HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES
3886 Van Buren Street
October 26. 2026
5:00 a.m.

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

Administrators Present: Armstrong, Mesbergen, Olson, Taylor, Thomas, VanderJagt

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda
Motion by Bolhuis, supported by Hooper, 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.

9th Grade Reproductive Health Curriculum Update
High School Assistant Principal Joel Olson and Teacher Meg Bonnema reviewed the recommended proposal to update the 9th Grade Reproductive Health curriculum. These updates include sexting, trafficking, and Sextortion.

2025 Youth Assessment Survey (YAS) Data
Stacey Sills, OAISD Health and Student Success Consultant, presented the 2025 YAS survey results. The survey participants include 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students from Hudsonville and participating districts in Ottawa County. The survey provided valuable insights into youth behaviors, attitudes, and experiences, helping staff develop targeted prevention programs and support services for students.

2026 Audit Presentation
Joel Korson and Sydney Herioux from Maner Costerisan reviewed the audit reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026. They reported no findings, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses.

2027 Refunding Bonds Resolution
A resolution was reviewed to authorize the issuance and delegate the sale of refunding bonds for the year 2027.

31aa Funding Resolution
Dr. VanderJagt presented a resolution to opt in for 31aa funding for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. This grant would provide up to $73.35 per pupil for improved student mental health services and up to $147.06 per pupil for improvements to student safety.

SOAR VI Goals
A draft of the SOAR VI goals was reviewed. Dr. VanderJagt requested that the board provide feedback so the goals can be revised and discussed again during the November work session.

Data Portraits Review
Ami Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed 2025-2026 end-of-year academic strengths, priority growth areas, and focus areas. She also reviewed professional learning and instructional coaching findings, additional strengths, and focus areas.

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Mandy Thomas, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Special Education, reviewed 2025-2026 end-of-year Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and District Continuous Improvement Team (MTSS-B DCIT) key data points, the top 3 insights on the Human Restoration Project, and focus areas for 2026-2027.

Sidewalks
Dr. VanderJagt and Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance Mark Mesbergen have initiated discussions with Georgetown Township and Consumers Energy regarding plans for sidewalks around the Georgetown Campus. Consumers Energy is scheduled to replace power poles in the area soon, and the district wants all stakeholders to be informed about a potential future project for sidewalks on the busy campus.

Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs)
Dr. VanderJagt reviewed SGOs, which are part of the new federal Education Freedom Tax Credit program. This program would allow taxpayers to receive a federal tax credit of up to $1,700 for contributions to approved SGOs. These organizations would then provide scholarships to eligible K–12 students for educational expenses, potentially including tutoring, academic support, and other educational services. The Governor has not elected to sign onto this as of November.

Elevator Renovation Recommendation
Mark Mesbergen reported that the state has recently updated its building code regarding elevators. As a result of this change, the district is now required to install elevator door lock devices on three of its elevators. These devices will prevent the elevator from moving away from the landing when the doors are open.

Pool Scoreboard
Motion by Sneden, supported by Hooper to purchase a new pool scoreboard and scoring system at the competitive pool from Riegle Timing Consultants for $80,156. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Closed Session
Motion by DeWitt, supported by Sneden, to go into closed session to discuss property and negotiations at 7:07 p.m. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

Regular Session
Motion by Hall, supported by Sneden, to return to regular session at 7:47 p.m. Ayes: All
Motion Carried

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

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education

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