

MINUTES
HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 15, 2026

Members Present: Burns, Cischke, Massaway, Salmi, Vertin

Members Absent: Baltensperger

Also Present: Administrators Hill, Klein, Filpus, Scullion, Marcotte,
Fay; Jason Evans, Ian Evans, Mike Massaway, Max Massaway,
Jason Mack, Jamie Mack, Gundlach Employees

The public hearing regarding the budget began at 5:15 p.m.. Mrs. Marcotte reviewed the 2025-2026 revised budget and the 2026-2027 proposed budget. There being no further business, Mrs. Massaway closed the public hearing at 5:27 p.m.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Call to Order

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

2. Presentation

Gundlach Champion gave Series 1 update of Elementary School renovations.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Consent Agenda

Mr. Salmi, with support from Mr. Burns moved that the Board approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026, regular Board meeting and the June financial statements and bills in the amount of \$ 277,904.70. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Administrative Reports

Mrs. Scullion, Ms. Filpus and Mr. Klein reported on events occurring in their buildings. Mr. Fay reported on activities in the Athletic Department. Mr. Hill reported on events occurring in the district and gave a series one update.

6. MASA, MASB, CCASB

There was no MASB report. Mr. Hill gave a MASA report. There was no CCASB report.

7. Discussion/Action Items

1) Annual Resolution Certifying Millage to be Spread

Mr. Burns with support from Mr. Salmi moved to levy and collect taxes during the 2026-2027 school year, equivalent to 16.9905 operating mills and 9.64 mills for debt retirement. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Resolution to Amend the 2025-2026 Budget

Mrs. Cischke with support from Mr. Burns moved that the Board approves amending the 2025-2026 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Resolution to Approve the 2026-2027 Budget

Mr. Salmi with support from Mrs. Vertin moved to approve the 2026-2027 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Membership Resolution

Mrs. Vertin with the support from Mrs. Cischke moved to approve the resolution to participate under the guidelines of MHSAA. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Resolution to approve "Limited Enrollment" School of Choice for 2026-2027 School Year

Mr. Burns with the support from Mr. Salmi moved to approve "Limit Enrollment" School of Choice for the 2026-2027 School Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Resolution to Approve Teacher Layoff

Mr. Burns with the support from Mr. Salami moved to approve the layoff of Scott Demske, Elementary school teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Resolution to Approve Transfer of Administrator to Teaching Position

Mr. Salami with the support from Mr. Burns moved to approve the transfer of an administrator to teaching position. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Resolution to Appoint New Board Member

Mrs. Vertin with the support from Mr. Salami moved to approve Kelly Raffaelli to be appointed as a new Board Member. Motion carried unanimously.

9) Negotiations Committee Member Discussion

Mr. Burns will replace Mr. Foltz on the committee.

10) Round Table/Discussion

8. Closed Session

Mr. Burns with support from Mrs. Vertin moved that the Board adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations and AFSME contract. Through a roll call vote, the motion passed with voting as follows: Ayes: Massaway, Salmi, Burns, Cischke, Vertin; Nays: none. The Board adjourned to executive session at 6:10 p.m. The Board returned to regular session at 6:20 p.m.

9. Discussion/Action Items (Continued)

11) Resolution to Approve AFSCME Union Contract Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year

Mr. Salmi with support from Mrs. Cischke moved to approve the ratification of the entire Master agreement reached between the HPTS District and the HPTS AFSCME union to be effective upon the date of the execution of the written contract by signatures of officials of both parties. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Massaway adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Marcotte, Acting Secretary

Mike Salmi, Board Secretary