

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Meeting

February 18, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Hopkins Elementary School

1. Call to order and roll

a. Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Andrea Buist, President

b. Roll Call – Members present: Karen Ryan, Traci Rhoades, Roger Holtz,
Andrea Buist, Stephanie Wilson, Jessica Johnston,
Ian Gibson

Members absent: None

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 Work Session Meeting on February 3, 2025
- c. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting on February 3, 2025
- d. Personnel Report
- e. Authorization for payment of bills in the amount of \$180,948.50

Report #25-009

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

4. Hearings & Correspondence

- a. Recognition of Visitors

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 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.

- Heather Ruthruff - Contract Negotiation Concerns
- Sharon Secor - Learning Environment Concerns
- Kathleen Aleman - Salary Concerns
- Jen DeGood - Fund Allocation
- Julie Irwin - Support of Peers
- Katie Dana - Support of Peers
- Erica Chamberlin - Support of Peers/Praise of Hopkins Culture

6. Information/Discussion Item

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

7. Action Items

- a. Motion by Johnston, supported by Ryan to approve the Budget Amendment
Roll Call Vote:

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

*A = Abstain

Motion carried

- b. Motion made by Wilson, supported by Johnston to approve the Student Organizational Grants in the amount of \$8,653.68 as recommended by the grant review committee.
Voice Vote: Motion carried
- c. Tabled - Jonathan Postma Property Excavating Approval Request to work within 50 feet of the lot line at 4281 22nd Street, Dorr, MI 49323, contrary to the township's 150-foot setback requirement.
- d. Motion made by Rhoades, supported by Gibson to approve the Mowing & Trimming Services Agreement with DK Landscape Management LLC through 2029 pending no price increases.
Voice Vote: Motion carried

8. Future Items for Consideration

- a. Other matters which may properly come before the Board
- b. Future Meeting/Important Dates
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| ● March 17, 2025 | Regular Meeting @ Sycamore Elementary School |
| ● April 21, 2025 | Regular Meeting |
| ● May 5, 2025 | Worksession Meeting |
| ● May 19, 2025 | Regular Meeting |
| ● May 28, 2025 | Outstanding People for Education Awards Banquet |
| ● June 23, 2025 | Budget Hearing @ 5:45pm |
| ● June 23, 2025 | Regular Meeting |

9. Adjournment

Moved by Johnston, supported by Wilson to approve adjourning meeting at 6:51p.m.
Voice Vote: Motion carried