

**HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
3886 Van Buren Street  
June 12, 2025  
6:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Bolhuis, Chanski, DeWitt, Hall, Hemmes, Hooper

Administrators Present: Armstrong, Baer, Briggs, Crete, Fast, Geerling, Gillette, Heagle, Meersma, Stefanich, Szymanski, Taylor, Thomas, VanderJagt, VanSomeran, Verwys, Waldie

President Chanski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Hooper to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

**Board Recognition**

The board recognized the High School Boys Volleyball Team for capturing the 2025 Division 1 State Championship.

**Teaching and Learning Feature**

Mandy Thomas, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services/Special Education provided an update on the district's nursing program. Mental Health Therapists Alisah Kremer and Margaret Vos provided an update on the district's mental health therapy services. Their presentations included the reach of the programs and high-lighted specific school-community events.

**Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present**

No one requested to address the board.

**Action Items – Consent Agenda**

Motion Bolhuis, supported by Hall to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approval of Minutes
  - Regular Meeting – May 8, 2025
  - Work Session – May 19, 2025
  - Special Meeting – May 19, 2025
2. Trip Requests
  - Baldwin Street Middle School, East Coast Trip, June 7-13, 2026
  - Riley Street Middle School, East Coast Trip, June 6-12, 2025
3. Broadcast Journalism Educator/ Production Manager Job Description
4. 2025-2026 Michigan High School Athletic Association Membership Resolution
5. Arbitrage Rebate Program
6. Superintendent Contract

7. Presentation of Bills

The following is an analysis of the payments:

Payroll	\$6,318,805.00
Benefits	4,226.127.00
Accounts Payable	<u>1,069,322.00</u>
Total General Fund	\$11,614,264.00

Ayes: All

Motion Carried

**Grades 5-8 PBIS Lessons**

Motion by Hall, supported by DeWitt to approve the grades 5-8 PBIS lessons as presented by Mandy Thomas, Assistant Superintendent of Students Services and Special Education. Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

**Thrun Board Policy Recommendation**

Motion by Hall, supported by DeWitt to approve the Thurn Board Policies as presented by Dr. VanderJagt. These policies will go into effect on July 1, 2025. Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

**POOL Insurance Resolution**

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Hall to approve the POOL insurance resolution policy as presented by Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

**Human Resource Items**

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Hooper to approve the following certified hires as presented by Anne Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources:

Sarah Paul	
Position:	El Teacher, High School
Madelyn Heeres	
Position:	Social Worker, District
Anna Shoemaker	
Position:	Kindergarten Teacher (shared time), Hudsonville Christian
Steven St. John	
Position:	Science Teacher, High School
Brenna Bastien	
Position:	Resource Room Teacher, High School
Ethan Vales	
Position:	Art Teacher, Baldwin Street Middle School
Amy Usher	
Position:	Resource Room Teacher, High School
Noah Bachmann	
Position:	World Language Teacher, Baldwin Street Middle School
Grace Hudson	
Position:	Resource Room Teacher, The 5/6 Building @Georgetown
Matthew Ross	
Position:	Music Teacher, Riley Street Middle School

Emily Teal

Position: Counselor, The 5/6 Building @ Georgetown

**Administrator Retirement**

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Hooper to reluctantly approve the retirement of Forest Grove Principal John Gillette as presented by Dr. VanderJagt. Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

**Administrative Hire**

Motion by Hall, supported by Bolhuis to approve the recommendation by Dr. VanderJagt to approve the hire of Joe Syzmanski as Forest Grove Elementary Principal. Ayes-All  
Motion Carried

**Superintendent Report**

Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent, thanked the administrative team for supporting and challenging each other and for their care for students. He thanked the central office administrators for their work and thanked the board for their continued work. He reported that the State budget was just released and it appears that we will face challenges with School Aid Funding. He reported that he reached out to our local representatives with his concerns.

**Closed Session**

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Bolhuis to go into closed session at 6:59 to discuss the transportation agreement. Bolhuis-Aye, Chanski-Aye, DeWitt-Aye, Hall-Aye, Hemmes-Aye, Hooper-Aye  
Motion Carried

**Open Session**

Motion by Bolhuis, supported by Hooper to return to open session. Bolhuis-Aye, Chanski-Aye, DeWitt-Aye, Hall-Aye, Hemmes-Aye, Hooper-Aye  
Motion Carried

**Adjournment**

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Hall to adjourn 7:26 p.m. Ayes: All  
Motion Carried

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education