

# **HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Board of Education Meeting

March 17, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Sycamore Elementary School

## **1. Call to order and roll**

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Andrea Buist, President

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

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 Regular Board Meeting on February 18, 2025
- c. Personnel Report Report #25-010
- d. Authorization for payment of bills in the amount of \$384,671.45

Moved by Holtz, supported by Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda Items

Voice Vote: Motion carried

## **4. Hearings & Correspondence**

- a. Special Education Update - Rachel Modderman

## **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.

- Katie Merren - Teacher Burnout Concern
- Ben Herrick - Teacher Contract Concern

## **6. Information/Discussion Item**

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

## **7. Action Items**

- a. Motion made by Holtz, supported by Johnston to approve the 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.

Voice Vote: Motion carried

- b. Motion made by Wilson, supported by Ryan to approve the Forestry Services Agreement  
Voice Vote: Motion carried
- c. Motion made by Gibson, supported by Rhoades to approve the Middle School Athletic Co-Op with St. Stans  
Voice Vote: Motion carried

**8. Future Items for Consideration**

- a. Other matters which may properly come before the Board
- b. Future Meeting/Important Dates
  - April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting
  - May 5, 2025 Worksession Meeting
  - May 19, 2025 Regular Meeting
  - May 28, 2025 Outstanding People for Education - Allegan Conf. Center
  - June 23, 2025 Budget Hearing @ 5:45pm
  - June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by Rhoades, supported by Johnston to approve adjourning meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Voice Vote: Motion carried