

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Meeting MINUTES

October 20, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Hopkins Elementary School

1. Call to order and roll

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Andrea Buist.
- b. Roll Call –
Members present: Karen Ryan, Roger Holtz, Andrea Buist,
Stephanie Wilson, Jessica Johnston, Ian Gibson

Members absent: Traci Rhoades

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 September 15, 2025
- c. Personnel Report Report #25-018
- d. Authorization for payment of bills in the amount of \$243,875.69

Moved by Ryan, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda Items

Voice Vote: Motion carried

4. Recognition & Correspondence

- a. Recognition of Visitors
 - National Principals Month
 - Presentation of HPS Audit 2024-2025 by Steve P. Piesko, CPA Maner Costerisan
- b. Correspondence
 - Thank you from Gun Lake Tribe - Facility use
 - Thank you from Cindy Lowman - Jr/Sr Business Econ

5. 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 first to state their name and address and to limit any comments to a maximum of five minutes. The Board will listen to comments and questions, take them under advisement, and refrain from responding 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.

- Nicole Marklevitz - Concerned parent, MS Teacher
- Rochelle Smit - State Representative, Concern over MS Teacher
- Chelsea Johnson - Trust in District. Would like to have a policy to rebuild trust regarding the discipline of MS teacher. Would like to see independent investigations to help rebuild trust. Would like to see rolling discipline.

6. Informational Items:

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

7. Action Items

- a. Moved by Gibson, supported by Wilson to approve the 2024-2025 HPS Audit by Steve P. Piesko, CPA as presented.
Voice Vote: Motion carried
- b. Moved by Johnston, supported by Gibson to approve adding a Michigan Merit Curriculum program for high school students.
Voice Vote: Motion carried
- c. Moved by Holtz, supported by Johnston to approve the Student Organization Grants in the amount of \$7,988.04
Voice Vote: Motion carried

8. Future Items for Consideration

- a. Other matters which may properly come before the Board
- b. Future Meeting Dates at 6pm:
 - November 17, 2025 Regular Meeting @ Sycamore Elementary School
 - December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - January 19, 2026 Regular/Organizational Meeting

9. Adjournment

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