

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RECORD OF MINUTES

No.3/16/2026

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.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Hancock Public Schools was held in the boardroom on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 5:32 p.m., President M Lancour called the meeting to order.

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

Absent: Rebecca Ylitalo

Recognition of Individuals:

- AIAM Recognition for Peggy Meyers
- Bulldog artists in the spotlight
- Elementary and Middle School VEX Robotics teams
- Unified ESports Team
- Elementary and middle school administrators, faculty and staff - reading month and middle school month

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 Jordan, 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 February 16, 2026, be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Klein, to adopt the minutes for the February 16, 2026, Regular Meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval of checks written for the Month of February 2026.

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 February 2026 be approved as presented. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Klein, to approve the checks written for the Month of February 2026. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval of the Finance Statement for February 2026

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 February 2026 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the checks written for the Month of February 2026. The motion unanimously carried.

Visitor Comments: 2 visitors (no comments)

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Old or Unfinished Business:

Superintendent Report: Chris Salani

- a. External Focus Group met on March 12th - positive feedback about our "Construction, Building and Manufacturing Systems (CBM) program
- b. email domains changing over spring break - csalani@hancockps.org
- c. 61v Grant proposal has been submitted
- d. The wellness committee met on March 11th
- e. April is testing month throughout the district
- f. 27i Educator Compensation Program: a one-time payment will be made to staff and faculty on the Friday before Spring Break
- g. Prepping for the April 29th CCASB Showcase of Excellence Night

Principal Reports:

Mollie Trewartha (MS/HS)

- a. 7th grade student - Cathy Farrell earned 3rd place in the Regional Spelling Bee on Feb 20th
- b. The Aerospace Industry Association of Michigan visited the 8th-grade drone class on Feb 24th. Peggy Meyers was featured on the Facebook page "Women Who Soar".
- c. The concert band performed on Feb 26th and will have a second performance on March 18th
- d. MSU Science Theater presented to the middle school on March 6th
- e. Thank you to Mrs. Meyer and the MS student council for their work planning Middle School Month
- f. Freshman Alex Svandize and Perrin Nordmark competed in the state championship for Vex V5 Robotics.
- g. We are excited to partner with Special Olympics through the United eSports Program. Thank you to Mr. Kangas
- h. Mr. Kangas took his PRIME students to GatorBar on Mar 11th
- i. Our students have been volunteering at Copper Dog, the elementary school, and the elementary school Booster Club basketball tournament
- j. The School Improvement Team met to review surveys on Feb 27th
- k. Leanne Laakonen and Michele Serafin led one of the sessions during the teacher in-service day on Mar 11th
- l. Spring Break is from the 23rd through the 27th
- m. Graduation will be May 23rd (31 of the 40 students will graduate with honors)

Karen Eddy (Elementary)

- a. The Barkell team has been working with the CCISD and Heidi Knuttila regarding MTSS/PBIS and Literacy
- b. The team also discussed the results from the survey (80 families)
- c. March 11th, Becky Garnell and Kellie Jackson presented to the staff
- d. The first Finance Night was held on Feb 26th. Thank you to the PTO for coordinating and assisting in this event
- e. March 6th was an assembly by MTU about science
- f. Reading month, coordinated by Kristy Heinonen and Erin Carlson with the help of the student council and many staff members, is underway. 210 people attended Family Literacy Night on the 12th
- g. Kindergarten and young 5's registration is on April 9th from 8:30 am - 5 pm (WUPHD will be conducting vision and hearing assessments)

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Athletic Director report: Ryan Towles

- a. Head FB coach interviews are over
- b. Spring schedules are done and need to be published
- c. Hancock athletics will continue to be Class C for 2026-27

Student Council President Report:

- a. None this month

Liaison Reports:

HPS Foundation:

- a. no meeting

DDA:

- a. no meeting

Hancock Recreational Committee:

- a. Disc Golf update
- b. The Splash project is on hold due to funding
- c. playground equipment will be installed at the camp ground, beach and Lauren Grove
- d. discussion about the baseball dugouts
- e. Campground trail will connect to the Massto Hiito
- f. The city mileage of .8 mils (renewal) will be on the ballot

CCASB:

- a. April 19th will be the CCASB Showcase of Excellence. All communities will be invited

Presentation by the CCISD Superintendent/CTE

- a. A mileage renewal of .9797 mils will be on the ballot in May. These funds support tuition payments for students to attend the CTE programs

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the Issuance of the Bond Resolution. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Jordal, to approve the Issuance of the Bond Resolution. M Lancour, yea; E Lancour, yea; Jordan, yea; Paul, yea; Klein, yea: and Paavola, yea. Motion unanimously carried.
2. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towles and the hiring committee, to approve the hire of Brendan LeClair Head Varsity Football Coach. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the hire of Brendan LeClair Head Varsity Football Coach. Motion unanimously carried.
3. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the 5th grade trip to Mackinac Island. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Jordan, to approve the 5th grade trip to Mackinac Island. Motion unanimously carried.

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4. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the 6th grade trip to Camp Nesbit. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the 6th grade trip to Camp Nesbit. Motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Klein, to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour
Board Secretary