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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, September 15, 2025 at 5:32 p.m. President M Lancour called the meeting to order.

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

Recognition of Individuals:

- Thank you to both Karen Eddy and Molly Trewartha for their work starting the school year.
- Thank you to Mr. Slocum & the Spirit Club, Hancock Downtown Businesses, and the Community for your support with Copper Bowl

Agenda Items:

Routine Matters

Adoption of Agenda

It is 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.

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes.

It is recommended by Secretary E Lancour that the submitted minutes of the Regular meeting of August 25, 2025, be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to adopt the minutes for the August 25, 2025, Regular Meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

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

Visitor Comments: 2 visitors (no comments)

New Business:

Superintendent Report: Chris Salani

- a. Once approved, the Anti-Bullying policy will be sent to MDE and the Post
- b. Total enrollment of 536 students
- c. Absentee Ballot for September 20th
- d. First "Town Hall" Thursday, October 9th

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- e. Wed Sept 17th: Half Day (Teacher professional Development)
- f. October 10th, Area Wide in-service day will be in-house
- g. Thank you to Trina B for the work on the Bond Flyer and FAQ work
- h. Appetgy Mobile Platform also offers website hosting

Principal Reports:

Mollie Trewartha (MS/HS)

- a. Successful back-to-school professional development
- b. held first-day assemblies with both the MS and the HS students
- c. Updated the cell phone policy: phones at lunch only (unless teacher directed)
- d. Launch of the Green Bandana Project to promote mental health awareness and peer support. A group of students will receive QPR training.

Karen Eddy (Elementary)

- a. Fall Benchmark assessments: The week of Sept 8th was reading (Acadience)
The week of Sept 22nd will be math and reading (Renaissance)
- b. GSRP preschool started Sept 8th
- c. Family Fall Fest on Sept 30th from 5:30-7
- d. Engineering Day is on October 3rd with the MTU Engineering Ambassadors Program

Athletic Director report: Ryan Towles

- a. Sports are fully staffed except for JV hockey
- b. Varsity football forfeited the week 2 game due to a lack of healthy players
- c. The CC Bulldog Invitational was held. Thank you to the coaches and volunteers.

Liaison Reports:

HPS Foundation:

- a. no meeting

DDA:

- a. The previous Coast to Coast building has been demolished, and a fence has been installed
- b. The Gemignani building received a grant for the facade
- c. The City will be placing Bulldog flyers on the announcement boards throughout town

Hancock Recreational Committee:

- a. This month's meeting was cancelled

CCASB:

- a. no meeting (will be this week)

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. Review/Discussion on the Great Lakes Recovery Center (GLRC) Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for 2005-26
2. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve/disapprove the contract with the GLRC/EAP Program. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to disapprove the contract with the GLRC/EAP Program for the 2025-26 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

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3. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the Bond Frequency Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet and mailer. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member E Lancour, to approve the Bond Frequency Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet and mailer. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Hearing - Anti-Bullying Policy 5207

1. Review/Discussion of Thrun Policy 5207 Anti-Bullying

Visitors' comments (2) none

4. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the resolution to adopt Policy 5207 Anti-bullying through Thrun. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member E Lancour, to approve the resolution to adopt Policy 5207 Anti-bullying through Thrun with the Education Program option included in section G. Roll call vote: M Lancour, yea; Klein, yea; E Lancour, yea; Ylitalo, yea; Jordan, yea; Paavola, yea. Motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment of Meeting

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

Emilie Lancour
Board Secretary