

**Hillsdale Community Schools  
Board of Education**

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
May 17, 2021**

**I. Call to Order**

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. – Zoom

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Recognition of Guests** - EMC presentations: Lauren Adams, Abigail Piske, Michael Masters and Sara Cornell

**Members Present**

Kelly LoPresto  
Eric Moore  
Rebecca Portteus  
Leslie Bennett – Granata  
Nicole Hoffman  
Kathy Petersen

**Members Absent**

Jim Bowen

**Administration Present**

Shawn Vondra, Superintendent  
Barbara Wheeler, DMS Principal  
Laura Call, Food Service Director  
Shelley Ellis, BECC Director  
Amy Goldsmith, HHS Principal  
David Pratt, Student Services / Athletic Director  
Jeremy LaFollette, Maintenance Director

**Guests:**

Lauren Adams	Abigail Piske	Jean Michael
Michael Masters	Sara Cornell	Clay Schiman
CJ Toncray	Laurie VanOrman	Patrick Flannery
Danielle Salisbury	Joanie Peck	Heather Coulter
James Halley	David Pratt	Liz Youngman

**IV. Consent Agenda**

Moved by Petersen supported by LoPresto to approve the consent agenda as presented:

A. Approval of Minutes -

April 19, 2021 – regular board meeting

Finance

B-1 Treasurer's Receipts

Treasurer's receipts for April 2021 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,161,350.36
Building & Site	\$ 2,880.59
Food Service	\$ 141,729.20

B-2 Bills Payable

Expenditures for April 2021 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,065,389.04
Building & Site	\$ (660.84)
Food Service	\$ 580,722.27

5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed.

Bills under Separate Action

General Fund

Arrow Swift ck# 104940	\$562.80
Arrow Swift ck# 104914	\$ 98.00

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain Motion passed

V. Communications

- A. Written: email from Laura Sheffer trap shooting team logo
- B. Public: Patrick Flannery – parent concern regarding quarantining, contact tracing  
Liz Youngman – concerns regarding recent masking update, vaccinated vs. non vaccinated

VI. Information & Proposals from Board, Superintendent & Staff

A. Committee Reports

- Building & Site 4/21
- Instruction & Assessment 4/22
- Policy 4/28 5/12

B. Superintendent's Report

- Susan Postle- intermittent FMLA through 4/5/2022
- Mary Piper- FMLA – 5/20-24
- Angel Moore – resignation 5/11 – HHS Secretary
- Tamra Bronson – GSRP Teacher – resignation year end
- Julie North –DMS School Success – resignation year end

VII. Old / New Business

A. Personnel

B. Board Affairs

1. Re-Confirmation of Extended COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan  
Moved by Bennett-Granata supported by Moore to reconfirm the District Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan to cooperate with and work with the Health Dept. – enforcing regulations and making recommendations as per the Health Dept.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

2. Re-Confirmation of Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan  
Moved by Bennett-Granata supported by Portteus to reconfirm the District Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan.  

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed
3. Cross Country Summer Camp Overnight Trip  
Moved by Petersen supported by Moore to approve the overnight cross country summer camp trip as presented.  

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed
4. Walmart PPE Donation  
Moved by Bennett-Granata supported by Portteus to accept 70,000 masks from Walmart with a value of \$4,900.00.  

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed
5. HCCF – Kellogg Youth Advisory Fund – Trap Shooting Club  
Moved by Portteus supported by Petersen to accept \$500.00 from HCCF – Kellogg Youth Advisory Fund for the Trap Shooting Club.  

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed
6. 2021 Tax Rate Request L-4029  
Moved by Petersen supported by Bennett-Granata to approve the 2021 Tax Rate Request L-4029 as presented.  

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed
7. HCISD Resolution Designating District’s Election Representative  
Moved by Bennett- Granata supported by Portteus to designate Jim Bowen and alternate Kelly LoPresto as voting delegates for the HCISD Election.  

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed
8. HCISD 2021-22 General Fund Operating Budget Resolution  
Moved by Bennett-Granata supported by Petersen to adopt the HCISD 2021-22 General Fund Operating Budget Resolution as presented.  

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed
9. New Elective Course – HHS Social Studies Curriculum  
Moved by Petersen supported by Moore to approve the new HHS elective course – History through Cinema.  

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed
10. Gier HVAC Upgrades  
Moved by Bennett-Granata supported by Petersen to approve the quote with Griffiths Mechanical in the amount of \$32,615.00 for Gier HVAC upgrades.  

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

11. Gier Emergency Notification System  
Moved by Petersen supported by LoPresto to approve the purchase of up to \$50,000 for the Gier Emergency Notification System.
- 6 Ayes          0 Nays          Motion passed
12. HHS Camera System  
Moved by Petersen supported by Moore to approve the quote with Presidio in the amount of \$44,400.90 for HHS cameras.
- 6 Ayes          0 Nays          Motion passed
13. Policy Updates – 1<sup>st</sup> reading – NO ACTION

#### VIII. Addenda

- A. Public Comment – Joanie Peck – Thank you to the Board, their hands are tied, staff appreciates the board

Barb Wheeler- Shout out to the students/ BPA Coaches – 28 students – district wide – top 10 in Nation, 14 HHS, 21 DMS. DMS performed better than any other school in MI. Kate Nolan – 8<sup>th</sup> grade – placed in two categories Great Accomplishment for all

Laurie VanOrman – Thank you, difficult year – Gier is having some fun: Penny Wars Raised over \$4,000 so far – silver is the key!

- B. Board Member Comment – Kathy Petersen has concerns going forward regarding masking/ not masking vaccinated / non-vaccinated – bullying, segregation, HIPAA: tied by state mandates.

Rebecca Portteus – Thank you to all – Admin/ Teachers – great job!

Shawn Vondra – Staff appreciates the Board! Respect the Board – great service to the community.

IX. Adjournment – President Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

James Bowen, Secretary  
Hillsdale Board of Education  
JMM 5/20/21

