

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2025 6:00 pm

Hopkins Elementary School

1. Call to order and roll

a. Meeting called to order at 6:06 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 Work Session Meeting on May 5, 2025

c. Personnel Report Report #25-012

d. Authorization for payment of bills in the amount of \$186,332.63

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

Voice Vote: Motion carried

4. Hearings & Coorespondence

a. Recognition of Visitors

b. BOE Grant Thank You’s

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.

- Jeff Woollam - School Safety

6. Informational Items

a. Superintendent’s Report

b. Administrators’ Reports

7. Action Items

- a. Motion made by Wilson, supported by Gibson, to approve the Resolution Designating District’s Electoral Representative and First Ballot Candidate Choice for Larry Collier.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**A = Abstain*

Yes, 6; No, 0 Motion carried

- b. Motion made by Johnston, supported by Ryan, to approve the Resolution for the Allegan Area ESA 2025-2026 Budget

Roll Call Vote:

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

**A = Abstain*

Yes, 6; No, 0 Motion carried

- c. Motion made by Johnston, supported by Gibson, to approve moving forward with planning and preparation for the May 2026 Bond Proposal

Roll Call Vote:

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

**A = Abstain*

Yes, 6; No, 0 Motion carried

- d. Motion made by Gibson, supported by Holtz to approve going into closed session to discuss the Superintendent’s Evaluation pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act at 6:31pm

Voice Vote: Motion Carried

- e. Motion made by Wilson, supported by, Gibson to approve returning to open session at 7:06pm

Voice Vote: Motion Carried

8. Future Items for Consideration

- a. Other matters which may properly come before the Board
- b. Future Meeting Dates:
 - May 28, 2025 [Outstanding People for Education - Allegan Conf. Center](#)
 - June 23, 2025 Budget Hearing @ 5:45 pm
 - June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - July 21, 2025 Regular/Organizational Meeting
 - August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - September 15, 2025 Regular Meeting

9. Adjournment

Motion by Holtz, supported by Johnston to approve adjourning the meeting at 7:32p.m.

Voice Vote: Motion carried