

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RECORD OF MINUTES

No.12/15/2025

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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, December 15, 2025, at 5:31 p.m. President M Lancour called the meeting to order.

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

Recognition of Individuals:

- PTO Pancake Breakfast: Thank you to the PTO, athletic teams and volunteers for making the breakfast a success
- Thank you to Bob Hiltunen, Jan Meckler and staff for the work on the Christmas Concert
- Congratulations to Ethan Perreault - Fill, Alex Freeman and Nate Thompson on making the UP Honors Band
- Thank you to Heather Murphy for the help with the TV6 Can-a-thon
- Thank you to Jill, Patrick as well as Small Craft for the staff party
- Thank you to Jeff Hauswirth for help with the Military Care packages as well as his service to the district

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 Ylitalo, 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 November 17, 2025, be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Paavola, to adopt the minutes for the November 17, 2025, Regular Meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

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

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

Visitor Comments: 1 visitor (no comments)

Old or Unfinished Business:

Superintendent Report: Chris Salani

- a. The 31aa grant “opt in” was successful
- b. Principal Trewartha is actively recruiting mode for the MS/HS Social Studies and Shop positions
- c. Thank you to Laurel and Melissa for their work with 31 Backpacks
- d. Next External Focus group meeting is Dec 18th
- e. Social Media posts will continue (encourage sharing and comments)

Principal Reports:

Mollie Trewartha (MS/HS)

- a. Congratulations to the Vex Robotics team. We hosted the competition on Nov 22
- b. Congratulations to the MS/HS bands for a fabulous concert under the direction of Jana Meckler
- c. Thank you to Charlie Klein for setting up “Stop the Bleed” presentations for the 7th and 8th grade life skills classes
- d. Kristen Huffman’s Spanish 6 and 7 presented skits for classmates and parents
- e. The spirit club organized activities for the week before break
- f. The Interact Club has been actively Volunteering in the community including a site at the Hancock Light the Night and the Salvation Army
- g. The Green Bandana Club leaders hosted an information table on Tues/Thursdays in Dec
- h. 6th graders visited the Quincy Mine. Special Thank you to the Foundation for the support.
- i. Nearly 700 items were collected in the TV6 Can-a-thon. The 8th graders “won” the friendly competition.
- j. Teachers had PD on Dec 10th mostly focused on academic department meetings
- k. Exams will be Jan 21-23

Karen Eddy (Elementary)

- a. Teachers worked with their grade level partners during the PD on Dec 10th
- b. Staff and student surveys created by the school improvement team will be coming in January
- c. Barkell collected a record-breaking 1848 items for the TV6 Can-a-thon. Thank you to the student council, under the direction of Joan Kero and Ellie Daavetilla
- d. 450 people attended the annual PTO Pancake Breakfast. Thank you to the PTO, Hancock athletes, coaches, Superintendent Salani, teachers/staff, board members, parent volunteers and the community. A huge thank you to Keweenaw Co-op, KC Bonkers, Uncles, Pat’s IGA, 5th and Elm, McGann’s, Walmart, McDonalds, UPPCO, Dave’s BP, and Portage Tire for their generous donations.
- e. 2nd grade students are celebrating the holidays from other countries as well as family traditions.

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Athletic Director report: Ryan Towles

- a. The Head Football Coach position will be posted soon
- b. The Fall Sports Ceremony was held on the 8th
- c. We will host the 7th grade boys basketball tournament on Dec 15th and 16th
- d. Thanks to the Keweenaw Volleyball Club for the fundraising opportunities for the booster club in hosting the tournament at HCH on Dec 14th
- e. Winter schedules are up at hchbulldogs.com

Student Council President Report:

- a. none this month

Liaison Reports:

HPS Foundation:

- a. next meeting in January

DDA:

- a. meeting was postponed

Hancock Recreational Committee:

- a. no meeting this month

CCASB:

- a. no meeting this month

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to accept the resignation of Jeff Hauswirth, MS/HS Teacher, and Varsity Football Coach. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member E Lancour to accept the resignation of Jeff Hauswirth, MS/HS Teacher, and Varsity Football Coach. Motion unanimously carried.
2. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegation the sale of Hancock Public Schools 2026 School Building Site Bonds Series I or 2026 Refunding Bonds or 2026 School Building and Site (Series I) and Refunding Bonds. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegation the sale of Hancock Public Schools 2026 School Building Site Bonds Series I or 2026 Refunding Bonds or 2026 School Building and Site (Series I) and Refunding Bonds. Roll call vote: M Lancour, yea; Klein, absent; E Lancour, yea; Ylitalo, yea; Jordan, yea; Paul, yea; and Paavola, yea. Motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Member Paul and seconded by Member Jordan to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 pm. The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour
Board Secretary