

**HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES
3886 Van Buren Street
September 21, 2026
5:00 a.m.**

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

Administrators Present: Allen, Armstrong, Mesbergen, Taylor, Thomas, VanderJagt, VanSomerén

President Chanski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bolhuis, supported by Hemmes, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present

No one requested to address the board.

Trip Request – High School, Europe, June 13-26, 2026

Dr. VanderJagt reviewed a trip request from the High School to travel to Europe on June 13-26, 2028.

Riley Street Middle School East Coast Trip Dates

Dr. VanderJagt noted that the dates submitted on the approved trip request for the Riley Street Middle School East Coast trip were slightly off. They will be traveling June 12-18, 2027.

31aa Funding

Dr. VanderJagt and Rebecca VanSomerén, State/Federal Grant Coordinator, provided a summary of the Section 31aa school aid funding program. The grant application is split into two operational parts: (1) School Safety focuses entirely on improving security, staff readiness, and physical facility hardware; (2) Mental Health provides students with mental, behavioral, and clinical health services. It supports hiring psychologists, social workers, and counselors.

Pool Scoreboard

Dr. VanderJagt notified the board that, due to recurring failures over the last few years, the central processing unit and pool scoreboard need to be replaced. Bids for replacement close on October 2. Dr. VanderJagt would like to bring the bid recommendations to the board at the October regular meeting and then for approval at the October work session. This timeline would allow the work to be completed during spring break when the pool is closed.

Portable Classrooms

Dr. VanderJagt reported the district has four portable classrooms on the Park Elementary property that are no longer being used. We are looking into removal options. Depending on the cost for removal and landscaping repair, this may need to come to the board for approval.

Tenure State Update

At the upcoming October regular meeting, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Anne Armstrong will recommend six staff members for tenure approval due to changes in the tenure act.

Assessment Data

Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed M-Step, PSAT, and SAT data compared to like district peers, the Ottawa County ISD, and all districts in the State of Michigan. Mrs. Taylor and Nate Allen, Assistant High School Principal, reviewed AP data, courses offered, and testing scores.

Adjournment

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Sneden, to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education