

Hillsdale Community Schools Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING May 16, 2022

I. Call to Order

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. which was held in the library at Hillsdale High School.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Recognition of Guests – Early Middle College presentations: Samantha Nichols, Elizabeth Turner – zoom and Brenden Bayer – Board gave out certificates for completion.

Members Present

Nicole Hoffman
Kathy Petersen
Jim Bowen
Eric Moore
Kelly LoPresto
Leslie Bennett-Granata
Rebecca Portteus

Members Absent

none

Administration Present

Shawn Vondra, Superintendent
Amy Goldsmith, HHS Principal
Josh Perrin, Director of Innovative Learning
Jeremy LaFollette, Maintenance Director
Barbara Wheeler, DMS Principal
Laura Call, Food Service Director
David Pratt, HHS Student Services / Athletic Director
Laurie VanOrman – Gier Principal

Guests

Rebecca LaFollette	Joanie Peck	Jean Michael	Michael Masters
Jaminda Springer	Ginger Novak	Mrs. A. Helmah	Ralph Riley
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IV. Consent Agenda

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to approve the consent agenda as presented

A. Approval of Minutes -

April 18, 2022 – regular board meeting

Finance

B-1 Treasurer's Receipts

Treasurer's receipts for April 2022 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,411,383.98
Building & Site	\$ 4,974.83
Food Service	\$ 144,391.41
Activity	\$ 44,857.11

B-2 Bills Payable

Expenditures for April 2022 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,621,283.39
Building & Site	\$ 710.84
Food Service	\$ 113,720.67
Activity	\$ 36,471.85

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed.

V. Communications

- A. Written: None
- B. Public: Ralph Riley spoke about the EMC program- liked the idea of it and asked about funding

VI. Information & Proposals from Board, Superintendent & Staff

- A. Committee Reports
 - Personnel & Finance 5/5
 - Community Relations 5/11

Superintendent's Report

- School Board candidate filing deadline 7/26 5 pm – 2 positions open – Jan. 2023
- Jennifer Duff – Business education Teacher – HHS – resignation 6/3
- Brandi Clark – 5th grade teacher – resignation 6/3
- Amy Goldsmith – HHS Principal – retirement 7/1
- Summer food service – Kim Marquart – June/Aug Debra Miller - July
- Ad-hoc committee for Wellness Policy review – need to set up policy committee meeting
- HVAC Project update
- HHS Principal search process update
- HCS Job Fair Event

VII. Old/New Business

A. Personnel

- 1. Amy Ryman – GSRP Teacher
Moved by Bowen supported by LoPresto to hire Amy Ryman as a Great Start Readiness Program Teacher.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

- 2. Mikayla Miller – DMS Educational Assistant
Moved by Petersen supported by Bowen to hire Mikayla Miller as a six hour educational assistant.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

- 3. Amigo Ortiz – HHS JV Baseball Coach

Moved by Petersen supported by LoPresto to hire Amigo Ortiz as a HHS JV baseball coach.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

B. Board Affairs

1. Hillsdale Robotics Team Donation

Moved by Petersen supported by Bowen to accept \$100.00 from Bradley & Cathy Densmore to our Hornet Robotics team.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

2. Hillsdale Robotics Team Donation

Moved by Bowen supported by Petersen to accept a mill with a value of \$4,000.00 as a donation to our Hornet Robotics team.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

3. Hillsdale Robotics Team Donation

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to accept pizza with a value of \$267.50 as a donation to our Hornet Robotics team.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

4. HHS Athletic Booster Club Donation

Moved by Petersen supported by Bennett-Granata to accept \$10,123.40 from the HHS Athletic Booster Club for girls' basketball uniforms and track boards.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

5. CNB BPA Donation

Moved by Bowen supported by Portteus to accept \$4,250.00 from CNB for our BPA.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

6. MARSP Donation

Moved by Petersen supported by Bowen to accept art supplies with a value of \$589.44 from the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

7. 2022 Tax Rate Request - L-4029

Moved by Petersen supported by Bowen to approve the 2022 L-4029 as presented.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

8. HCISD General Fund Budget Resolution

Moved by Portteus supported by Petersen to disapprove the HCISD General Fund Budget Resolution as presented due to lack of information: broad categories/ other missing budgets.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

9. Athletico Athletic Training Service Agreement

Moved by Bowen supported by Petersen to approve the Athletico Athletic Service Agreement as presented.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

10. MHSAA 2022-2023 Membership Resolution

Moved by Petersen supported by Bennett-Granata to adopt the MHSAA 2022-2023 Membership Resolution as presented.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

11. Imagine Learning Subscription

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to approve the price quote with Imagine Learning in the amount of \$26,500.00 as presented.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

12. Student Risk Screening Scale Tool

Moved by Bennett-Granata supported by Portteus to authorize the use of the Student Risk Screening Scale Tool.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

VIII. Addenda

- A. Public Comment: Springer – handed out flyers regarding SEL – against all SEL screening in this school. She is a parent of an HHS student. SEL tool is liberal social engineering / inclusion agenda from MDE leading to a path of conformity. No screener can replace human interaction; urge you to vote against SEL screening at all.

Riley discussed SEL.

Novak - \$470,000 grant for 10 years – unending \$; No cost screener, they will want more. You all mean well (School Board) – what can become of the screener? Inviting outside elements into our children’s lives. If there are needs not being met – find another way- Hillsdale Co. needs to take care of Hillsdale Co. SEL screener is a bad decision – judgement to stop it if you can.

- B. Board Comment: Portteus – Teachers/ Admin. take care of the students (out of the box) – students will benefit from the screener tool – mental health

Bowen – HCS does not get any money from the SEL eval tool. Parents have a choice to take ISD services.

Bennett-Granata – SEL formal presentation – teachers refer and services are rendered if parents choose to have the services. These are concerns, not a diagnosis. Mental health has always been an issue, even more so after COVID. We want the resources available, parents can decline. The HCISD millage not passing is devastating as general fund pays so much of the special education budget.

Riley – Gov. and community – fallacy – Word to Wise – solutions that appear to be free – historically have Gov. objectives.

Springer – 31N grant already approved – screener is not needed? Vondra responded that HCISD allowed services this year temporarily – have to make progress – implementation of universal screener tool from here on out.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

James P. Bowen

Jim Bowen, Secretary
Hillsdale Board of Education
JMM 5/17/2022

