

**HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
3886 Van Buren Street
September 14, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Bolhuis, Chanski, Davis, DeWitt (arrived at 6:28 pm), Hall, Hooper, Sneden

Administrators Present: Armstrong, Beel, Briggs, Crete, Fast, Geerling, Gillette, Heagle, McClure, Mucha, Ross, Stefanich, Taylor, Thomas, VanderJagt, Verwys, Waldie

President Barb Hooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Davis, supported by Bolhuis to approve the agenda with the addition of a human resource action item. Bolhuis-Aye, Chanski-Aye, Davis-Aye, Hall-Aye, Hooper-Aye, Sneden-Aye

Motion Carried

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present

President Hopper opened the floor to the audience. The following addressed the board:

Mindy VandenHeuvel
Jennifer Johnson

Action Items – Consent Agenda

Motion Bolhuis, supported by Sneden to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - Regular Meeting – August 10, 2023
 - Work Session – August 28, 2023
 - Special Meeting – September 1, 2023
2. Hudsonville Christian Shared Time Agreement
3. Presentation of Bills

The following is an analysis of the payments:

Payroll	\$3,298,565.70
Benefits	2,508,724.23
Accounts Payable	<u>1,590,322.64</u>
Total General Fund	\$7,397,612.57

Bolhuis-Aye, Chanski-Aye, Davis-Aye, Hall-Aye, Hooper-Aye, Sneden-Aye Motion Carried

Park Elementary Playground Equipment

Motion by Hall, supported by Chanski to approve the bid recommendation from Play Environments, LCC in the amount of \$238,153.00 for Park Elementary Playground Equipment as presented by Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. Bolhuis-Aye, Chanski-Aye, Davis-Aye, Hall-Aye, Hooper-Aye, Sneden-Aye

Motion Carried

Merit Language

Motion by Bolhuis, supported by Davis to approve the merit language as presented by Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent. Bolhuis-Aye, Chanski-Aye, Davis-Aye, Hall-Aye, Hooper-Aye, Sneden-Aye

Motion Carried

Special Education Parent Advocate Recommendation

Motion by Sneden, supported by Bolhuis to approve Sara Geissler to serve as the special education parent advocate for the Ottawa Area ISD Special Education Parent Advocacy Committee as presented by Mandy Thomas, Special Services Director. Bolhuis-Aye, Chanski-Aye, Davis-Aye, Hall-Aye, Hooper-Aye, Sneden-Aye

Motion Carried

Michigan Association of School Boards Delegate Nomination

Motion by Bolhuis, supported by Sneden to approve Ken Hall to represent the board at the 2023 Michigan Association of School Boards on November 9, 2023. Bolhuis-Aye, Chanski-Aye, Davis-Aye, DeWitt-Aye, Hall-Aye, Hooper-Aye, Sneden-Aye
Motion Carried

Human Resource Item

Motion by DeWitt, supported by Sneden to approve the following certified hire as presented by Anne Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources:

Trista Teuscher

Position: STEAM, Park and Forest Grove Elementary

Bolhuis-Aye, Chanski-Aye, Davis-Aye, DeWitt-Aye, Hall-Aye, Hooper-Aye, Sneden-Aye

Motion Carried

Student Council Report

Jane Tacoma, Senior, reported that the student council is busy with planning for homecoming events. This year's theme for the dance is "neon". Members of the court were elected and students will be voting for king and queen. She shared that money was raised for the West Michigan Veteran's Coalition at last week's football game and many veterans were recognized for their service.

Building Reports

Heidi Mucha shared that Alward Elementary hosted 50 students in the educational program to see literacy in action in their classrooms. The students had many positive comments about staff and students during their visit.

John Gillette reported that the school year was off to a great start at Forest Grove Elementary. The new gym has been a great addition allowing for space for a separate cafeteria. The staff and students are looking forward to celebrating homecoming week. He invited the board to join them for a tailgating party before the football game.

Ryan Crete shared that there is a different feel at Baldwin Street Middle School with 300 less students in the building. He shared that staff has been focusing on building culture with students and staff and they are looking forward to some assemblies this school year.

Jordan Beel thanked senior Colten Hansen for organizing the veteran's recognition event. He shared that Mrs. Webster's green team would be picking up trash at Holland State Park on Saturday. He thanked Jane Tacoma and the student council and reported that a group of them would be attending a conference at Central Michigan University. He reported that we have two of Michigan's top ten volleyball players Gianna Bender and Isabelle Swiercz.

Superintendent Report

Dr. VanderJagt, Superintendent, recognized former instructional coach Dana VanderLugt for the release of her new book, "Enemies in the Orchard." He reported that the walls were up for the gym and classrooms at Bauer Elementary, remodeling at Park Elementary would begin in October, and that we are aiming on opening the fieldhouse on December 22 for basketball games with Unity Christian.

Adjournment

Motion by Hall, supported by Bolhuis to adjourn 6:43 p.m. Ayes: All

Motion Carried

Robin VandenBerg, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education