

**MINUTES OF HILLSDALE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

**HILLSDALE BOARD OFFICE ENTRYWAY**

**7:00 PM**

HILLSDALE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION — February 20, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. The Hillsdale Local Board of Education Regular Board Meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Vella King at 7:00 P.M. in the Hillsdale Board Office Entryway. Roll call was taken by Treasurer Lesa Deter with the following Board members present: Nick Atterholt, Jon Burkholder, Vella King, Kenny Schuck, and Melinda Turk.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mrs. King recognized the visitors: Ian Atkinson, Lindsay Bowen, Seth Crytzer, Tammy Hoverstock, Stacy Merryweather, Jennifer Seman, Jill Van Stee, Justin Van Stee, Erica Van Stee, Kyle Wissel

A. Falcon Spotlight

1. Reading of Fabulous Falcons and Students of the Month.
2. FFA Information.  
CDE Teams: Ag Power Diagnostic placed 2nd at District  
Nursery Team placed 3rd at State  
Extemporaneous Speaking placed 3rd at Sub Districts  
Beginning Prepared Public Speaking 3rd at Sub Districts  
The Wellington Implement 95th Anniversary Celebration is donating to the district 100% of all tickets sold by Hillsdale FFA Students.  
A staff appreciation luncheon was held on February 19th, 2024.
3. Report – Ashland County – West Holmes Career Center – Mr. Schuck.  
Construction project is moving forward. Currently a new septic system is being installed.
4. Any Additional Public Participation.

Justin VanStee questioned the Board if a decision had been determined regarding the situation with his daughter and the former soccer coach. Mrs. Vella King responded with a prepared statement provided by the School District's Attorney. Justin VanStee did not agree with the decision and will be elevating the situation to the State level along with filing a civil suit.

Jodi Long confirmed with the Board that the open community times for the Auxiliary Gym are limited to walking only.

**ADMINISTRATION DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Lesa Deter reviewed the excess cost program and shared an example. Reviewed monthly financial statements.
- B. Catherine Trevathan
  - a) School Liaisons - Tammy Hoverstock presented along with Stacy Merryweather on the services that Appleseed provides to students

#### **#24-19 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

Moved by Schuck, seconded by Atterholt to approve the consent agenda Additions/Deletions for the Regular February 20, 2024 Board of Education Meeting.

Atterholt, aye; Burkholder, aye; King, aye, Schuck, aye; Turk, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

#### **#24-20 TREASURER'S CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Schuck, seconded by Atterholt to approve the Treasurer's Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the January 9, 2024 Board Minutes as presented.
- B. Approval of the January 2024 Financial Reports as presented.
- C. Donation from Amvets Post 1969 in the amount of \$1926.65 for negative lunch accounts.
- D. Recommend approval of the Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor for the Fiscal Year 2025.
- E. Public Awareness: Federal Grants FY2025 The Board will receive public input for spending of IDEA-B and Title-1 Federal Grant Dollars at the March 19th Regular Meeting.

Atterholt, aye; Burkholder, aye; King, aye, Schuck, aye; Turk, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

#### **#24-21 SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved Atterholt, seconded by Schuck, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda

- A. Recommendation to approve Tamara Gojkov as 1 hour per day, or as needed Van Driver, effective January 22, 2024, experience 5.
- B. Approve Lyndsay Witmer as Home-Bound Instruction Teacher for the 2023-24 school year as needed.
- C. Accept the following resignations from supplemental contracts:

Katie Gibson - 7 & 8 Football Cheerleader Advisor effective end of 2023-24 season.  
Katie Gibson - 7 & 8 Basketball Cheerleader Advisor effective end of 2023-24 season.  
Michael Williams as Head Boys' Track Coach, effective February 5, 2024.

D. Approve continued participation in the statewide Open Enrollment Program for the 2024-25 school year.

E. Approve renewal of membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association Association for the 2024-25 school year.

F. Approve Resolutions designating March as **Music in our Schools Month** and **Youth Art Month**.

G. Approve the following to supplemental contracts effective 2024-25 school year/season:

Lyndsay Witmer - Head Girls' Soccer - Classification C; Experience 1

H. Approve the following to Pupil Activity Contracts effective 2024-25 school year/season:

MacKenzie Every - Assistant Volleyball - Classification E; Experience 0

Lynette Cowger - Co - 7 & 8 Volleyball - Classification G; Experience 1

Nicole Smith - Co - 7 & 8 Volleyball - Classification G; Experience 1

I. Approve 2024-25 Lunch Prices:

Breakfast	K-6	\$1.75
Breakfast	7-12	\$2.00
Lunch	K-6	\$3.00
Lunch	7-12	\$3.25
Extra Milk		.75
Adult		\$4.25

J. Approve the following volunteers:

Seth Ebert	Doug Shenberger
Karla Hall	Barbara Smith
Angela Kamenik	Renee Twining
Natalie Miller	Riley Twining
Rachel Miller	Teresa Young
Michael Schuck	

K. First Reading of the following 2024-25 Hillsdale Handbooks:

Little Falcons PreSchool Handbook

Hillsdale K-6 Parent/Student Handbook

Hillsdale 7-12 Parent/Student Handbook

- L. First Reading of Policy: IGBA-R-2 Programs for Students with Disabilities  
(Independent Educational Evaluation Guidelines)

Atterholt, aye; Burkholder, aye; King, aye, Schuck, aye; Turk, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **#24-22 SUPPLEMENTAL JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

Moved by Schuck and seconded by Burkholder to approve the Supplemental Job Descriptions.

Atterholt, aye; Burkholder, aye; King, aye, Schuck, aye; Turk, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

### **#24-23 Class of 2024 Banners**

Moved by Atterholt, seconded by Schuck to approve the purchase of banners for the graduating seniors at an approximate cost of \$1,500.00.

Atterholt, aye; Burkholder, aye; King, aye, Schuck, aye; Turk, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

### **#24-24 Social Media Litigation**

Moved by Atterholt, seconded by Schuck to approve joining social media litigation through Peters, Kalail & Markakis Co., LPA and Frantz Law Group, APLC.

Atterholt, aye; Burkholder, aye; King, aye, Schuck, aye; Turk, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

### **#24-25 Competitive Retail Natural Gas Services**

Moved by Schuck, seconded by Atterholt to approve META Solutions, the Consortium to issue a new RFP for competitive retail natural gas services commencing July 2025 through the end of June 2030.

Atterholt, aye; Burkholder, aye; King, aye, Schuck, aye; Turk, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

## **Discussion/Information Items**

- A. Legislative Update – no current updates
- B. Student Achievement Update
- C. Items from the Board - nothing to report

## **#24-26 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Schuck, seconded by Atterholt to go into Executive Session at 7:53 P.M. for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees, the building project, and other matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes. There will be no Board action following Executive Session.

Atterholt, aye; Burkholder, aye; King, aye, Schuck, aye; Turk, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

**#24-27 REGULAR SESSION**

Moved by Schuck, seconded by Turk, to resume regular session at 8:55 P.M.

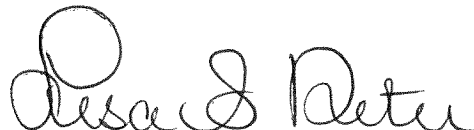
Atterholt, aye; Burkholder, aye; King, aye, Schuck, aye; Turk, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

**#24-28 ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Schuck, seconded by Atterholt to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:55 P.M.

Atterholt, aye; Burkholder, aye; King, aye, Schuck, aye; Turk, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

  
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**BOARD PRESIDENT**

  
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**TREASURER**

