

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Organizational Meeting
January 19, 2026 6:00 p.m.
Hopkins Elementary School

1. Call to order and roll

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Andrea Buist, President
- b. Roll Call –
 - Members present: Ian Gibson, Jessica Johnston, Andrea Buist, Stephanie Wilson, Traci Rhoades, Josh Lanser
 - Members absent: Karen Ryan

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of “Consent Agenda” Items: Inclusive motion to approve the following: (Please note: Any Board Member may request removal of any item(s) from the “Consent Agenda” and that said item(s) stand alone as an action item(s).

- a. Agenda
- b. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 15, 2025
- c. Personnel Report Report #26-001
- d. Authorization for payment of bills in the amount of \$187,916.41
- e. Organizational Items
 - 1. Approve Rotation and Election of Officers in Accordance with Bylaw Article 1B, Section 5
 - a. Stephanie Wilson, President (7th)
 - b. Traci Rhoades, Vice President (6th)
 - c. Karen Ryan, Treasurer (5th)
 - d. Jessica Johnston, Secretary (4th)
 - e. Ian Gibson, Trustee (3rd)
 - f. Andrea Buist, Trustee (2nd)
 - g. Josh Lanser, Trustee (1st)
 - 2. Approval of the Delegation of Election Duties to the Superintendent or Designee
 - 3. Approval of Professional Organizational Memberships
 - a. Allegan County School Boards Association
 - b. Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)
 - c. School Equity Caucus
 - 4. Approval of the 2026 Board Operating Procedures, which includes the Code of Ethics Report #26-002
 - 5. Approval of the Board Meeting Schedule for 2026 Report #26-003
 - 6. Approval of the Designation of Depositories for School Funds Report #26-004
 - 7. Approval of the Check Signature Authorizations Report #26-005
 - 8. Approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee as the person designated and responsible for posting notices of all regular, rescheduled, or special Board of Education meetings
 - 9. Approval of Annual Retainer Agreements for Professional Services Report #26-006
 - 10. Approval of Board Goals Report #26-007

Moved by Rhoades, supported by Johnston, to approve the Consent Agenda Items
Voice Vote: Motion carried

4. Hearings & Correspondence

- a. School Board Recognition Month
- b. Correspondence
- c. Recognition of Visitors

5. Organizational Items

- a. Review and Appointment of Board committees and representatives as prescribed by Bylaw Article 1b, Section 8 Report #26-008

6. Citizen’s Comments

The purpose of this Board of Education meeting, which is held in public, is to conduct the business of the Board and is not to be considered a public community meeting. Members of the audience who wish to make comments are asked to first state their name and address and to limit any comments to a maximum of five minutes. The Board will listen, take comments and questions under advisement, and not respond at this time. The presiding officer will refer questions to the superintendent for research and response. For a copy of Bylaw Article 1, Section 10H – Public Participation at Board Meetings, please see the Superintendent of Schools.

- None

7. Information/Discussion Item

- a. Student Council Report - not present
- b. Superintendent’s Report
- c. Administrator Reports
- d. Committee Reports

8. Action Items

- a. Motion by Buist, supported by Johnston, to approve the Board Committee and Representative Assignments. Report #25-008

Voice Vote: Motion carried

- b. Motion by Johnston, supported by Gibson, to adopt the Resolution calling for a Special Bond Election and Ballot Language for the May 5, 2026 election.

Roll Call Vote:

	Y	N	A*		Y	N	A*
Buist	X			Rhoades	X		
Gibson	X			Ryan			
Johnston	X			Wilson	X		
Lanser	X						

**A = Abstain*

Yes, 6; No, 0 Motion carried

- c. Motion by Buist, supported by Gibson, to approve the Hopkins High School Band Trip to Cleveland/Sandusky, Ohio - May 29-31, 2026

Voice Vote: Motion carried

9. Future Items for Consideration

- a. Other matters which may properly come before the Board
 - Heather Anderson - Kudos
 - Teacher emails to the Board
- b. Future Meeting/Important Dates
 - April 29, 2026 Outstanding People for Education Awards Banquet @ Allegan HS Conference Center

10. Adjournment

Moved by Lanser, supported by Johnston to approve adjourning the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Voice Vote: Motion carried