

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Meeting MINUTES

September 15, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Hopkins Elementary School

1. Call to order and roll

a. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Andrea Buist

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

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 August 18, 2025
- c. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting on August 18, 2025
- d. Personnel Report Report #25-017
- e. Authorization for payment of bills in the amount of \$278,665.97

Moved by Johnston, seconded by Wilson, to approve the Consent Agenda Items
Voice Vote: Motion carried

4. Recognition & Correspondence

- a. Recognition of Visitors
 - New Staff Recognition
- b. Michigan Merit Curriculum - Scott VanBonn
- c. Correspondence

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, 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.

- Amber Boyles, Mary Howard, Marshall Ross, Vicki Berens, Dan Berens, Sarah Sikkema, Steve Johnson, Emily Jordan, Sam Berens, Jeff Woollam - Situation regarding Middle School Teacher

6. Informational Items:

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

7. Action Items

- a. Moved by Rhoades, supported by Ryan, to approve the FFA Overnight/Extended Student Trips:
 - Fall Leadership Conference October 7-8, 2025, Lansing
 - National Convention October 28-November 1, 2025, Indianapolis
 - State Convention March 4-6, 2026, Lansing
 - Region I Camp April 23-24, CassopolisVoice Vote: Motion carried
- b. Moved by Rhoades, supported by Gibson, to approve the Hopkins Elementary Trip to Mackinac Island, May 13-15, 2026.
Voice Vote: Motion carried
- c. Moved by Holtz, supported by Johnston, to approve the Hopkins Middle School New Exploratory Course Technology Studies
Voice Vote: Motion carried

8. Future Items for Consideration

- a. Other matters which may properly come before the Board
 - Homecoming Parade - Friday, October 3 - lineup begins at 4:30 pm at the High School - look for the Reader Feeder
- b. Future Meeting Dates at 6:00 pm:
 - October 20, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - November 17, 2025 Regular Meeting @ Sycamore Elementary School
 - December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - January 19, 2026 Regular/Organizational Meeting

9. Adjournment

Moved by Johnston, supported by Wilson, to approve adjourning the meeting at 7:25 p.m.
Voice Vote: Motion carried