

MINUTES
HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 19, 2024

Members Present: Baltensperger, Christopherson, Foltz, Burns, Massaway, Salmi

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Administrators, Hill, Filpus, Klein, Scullion, Fay, Marcotte; Garrett Neese, Jason Evans

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Massaway called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

The Board received public comment.

3. Presentation

Anders Hill presented bond information.

4. Consent Agenda

Mr. Christopherson with support from Mr. Baltensperger moved that the Board approve the minutes of the July 15, 2024 regular meeting, the July 30, 2024 Board Work Session and August financial statements and bills in the amount of \$419,223.42. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Administrative Reports

Mrs. Scullion, Ms. Filpus and Mr. Klein reported on events occurring in their buildings. Mr. Fay gave an update on athletics. Mr. Hill gave a report on events occurring in the district.

6. MASB, MASA & CCASB Reports

There were no MASB, MASA, or CCASB reports.

7. Discussion/Action Items

1) Resolution to Accept the Resignation of Scott Leonard, HPTS Board Vice President

Mr. Foltz with support from Mr. Baltensperger moved that the Board accept the resignation of Scott Leonard, HPTS Board Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Resolution to Appoint HPTS Board of Education Vice President

Mr. Foltz with support from Mr. Salmi moved that the Board appoint Mr. Burns as the HPTS Board of Education Vice President. Motion carried unanimously with the exception of Mr. Burns who abstained.

3) Resolution to Appoint HPTS Board of Education Secretary

Mr. Foltz with support from Mr. Baltensperger moved that the Board appoint Mr. Salmi as the HPTS Board of Education Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Resolution to Appoint New Board Member

Mr. Salmi with support from Mr. Foltz moved that the Board appoint Julie Cischke as a HPTS Board Trustee. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Resolution to Continue Using WillSub

Mr. Foltz with support from Mr. Christopherson moved that the Board approve a resolution to continue using WillSub for the hiring of substitute teachers, food service workers and others as needed. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Resolution to accept the 2024-2025 Athletic, Employee, Elementary, Middle and High School Handbooks

Mr. Baltensperger with support from Mr. Christopherson moved that the Board accept the 2024-2025 Athletic, Employee, Elementary, Middle and High School Handbooks. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Resolution to Approve the Houghton High School Course Listing

Mr. Foltz with support from Mr. Burns moved that the Board approve the Houghton High School Course Listing. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Resolution to Hire New Teaching Personnel

Mr. Burns with support from Mr. Salmi moved that the Board approve the hiring of:

Terrie Delaere - ES Special Education Teacher

Motion carried unanimously.

9) Approval of Fall Athletic Coaches

Mr. Baltensperger with support from Mr. Christopherson moved that the Board approve the hiring of fall athletic coaches for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Resolution to Accept the Board Handbook

Mr. Baltensperger with support from Mr. Foltz moved that the Board accept the Board Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

11) Resolution to Accept Separation Agreement with Middle School Teacher

Mr. Christopherson with support from Mr. Salmi moved that the Board accept separation agreement with middle school teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

12) Resolution to Approve the July Policy Updates Recommended by Thrun

Mr. Salmi with support from Mr. Foltz moved to approve the July Policy updates recommended by Thrun. Motion carried unanimously.

13) Resolution to Continue Return to Learn and Continuity of Services Plan for the 2024-25 School Year

Mr. Foltz with support from Mr. Christopherson moved to continue return to learn and continuity of services plan for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

14) Round Table/Discussion

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Christopherson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Massaway adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Marcotte, Acting Secretary

Brent Burns, Board Secretary