacher. Motion unanimously carried.
8. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Tim Driscoll, PT HS Teacher. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the hire of Tim Driscoll, PT HS Teacher. He will most likely be teaching personal finance, business, and math classes. Motion unanimously carried.
9. Review the Policy Service Contract
 - a. Currently NEOLA
 - b. Consider Thrun (increase efficiency, more pertinent to Michigan school law, initial cost to transfer, but then equal costs, ISD and other local districts use Thrun)
10. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the Policy Service Contract. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to approve the Policy Service Contract to be provided by Thrun Law. Motion unanimously carried.
11. Review Home School Enrollment in District Athletic Participation
 - a. This language would allow students who are enrolled in at least one class to be considered for athletic eligibility

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12. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani that Homeschool/shared students be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics, provided they meet the eligibility requirements. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Ylitalo, Homeschool/shared students be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics, provided they meet the eligibility requirements. Motion unanimously carried.
13. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Jay Caserio, MS Math, Science, Social Studies, and HS Science teacher. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Klein, to approve the hire of Jay Caserio, MS Math, Science, Social Studies, and HS Science teacher. Motion unanimously carried.
14. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towels to accept the resignation of Travis Piettila, Head Baseball Coach. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Jordan, to accept the resignation of Travis Piettila, Head Baseball Coach. Motion unanimously carried.
15. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Luke Paul, HS Special Education Teacher and Head Baseball Coach. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the hire of Luke Paul, HS Special Education Teacher and Head Baseball Coach. Roll call: M Lancour, yea; Klein, yea; E Lancour, yea; Ylitalo, yea; Jordan, yea; and Paavola, yea. Member Paul abstained. Motion carried.

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Member Paul and seconded by Member Klein to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 pm. The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour
Board Secretary