

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Organizational Meeting
January 20, 2025 6:00 p.m.
Hopkins Elementary School

1. Call to order and roll

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

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 Special Board Meeting on January 13, 2024
- c. Personnel Report Report #25-001
- d. Authorization for payment of bills in the amount of \$184,112.87
- e. Organizational Items
 - 1. Approve Rotation and Election of Officers in Accordance with Bylaw Article 1B, Section 5
 - a. Andrea Buist, President (7th)
 - b. Wilson, Stephanie, Vice President (6th)
 - c. Traci Rhoades, Treasurer (5th)
 - d. Roger Holtz, Secretary (4th)
 - e. Karen Ryan, Trustee (3rd)
 - f. Jessica Johnston, Trustee (2nd)
 - g. Ian Gibson, 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 2025 Board Operating Procedures which includes the Code of Ethics Report #25-002
 - 5. Approval of the Board Meeting Schedule for 2025 Report #25-003
 - 6. Approval of the Designation of Depositories for School Funds Report #25-004
 - 7. Approval of the Check Signature Authorizations Report #25-005
 - 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 #25-006
 - 10. Approval of Board Goals Report #25-007

Moved by Holtz, supported by Buist to approve the Consent Agenda Items
Voice Vote: Motion carried

4. Hearings & Correspondence

- a. Board Recognition
- 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 #25-008

6. Information/Discussion Item

- a. Student Council Report
- b. Superintendent's Report
- c. Administrator Reports
- d. Committee Reports

7. 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

8. Action Items

- a. Motion by Johnston, supported by Ryan to approve the Board Committee and Representative Assignments. Report #25-008
Voice Vote: Motion carried

9. Future Items for Consideration

- a. Other matters which may properly come before the Board
- b. Future Meeting/Important Dates
 - May 28, 2025 Outstanding People for Education Awards Banquet

10. Adjournment

Moved by Rhoades, supported by Johnston to approve adjourning meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Voice Vote: Motion carried