

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the District Board of the Hancock Public School District, Houghton County, State of Michigan.

Meeting open -Pledge of Allegiance.

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Hancock Public Schools was held in the boardroom on Monday, July 30, 2026, at 5:02 p.m. Board President M Lancour called the meeting to order.

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

Agenda Items:
Routine Matters

Adoption of Agenda

It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the submitted agenda to be adopted as presented. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Klein, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

Visitor Comments: 6

Ruth Gill expressed being encouraged by the meeting and is hopeful about following the City for a new district library. She is happy to work with the planning committee.

Sandi Marver is supportive as well. The library is a huge benefit to students.

Carolyn Decker is grateful to all. She is encouraged by the project's progress. She would like to nominate Ruth Gill to the planning committee.

Old or Unfinished business:

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve a resolution to participate with the City of Hancock to create a new District Library. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Klein, to approve a resolution to participate with the City of Hancock to create a new District Library. The Motion unanimously carried.
2. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to appoint three members to the library planning committee. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Paul, to appoint Emilie Lancour, Taylor Paul, and Carolyn Decker to the library planning committee. The Motion unanimously carried.
3. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve a resolution to retrain specialist library law attorney Anne Seurnyck for the Law Firm Fosters, Swift, Collins and Smith, P.C. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to approve a resolution to retrain specialist library law attorney Anne Seurnyck for the Law Firm Fosters, Swift, Collins and Smith, P.C. The Motion unanimously carried.

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4. It is recommended by Athletic Director Ryan Towles to approve the hire of Mason Wiitanen, MS Football Coach. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to approve the hire of Mason Wiitanen, MS Football Coach. The motion carried.
5. It is recommended by Athletic Director Ryan Towles to approve the hire of Abby Brooks, JV/Freshman Volleyball Coach. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member E Lancour, to approve the hire of Abby Brooks, JV/Freshman Volleyball Coach. The motion carried.

Adjournment of meeting.

It was moved by Member Ylitalo and seconded by Member Paul to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 pm.
The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour

Board Secretary