HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
3886 Van Buren Street
July 23, 2026
6:00 P.M.

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

Administrators Present: Armstrong, Briggs, VanderJagt

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda
Motion by Sneden, supported by Bolhuis to approve the agenda as presented along with additional addendum items. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present
No one requested to address the board.

Action Items – Consent Agenda
Motion Hooper, supported by DeWitt to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approval of Minutes
   - Budget Hearing/Work Session – June 22, 2026

2. Trip Request – High School Cross Country, Fort Wayne, IN, September 11-12, 2026

3. Administrator Contract Renewals

TBD	Asst. Supt. of Business & Finance	1 year
Ami Taylor	Asst. Supt. of Curriculum and Instruction	3 years
Anne Armstrong	Asst. Supt. of Human Resources	3 years
Amanda Thomas	Asst. Supt. Of Spec. Services/Spec. Ed.	3 years
Jordan Beel	High School Principal	2 years
Nate Allen	Assistant High School Principal	2 years
Delia Bush	Assistant High School Principal	2 years
Joe Kessel	Assistant High School Principal	2 years
Joel Olson	Assistant High School Principal	2 years
Ben Farkas	High School Athletic Director	2 years
Casey Glass	Assistant High School Athletic Director	2 years
Josh Magley	Riley Street Middle School Athletic Facilitator	2 years
Jon VanSlyke	Baldwin Street Middle School Athletic Facilitator	2 years
Ryan Crete	Baldwin Middle School Principal	2 years
Clint McDowell	Baldwin Middle School Asst. Principal	2 years
Matt Baer	Riley Street Middle School Principal	2 years
Gabe Buzinski	Riley Street Middle School Asst. Principal	2 years
Melanie McClure	5/6 Building @ Georgetown Principal	2 years
Tracy Horodyski	5/6 Building @ Georgetown Asst. Principal	2 years
Heidi Mucha	Alward Elementary Principal	2 years
Josh Meersma	Bauer Elementary Principal	2 years
Joe Szymanski	Forest Grove Elementary Principal	2 years
Randy Waldie	Georgetown Elementary Principal	2 years
Peter Geerling	Jamestown Lower Elementary Principal	2 years
Jeremy Verwys	Jamestown Upper Elementary Principal	2 years
MacKenzie Stefanich	Park Elementary Principal	2 years
Mark Heagle	South Elementary Principal	2 years
Rebecca VanSomeren	Early Childhood Director	2 years
Melissa Bernard	Student Services Coordinator	2 years
Tricia Maday	Principal/ECC Director	2 years

4. Salary Schedules

5. Superintendent Salary Schedule

6. Teacher Tenure Status
The following staff have reached tenure status:

Broersma, Krystyn	Gonzalez, Lexie	Komejan, Danielle	Schwerin, Katelyn
Brunner, Alexandra	Goodyke, Danielle	Kornelis, Sara	Sigler, Casey
Cain, McKenzie	Handelsman, Jesse	Lockhart, Logan	Skinner, Arielle
Coleman, Jillian	Herson, Stacia	Lopez, Joy	Standish, Erin
Conely, Avery	Hinton, Tyler	Martin, Kayla	Stille, Kalyica
Custer, Abigail	Kastelz, Jessica	Nelson, Adam	VanHouten, Jennifer
DeBlaay, Lindsey	Kempker, Hannah	Reynolds, Angela	Wierenga, Eliza
Dekker, Katrina	Koella, Loren	Schwalm, Jonathan	Zimmerman, Jonah

7. Presentation of Bills
The following is an analysis of the payments:

Payroll	$4,581,458,28
Benefits	2,770,494,.63
Accounts Payable	272,006.84
Total General Fund	$7,893,959.75

Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Board Meeting Schedule for 2026-2027
Motion by Hall, supported by Hooper to set regular Board of Education meetings for the 2026-2027 school year to the second Thursday of the month and the work sessions for the fourth Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. unless indicated on the schedule below.

Date	Type of Meeting	Time
August 14	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
August 25	Work Session	5:00 p.m.
September 11	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
September 22	Work Session	5:00 p.m.
October 9	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
October 27	Work Session	5:00 p.m.
November 13	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
November 24	Work Session	5:00 p.m.
December 11	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
January 8	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
January 26	Work Session	5:00 p.m.
February 12	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
February 23	Work Session	5:00 p.m.
March 12	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
March 23	Work Session	5:00 p.m.
* April 16	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
April 27	Work Session	5:00 p.m.
May 14	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
* May 18	Work Session	5:00 p.m.
June 11	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
June 22	Budget Hearing & Work Session	5:00 p.m.
July 23	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.

Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Bank Depositories for 2026-2027
Motion by Sneden, supported by DeWitt that Hudsonville Public Schools use the following financial institutions for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Bank of New York Mellon
- Chase Bank
- Fifth Third Bank
- Huntington Bank
- Lake Michigan Credit Union
- Macatawa Bank
- Michigan Liquid Asset Fund/PFM Asset Management
- West Michigan Community Bank

Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Legal Firms for 2026-2027
Motion by Sneden, supported by Hooper that Hudsonville Public Schools use the following legal firms for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Miller Johnson
- Thrun Law Firm, P.C
- Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hampton, Truex & Morley, PC
- Law Offices of Dennis Pollard PC
- Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone, PLC

Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Ottawa Area School Board Appointment
Motion by Hemmes, supported by Bolhuis to appoint Chanski to represent Hudsonville Public Schools at the Ottawa Area School Board Associations' Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 school year and appoint DeWitt as alternative. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Administration Appointment to Professional Development Committee
Motion by Sneden, supported by Hall to appoint Ami Taylor and Matt Baer to be administrators on the Professional Development Committee for 2026-2027. (The Master Agreement requires the Board to annually appoint two (2) administrative representatives to the Professional Development Committee.) Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Interim Superintendent Designation for 2026-2027
Motion by Hall, supported by Hooper to appoint the Anne Armstrong to serve as the interim superintendent in the event of Dr. VanderJagt's absence. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Professional Memberships
Motion by Hall, supported by Bolhuis to approve professional memberships with Michigan Association of School Boards and the Ottawa Area Intermediate Association of School Boards. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

School Bond Loan Application
Motion by Sneden, supported by DeWitt to approve a School Bond Loan Application for Debt Retirement as presented by Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Election Resolution
Motion by DeWitt, supported by Hall that the board approve the Election Resolution for an Operating Millage Renewal Proposal and a Sinking Fund Millage Renewal Proposal for the November 3, 2026 ballot as presented by Dr. VanderJagt. Bolhuis-Aye, Chanski-Aye, DeWitt-Aye, Hall-Aye, Hemmes-Aye, Hooper-Aye, Sneden-Aye
Motion Carried

Board Policy Revisions
Motion by Bolhuis, supported by Sneden that the board revisions to the following policy as recommended by the board policy committee and presented by Dr. VanderJagt:

- 5209 Student Use of Wireless Communications Devices
- 5409 Academic Credits and Graduation
- 5411 Student Promotion, Retention, and Placement

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:

Casey Gossman
Position: Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Bauer Elementary

Jessica Kampoy
Position: 3rd Grade Teacher, South Elementary

Megan Kramer
Position: Guidance Counselor, Riley Street Middle School

Amanda McElroy
Position: .54 Music Specials Teacher, Forest Grove Elementary

Hannah Meade
Position: School Psychologist, District

Allyson Prince
Position: 4th Grade Teacher, Forest Grove Elementary

Lauren Rice
Position: ASD Teacher, Bauer Elementary

Elizabeth VanderLugt
Position: .54 STEAM Specials Teacher, Forest Grove Elementary

Jim Walsh
Position: Music Teacher/Asst Marching Band Director, High School

Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Certified Administrator Change Recommendations
Motion by Sneden, supported by Hall to approve the following administrator changes as presented by Dr. VanderJagt:

Tracy Horodyski as MTSS Coordinator
Marc Arnoys as Assistant Principal at the 5/6 Building

Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Administrative Hire
Motion by Sneden supported by Hall to approve the recommendation to hire Mark Mesbergen as Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance as presented by Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Administrator Contract Renewals Revised Recommendation
Motion by Hemmes, supported by Bolhuis to approve revised Administrator Contract Renewal list as presented by Dr. VanderJagt. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

SOAR V Update
Cabinet members provided an update on SOAR V goals that have been met or are in progress in the areas of Curriculum, Human Services, Special Services, Finance & Operations, and Co-Curricular.

SOAR VI Update
Dr. VanderJagt presented an update on the progress of the Spring SOAR VI survey results, which cover students, staff, and parent/community members. Two of the three reports have already been distributed to the board, and the remaining report will be shared this coming Monday.

Pole Vault Pit Equipment Purchase Recommendation
Patrick Briggs shared a recommendation for pole vault pit replacement equipment to be used at the Baldwin Street Athletic Complex. This recommendation will come before the board for approval at a future meeting.

Dashboard Portrait
Dr. VanderJagt shared the District's Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and Academic Portrait for the 2025-2026 school year. These reports will be reviewed in more detail at a fall work session of the board.

Board Policy Revisions
On behalf of the board policy committee shared the additions/revisions to the following board policies:

2202 – Authority to Enter into Contracts
2406 Board Officers Duties
2501 Meetings
3102 Smoking Tobacco Products Drugs and Alcohol
3108 Service Animals
3115 Non-Discrimination, Anti-Harassment, and non-Retaliation
3115E Grievance Procedure and Remedies
3115H Training Requirement and Policy Notice
3301A Purchasing and Procurement with Federal Funds
3303 Gifts and Donations
3304 Use of District Property
3306 Construction Bidding
3402 Drills Plans and Reports
3407 Asbestos Management
3410 Opioid Antagonist
4101 Non-Discrimination
4104 Employment Complaint Procedure for Allegations Implicating Civil Rights
4113 Michigan Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA)
4201 Employee Ethics and Standards
4209 Abortion Referrals and Assistance
4210 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Tobacco Product Restrictions
4216 Personal Communications Devices
4508 Administrator Non-Renewal
4602 Hiring
5507 Extracurricular Activities
5710 Student Suicide Prevention
5710A Student Identification Cards
5714 Threat Assessment and Response

Trip Requests
Dr. VanderJagt reviewed East Coast Trip Requests from Baldwin and Riley Street Middle Schools for June of 2027.

Bond Development
Dr. VanderJagt shared that the bond steering committee convened on Wednesday and will continue to hold bi-weekly meetings through November. The group intends to celebrate and promote the history of the district's accomplishments over the past several years. Additionally, the committee will formulate a recommendation for the board concerning a potential ballot item for the May 2027 election.

Superintendent Report
Dr. VanderJagt shared an invitation with the board for a retirement celebration for Patrick Briggs. An open house will be held at the High School on August 24 from 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. celebrating his years of service. Dr. VanderJagt invited the board to the welcome back celebration on August 24 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment
Motion by Sneden supported by DeWitt to adjourn 7:50 p.m. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education