

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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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, February 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. Vice President Klein called the meeting to order.

Present: Emilie Lancour, Rod Paavola, Charlie Klein, Catherine Jordan, and Rebecca Ylitalo

Absent: Michael Lacour and Taylor Paul

Recognition of Individuals:

- Thank you to the Barkell Nordic Ski Volunteers
- Congratulations to the first-semester honor roll students
- Thank you to the Interact Club for their Red Bell work over the Christmas Holiday and for the upcoming blood drive
- Thank you to the Spirit Committee, Student Council, and Faculty and Staff for all of their work and participation in Wing Ding
- Congratulations to the Spelling Bee winners: Spelling Bee Winners
6th Grade
 - 1) James Thompson
 - 2) Hunter Benson
 - Rudy Hammerstom
- 7th grade
 - 1) Viviana Paoli
 - 2) Cami Stromer
 - Alternate-Ryan Korpela
- 8th Grade
 - 1) Brielle Arceci
 - 2) Keila Young
 - Alternate-Lindy Hammerstrom
- Congratulations to the Solo and Ensemble Festival Participants. David Gabik, Ethan Perreault-Fill, Nate Thompson and Austin Goodall all received first ratings, and David and Ethan will advance to State!

Agenda Items:

Routine Matters

Adoption of Agenda

It was recommended by Superintendent Salani that the submitted agenda be adopted as presented. Moved by Member Jordan seconded by Member Paavola, 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 January 20, 2025, be approved. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Jordan, to approve the amended minutes for the January 20, 2025 Regular Meeting. Discussion to add more information regarding the election of officers and discussion points. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Emergency Meeting Minutes.

It is recommended by Secretary E Lancour that the submitted minutes of the Emergency Meeting of February 4, 2025, be approved. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to approve the minutes for the February 4, 2025 Emergency Meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

It is recommended by Secretary E Lancour that the submitted minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 12, 2025, be approved. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the February 12, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. The motion unanimously carried.

Approve the Special Meeting Minutes.

It is recommended by Secretary E Lancour that the submitted minutes of the Special Meeting of February 12, 2025, be approved. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Jordan, to approve the minutes for the February 12, 2025 Special Meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval of checks written for the Month of January 2025.

It is recommended by the CCISD Assistant Business Manager, Jeff Klein, with concurrence by Board Treasurer Ylitalo, that the checks written for the month of January 2025 be approved as presented. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Jordan, to approve the checks written for the month of January 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

Approval of the finance statement for the month of January 2025

It is recommended by the CCISD Assistant Business Manager, Jeff Klein, with concurrence by Board Treasurer Ylitalo, that the finance statement for the month of January 2025 be approved as presented. Moved by Member E Lancour, seconded by Member Paavola, to approve the finance statement for the month of January 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

Visitor Comments: 7 visitors

Marty Thompson

- Thank you for turning down the sign and wanting to help solve the problem.
- I heard there was a brief inservice about sports and behavior. I spoke with other parents, and we support this and encourage more.

New Business:

Superintendent Report: Chris Salani

1. Governance/Board

- a. The constituent group will have meeting three on March 12th
- b. Met with Sherriff Saarinen and Detective Klein about the "enhanced" district security initiative.
- c. CIA is inquiring with local districts about an athletic co-op

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- d. Pre-negotiations to begin in early March
- e. Count Day February 12th
 - Barkell: 259.06 (258.1 in Oct)
 - MS; 110.73 (108.4 in Oct)
 - HS: 187.82 (187.82 in Oct)
- 2. Business and Finance
 - a. Bond/Sinking fund: the RFPs to be received by Feb 28
 - b. Bus Garage Thrun is working on the Purchase Agreement
 - c. Lamers- Area Superintendents met on Monday, Feb 19th. Hancock, DB, and Calumet will meet tomorrow to discuss 'shareable' cost-cutting opportunities.
 - a. Exams this week
- 3. Instruction/ Personnel / Leadership
 - a. Will be hosting a 'Drone Soccer' Seminar/Presentation at HCH through the AIAM Foundation on March 6th
- 4. Staff Relations
 - a. meeting schedule continues
- 5. Community Relations
 - a. Donating a 60" 'UP" to MTU's Ski Chalet
 - b. The Bulldog Bite Radio show each Wednesday at 8:45 am

Principal Reports:

Karen Eddy (Barkell Elementary)

- a. Grades 1-5 cross country PE unit
 - i. thank you to PE instructor Lori Murphy, along with Wayne Stordahl and other volunteers from the Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club, for their expertise and assistance each week with classes
- b. The 5th grade spelling bee was held on January 29th
 - i. Congratulations to 1st place winner Elin Stromer and 2nd place winner Mallory Pietila
 - ii. Regional spelling bee held February 19th at LLH schools
- c. Kindergarten celebrated the 100th day of school today with lots of different activities
- d. Kindergarten/GSPR preschool registration is Tuesday, April 8th
 - i. Skills screener, smiles on wheel, hearing and vision screening
 - ii. Bulldog Bootcamp is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 25th
- e. March is Reading Month (animal theme)
 - i. each grade level will focus on a different habitat
 - ii. many activities are planned, including DEAR time, book raffle, and crab ball

Chris Salani (MS/HS)

- a. Clear water only during academic periods
- b. ELA * hosted JL Hyde, author
- c. MTU Marine Energy Group presented today
- d. The regional spelling bee will be on Feb 19th at LLH
- e. Trident Maritime student tour is scheduled for Feb 19th
- f. Virtual welding experience with Gary Gouin from Gogebic will be on Feb 21st
- g. March is Middle School month; the schedule will come out soon for activities

High School Student Council President Report: Mallory Sporalski

- a. no report

Athletic Director report: Ryan Towles

- a. no report

Liaison Reports:

HPS foundation:

- a. Thank you for approving the grant applications

DDA:

- a. no report

Hancock Recreational Committee:

- a. no report

CCASB:

- a. no report

New Business/Discussion/Action Items:

1. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the CCASB Award Recipients: Student Leadership Nominee - Mallory Sporalski, Employee Award - Karen Anderson, School Service Award - Marie Norman (UPHS ATC) and Leadership Award - Shelby Turnquist. Moved by Member Jordan, seconded by Member E Lancour, to approve the CCASB Award Recipients: Student Leadership Nominee - Mallory Sporalski, Employee Award - Karen Anderson, School Service Award - Marie Norman (UPHS ATC) and Leadership Award - Shelby Turnquist.
Mallory is the president of the HCH student council and displays outstanding leadership qualities. She is supported by her peers. She is also recommended by Dean of Students Matt Griffth. Karen Anderson always goes above and beyond for the school and the students. She leads the WIN groups. She is always helping out. Maria does all of the athletic training and scheduling. She is engaged 6 days a week with a smile on her face. She works with all of our student-athletes. Shelby is being recognized by the entire CCISD. She is a tireless worker for the area. She currently supports us, Houghton, and Lake Linden. The awards ceremony will be on April 2nd. Motion unanimously carried.
2. It is recommended by Superintendent Salani to approve the hire of Randy Heinonen, Assistant Softball Coach. Moved by Member Paavola, seconded by Member Jordan, to approve the hire of Randy Heinonen, Assistant Softball Coach. Randy started the softball program and has previously been a coach and volunteer. We welcome him back. Motion unanimously carried.

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3. It is recommended by Athletic Director Towles to approve the renewal of the Spring Athletic Coaches: Jen Smith, Varsity middle school track coach; Ryan Towles, track volunteer; Paul Sintkowski, golf coach; Travis Pietila, baseball coach; and Carson Chynoweth and Miranda Smith 5th/6th-grade basketball coaches. Moved by Member Klein, seconded by Member Ylitalo, to approve the renewal of Spring Athletic Coaches. Motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Member Paavola and seconded by Member Ylitalo to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm. The motion unanimously carried.

Emilie Lancour
Board Secretary