

**HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Board of Education Meeting MINUTES  
September 21, 2020 6:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting as Permitted Under Executive Order 2020-129

**1. Call to order and roll**

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Jeff Gilder.
- b. Roll Call – Members present: Jeff Gilder, John Myers, Traci Rhoades, Karen Ryan,  
Ben Brenner, Jessica Johnston, Jay 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 Regular Board Meeting on August 10, 2020
- c. Personnel Report - Report #20-004
- d. Authorization for payment of bills in the amount of \$160,340.52
- e. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Neola Policy Updates Vol. 35, No. 1 and Special Update – Title IX Regulations – July 2020

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

**4. Hearings & Correspondence**

- a. Recognition of Visitors
  - New Teaching Employees for the 2020-2021 school year
  - Outstanding People for Education Nominees 2020
  - Retirees
    - Denise Cardenas
    - Chris Johnson
    - Shelly Wicks
- b. Correspondence

**5. Informational Items:**

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

**6. Citizen’s Comments (For Agenda Items)**

The purpose of this Board of Education meeting, which is held in public, is to conduct the business of the Board. 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 and/or superintendent will respond in writing to comments, if appropriate. For a copy of Bylaw 0167.3 – Public Participation at Board meetings, please see the Superintendent of Schools.

- None

## 7. Action Items

- a. Moved by Johnston, supported by Rhoades to approve the Cooperative Agreement between Virtual Academy of Allegan County and Hopkins Public Schools  
Voice Vote: Motion carried
- b. Moved by Ryan, supported by Gibson to approve the Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent during the 2020-2021 School Year  
Voice Vote: Motion carried
- c. Moved by Brenner, supported by Myers to approve for the 2020-2021 school year the Board of Education will allow instruction of all courses listed in the district/building course catalog(s) as traditional seated courses to be adapted for delivery in a virtual setting.  
Voice Vote: Motion carried
- d. Moved by Myers, supported by Johnston to approve the MVU (Michigan Virtual University) Course Catalog Offerings  
Voice Vote: Motion carried
- e. Moved by Rhoades, supported by Brenner to approve the VAAC (Virtual Academy of Allegan County) Course Catalog Offerings  
Voice Vote: Motion carried
- f. Moved by Gibson, supported by Brenner to approve the Letter of Understanding between HPS and Local 2628.05 AFSCME regarding certified maintenance wages  
Voice Vote: Motion carried

## 8. Future Items for Consideration

- a. Comments from the Audience
  - Andrea Buist – Re-evaluate the hybrid instructional model
  - Chandler & Sarah Stanton – Re-evaluate the hybrid instructional model / Objection to COVID policies
  - Traci Francis – Communication more frequent and more personal, reevaluation of our plan to get all kids back face-to-face
- b. Other matters which may properly come before the Board
- c. Future Meeting Dates:
  - October 19, 2020 Regular Meeting
  - November 2, 2020 Work Session Meeting
  - November 16, 2020 Regular Meeting @ Sycamore Elementary
  - December 21, 2020 Regular Meeting
  - January 18, 2021 Regular/Organizational Meeting

## 9. Adjournment

Moved by Gibson, supported by Brenner to approve adjourning meeting at 7:10 p.m.  
Voice Vote: Motion carried