

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

RECORD OF MINUTES

No.12/16/2024

**Regular Meeting
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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District Board of the Hancock Public School District, Houghton County, State of Michigan.

Meeting open -Pledge of Allegiance.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Hancock Public Schools was held in the boardroom on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 5:33 p.m. Vice President M Lancour called the meeting to order.

Present: Michael Lancour, Taylor Paul, Emilie Lancour, and Rod Paavola

Absent: Charlie Klein, Catherine Jordan, and Wendy Chynoweth

Recognition of Individuals:

- Thank you to board member Wendy Chynoweth for your years of service to the District, Students, and School Community.
- Congratulations to Ethan Perrault-Fill and Corbin Eikinberry for performing with the Honor Band.
- Thank you to the PTO, volunteers, and staff for their work with the pancake breakfast.

Agenda Items:

Routine Matters

Adoption of Agenda

It was recommended by Superintendent Salani that the submitted agenda be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Paul, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes.

It is recommended by Secretary E Lancour that the submitted minutes of the Regular meeting of November 18, 2024, be approved. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the submitted minutes for the November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.

It is recommended by Secretary E Lancour to adopt the policy committee meeting minutes of December 2, 2024, be approved. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Paul, to adopt the policy committee meeting minutes of December 2, 2024. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval of checks written for the Month of November 2024.

It is recommended by the CCISD Assistant Business Manager, Jeff Klein, with concurrence by Board Treasurer Wendy Chynoweth, that the checks written for the month of November 2024 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the checks written for the month of November 2024. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval of the finance statement for the month of November 2024

It is recommended by the CCISD Assistant Business Manager, Jeff Klein, with concurrence by Board Treasurer Wendy Chynoweth, that the finance statement for the month of November 2024 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member M Lancour, to approve the finance statement for the month of November 2024. The motion unanimously carried.

Visitor Comments: 7 visitors

New Business:

Superintendent Report: Chris Salani

1. Governance/Board
 - a. Welcome to Student Body Council President - Mallory Sporalski
 - b. Recommend an Interim Principal Stipend
 - c. Both internal HS-MS Principal applicants have voluntarily withdrawn their applications
2. Business and Finance
 - a. Bond/Sinking Fund Update - Thrun is still working on debt milage RFP's
 - b. Bus garage official requests for offers Dec 16th deadline (City of Hancock request to table)
 - c. New district health coverage through Western MI Health Insurance BCBS "The Pool"
3. Instructional Leadership
 - a. Assistant to the Principal Schedule B position
 - b. CTE discussion- HCH as a CTE center
4. Staff Relations
 - a. Thank you to all who attended the Christmas party at Gino's
5. Community Relations
 - a. Modifications continue to signs
 - b. A light deflector will be installed on the streetlight at the corner of the entry and Elevation St.
 - c. Great job, Principal Eddy, and instructors Stadius, Hiltunen, and Meckler at the Barkell Christmas Concert
 - d. Thank you to 31 Backpacks - Big Pick up Dec 10th

Principal Reports:

Karen Eddy (Barkell Elementary)

- a. TV6 Can-a-thon (1755 items collected, most ever!)
- b. Christmas Program
 - i. Featured the music of Vince Guaraldi Trio from Peanuts Christmas Special
 - ii. Thanks to Bob Hiltunen, Rebekah Stadius, Jana Meckler, Karen Scholie, and accompanists Dr. Dan Fuhrmann, Dr. Corey MacDonald, and Nate Miller
- c. Pancake Breakfast
 - i. Served 448
 - ii. Thank you to PTO, Hancock hockey, basketball, and cross country teams and their coaches, Barkell teachers and staff, board members, parent volunteers and the community
 - iii. Thank you to the American Legion, McDonald's, Keweenaw Co-Op, Walmart, KC Bonkers and UPPCo for their donations

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- d. PTO Bulldog Shop will be open from the 18th through the 20th
- e. Kathy Bauer from the MSU Extension Office is doing nutrition lessons with the GRSP, young 5's, and kindergarten classes
- f. Second grade is traveling for "Holidays Around the World."
- g. Students are making Christmas cards for Portage Pointe, Mission Point, Canal View, and Lakeview Manor.
- h. Dec 11th Professional development focused on data from students, parents, and staff surveys.

Chris Salani (MS/HS)

- a. 6th-grade students attended Mind Trekkers on the afternoon of December 10th at MTU
- b. The Christmas concert is on December 17th
- c. The last day before the break will be Friday, December 20th

Athletic Director report: Ryan Towles

- a. Hosting the Copper Country 7th grade boys basketball tournament Dec 16th and 18th
- b. The MacInnes Holiday Hockey Tournament 12/27-28 at the SDC
- c. Boys Basketball JV team may need to be cut or adjusted game by game due to injuries and low numbers
- d. Hancock will host the Division 3 baseball district tournament
- e. A middle school volleyball coach will need to be hired for the late winter season

Liaison Reports:

HPS foundation: the meeting will be next month

DDA:

- a. In discussion with the City of Hancock, the requested sale of the bus garage will be tabled.

Hancock Recreational Committee: has not met

CCASB: no updates

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to accept the resignation/retirement of Doris Toutant, MS Paraprofessional Aide, at the close of the 24-25 school year. Thank you for your years of service! Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Paul, to accept the resignation/retirement of Doris Toutant, MS Paraprofessional Aide, at the close of the 24-25 school year. Motion unanimously carried.
2. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to accept the resignation of Kaydence Pizzi, GSRP Teacher. Her family is moving out of the area. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member Paavola, to accept the resignation of Kaydence Pizzi, GSRP Teacher. Motion unanimously carried.
3. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to accept the resignation of Taylor Pietila, MS ParaprofessionaI Aide. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member E Lancour, to accept the resignation of Taylor Pietala, MS Paraprofessional Aide. Motion unanimously carried.
4. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to accept receiving offers for the purchase of the bus garage. Moved by Member Paul, seconded by Member E Lancour, to table receiving offers for the purchase of the bus garage. Motion unanimously carried.

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5. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the first reading of the Fall 2024 NEOLA Policies. Thank you to John Vaara for his assistance. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the first reading of the Fall 2024 NEOLA Policies. Motion unanimously carried.
6. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the Assistant to the Principal Schedule B assignment. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Paul, to approve Jack Johnson for the Assistant to the Principal Schedule B assignment. Motion unanimously carried.
7. Review a request from the Extra Curricular Club for Girls Soccer Club
 - a. Emily Moore and Rayna Towles presented
 - b. The student government has approved the request
8. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the request from the Extra Curricular Club for a Girls' Soccer Club. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Paul, to approve the request from the Extra Curricular Club for a Girls' Soccer Club. Motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Member Paavola and seconded by Member E Lancour to adjourn the meeting at 6:11pm. The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour
Board Secretary

Principal's Report: December 16, 2024

- Pancake Breakfast held Saturday, December 7, 2024
 - Served 448, down about 120 from last year likely due to weather
 - Thank you to PTO, Hancock's hockey, basketball, and cross country teams and their coaches, Barkell teachers/staff, board members, parent volunteers, & community
 - Thank you to American Legion, McDonald's, Keweenaw Co-Op, Walmart, KC Bonkers, and UPPCO for donations of supplies
- Christmas Program held December 10, 2024
 - Featured the music of the Vince Guaraldi Trio- from Peanuts Christmas special
 - Thanks to Bob Hiltunen, Rebekah Stadius, Jana Meckler, Karen Scholie, and accompanists Dr. Dan Fuhrmann, Dr. Corey MacDonald, and Nate Miller
- PTO Bulldog Shop week of Dec. 18-20
- Collected 1,755 items for TV6 Canathon - most ever collected at Barkell!
- Kathy Bauer from MSU Extension Office doing nutrition lessons with GSRP Preschool, Young Fives, & Kindergarten classes
 - Visit each classroom 6 times, each lesson 45 minutes
 - Lessons typically involve reading a book, activity, and fun exercise
- Second grade students traveling in December for "Holidays Around the World"
 - Will learn about the holiday traditions of Mexico, Israel, Sweden, and Netherlands
- Students making Christmas cards for Portage Pointe, Mission Point, Canal View, and Lakeview Manor
- Professional development session on December 11- teachers analyzed & discussed data gathered through parent, student, and staff surveys that will be utilized when planning for implementation of MTSS/PBIS