

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

RECORD OF MINUTES

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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, June 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., President M Lancour called the meeting to order.

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

Absent: Catherine Jordan

Recognition of Individuals:

Congratulations to:

Division 1-2-3 Co-Assistant Coaches of the Year: Nels Paul and Alex Putman

Dream Team: Ben Keranen, junior

Division 1-2-3 first and second teams:

First Team - Ben Keranen, Infield, junior, Connor Helminen, Infield, sophomore, and Todd Kilpela, Outfield, senior.

Second Team - Caleb Isaacson, Utility, senior & Nate Thompson, Pitcher, freshman

Thank you to both the Food Service Staff for providing summer meals for families and the Custodial Staff for their grit and hard work on our buildings and grounds.

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 Paavola, to adopt the agenda as amended. Item 12 was removed because it had already been approved. The motion unanimously carried.

Adoption of the June 22, 2026, Budget Hearing Minutes

It is recommended by Secretary E Lancour that the submitted minutes of the Budget Hearing meeting of June 22, 2026, be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to adopt the minutes for the June 22, 2026, Budget Hearing Meeting. 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 22, 2026, be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to adopt the minutes for the June 22, 2026, Regular Meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

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

Visitor Comments: 5 visitors

Old or Unfinished Business:

Superintendent Report: Chris Salani

- a. The package 1 entryway construction is moving forward
- b. There is a 4% increase in the food service contract
- c. Jeff Klein will be in-house (no longer employed by the ISD), which will save money and allow us more control
- d. Chris has a call with the library attorney to get clarity on the costs involved with a library group and mileage language
- e. Prayers for Bob Hiltunen

Principal Reports:

- a. No report this month

Athletic Director report: Ryan Towles

- a. No report this month

Student Council President Report:

- a. Reports will continue in September

Liaison Reports:

- a. HPS Foundation: meeting will be on July 22
- b. Hancock Recreational Committee:
 - i. discussed a crosswalk between the campground and the trails
 - ii. A possible ADA-compliant cabin between the beach and the campground may be built by the CTE program in the spring of 2028
 - iii. The disc golf area should be complete soon
 - iv. The work on the campground trail has started
 - v. Discussion of all three ball fields to be top dressed
 - vi. HOCO showerheads will be replaced once the bids are received
- c. CCASB: no meeting
- d. DDA: No report from the meeting

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to determine the dates, time, and location of the regular board meetings for the year. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Klein, to approve regular board meetings for the year to be the third Monday of the month at 5:30 pm in the board room. Motion unanimously carried.
2. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the Schools of Choice Resolution for 2026-2027. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member E Lancour, to approve the Schools of Choice Resolution for 2026-2027. Motion unanimously carried.
3. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the 2026-2027 District Calendar. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the 2026-2027 District Calendar. Motion unanimously carried.
4. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the Food Service Contract with Houghton-Portage Township Schools for 2026-2027. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the Food Service Contract with Houghton-Portage Township Schools for 2026-2027. Motion unanimously carried.
5. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the High School Curriculum Guide. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to approve the High School Curriculum Guide. Motion unanimously carried.
6. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to terminate the Business Services Contract with the Copper Country Intermediate School District. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Klein, to terminate the Business Services Contract with the Copper Country Intermediate School District. Motion unanimously carried.
7. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Jeff Klein, Business Manager with Lake Linden - Hubbell Schools. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to approve the hire of Jeff Klein, Business Manager with Lake Linden - Hubbell Schools. This will save the district money and provide more time dedicated to the district. Member Paavola abstained. Motion carried.
8. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the appointment of Carsen Chynoweth, Apprentice Teacher through the Talent Together Program. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the appointment of Carsen Chynoweth, Apprentice Teacher through the Talent Together Program. Motion unanimously carried.
9. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Noah Nettell, part-time music teacher. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the hire of Noah Nettell, part-time music teacher. Motion unanimously carried.
10. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to accept the resignation of Marina Kero, MS Basketball Coach. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to accept the resignation of Marina Kero, MS Basketball Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

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11. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to accept the resignation of Vanden Jaques, JV Girls Basketball Coach. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to accept the resignation of Vanden Jaques, JV Girls Basketball Coach. Motion unanimously carried.
12. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the promotion of Nate Perrault to Assistant Varsity Football Coach. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Klein, to approve the promotion of Nate Perrault to Assistant Varsity Football Coach. Motion unanimously carried.
13. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Ben Tampas, JV Head and Varsity Assistant Football Coach. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the hire of Ben Tampas, JV Head and Varsity Assistant Football Coach. Motion unanimously carried.
14. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Connor LeClaire, JV Assistant Football Coach. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the hire of Connor LeClaire, JV Assistant Football Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Klein, to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 pm. The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour
Board Secretary