

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Regular Meeting
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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, October 20, 2025, at 5:33 p.m. President M Lancour called the meeting to order.

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

Recognition of Individuals:

- In honor of National Principals Month, thank you to both Karen Eddy and Molly Trewartha for your hard work and dedication.
- Congratulations to Emily Cavis, Becky Garnell, Matt Griffith, and Jenn Smith on their nomination for the State of Michigan Department of Education Teacher of the Year
- Congratulations to the Cross Country Team for being UP State Finals runner-up

Agenda Items:

Routine Matters

Adoption of Agenda

It is recommended by Superintendent Salani that the submitted agenda be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Paul, 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 September 15, 2025, be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to adopt the minutes for the September 15, 2025, Regular Meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

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

Visitor Comments: 5 visitors (no comments)

New Business:

Superintendent Report: Chris Salani

- a. State Budget Update: \$10,500 per student, Free Meal program remains intact
- b. November 12: Parent-Teacher conferences
- c. External Focus group met on Oct 2nd: reviewed bond documentation

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Principal Reports:

Mollie Trewartha (MS/HS)

- a. School Improvement continues
- b. Consistent classroom expectations within the MTSS framework
- c. The Green Bandana Project promotes mental health awareness and peer support. A group of 12 students will receive QPR training on the 20th.
- d. We have reviewed safety drills and also evacuation procedures with UP Health Systems
- e. National Honor Society induction will be on October 22. Thank you to Heather Murphy for her work with NHS.

Karen Eddy (Elementary)

- a. Family Fall Fest was held on Sept 30th with 250 people attending. Thank you to the PTO,
- b. Thank you to the Ripley and Hancock Fire Departments for the assemblies on October 7th
- c. New fitness club during morning recess: Joan Kero leading. Mondays are for Upper Elementary, Wednesdays are for Lower Elementary
- d. Student council has been established for grades 2-5 (Led by Joan Kero and Ellie Daavettila)
- e. The Elementary Robotics competition was on October 18th
- f. October 31st:
 - i. 5th-grade teamwork, engineering pumpkin project, and drop
 - ii. outdoor costume parade at 1 pm
 - iii. Allergy Friendly Truck or Treat 5 pm-7 pm in the Barkell Parking Lot

Athletic Director report: Ryan Towles

- a. Sports are fully staffed except for JV hockey
- b. Varsity football Senior Night last Friday (win against Westwood)
- c. We will host districts for Volleyball
- d. Putting the final touches on winter schedules

Liaison Reports:

HPS Foundation:

- a. The meeting will be this week

DDA:

- a. Focus on the Navy Street waterfront development

Hancock Recreational Committee:

- a. Did not meet this month

CCASB:

- a. Discussed the future of the group
- b. January 28th: round table discussion among area school boards
- c. The awards dinner in the spring will take place at the MUB
- d. We host the school showcase in April. Would like to involve the community.

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New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the snow removal/sanding bid with Ziemnick Excavating. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to approve the snow removal/sanding bid with Ziemnick Excavating. Motion unanimously carried.
2. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the student/parent handbook. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Jordan, to approve the student/parent handbook. Motion unanimously carried.
3. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the employee handbook. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the employee handbook. Motion unanimously carried.
4. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towels to approve the renewal of the winter coaches, Marcus Sutherland, JV head boys basketball coach, David Wanhala, boys basketball volunteer, Matt Marchel, hockey volunteer, and Kyle Hauswirth, associate head hockey coach. Moved by Member Ylitalo, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the renewal of winter coaches. Motion unanimously carried.
5. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towels to approve the hire of Vandan Jacques, JV girls basketball coach. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the hire of Vandan Jacques, JV girls basketball coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Member Paul and seconded by Member Paavola to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 pm. The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour
Board Secretary