

MINUTES
HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 17, 2025

Members Present: Burns, Cischke, Foltz, Massaway, Salmi, Vertin

Members Absent: Baltensperger

Also Present: Administrators Klein, Hill, Scullion, Filpus, Marcotte, Fay, Turnquist; several community members

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Massaway called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Presentation

Shelby Turnquist, HPTS Food Director, gave an update on the kitchen remodel and Farm 2 School program.

3. Public Comment

The Board received public comment.

4. Consent Agenda

Mr. Salmi with support from Mr. Burns moved that the Board approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025 regular Board meeting and the March financial statements and bills in the amount of \$232,500.69. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Administrative Reports

Mr. Klein, Mrs. Scullion and Ms. Filpus reported on events occurring in their buildings. Mr. Fay gave an update on athletics. Mr. Hill reported on events occurring in the district.

6. MASA/MASB/CCASB/Student Rep. Reports

There was no MASB. Mr. Hill gave a MASA report. Mrs. Massaway gave a CCASB report. Cecilia Butler gave a student report.

7. Discussion/Action Items

1) Resolution to Approve Thrun Policy Update 4113 Michigan Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA) Attachment

Mrs. Cischke with support from Mr. Burns moved that the Board approve Thrun Policy update 4113 Michigan Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA) attachment. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Resolution to Approve Series 1 Bond Authorizing Resolution for Summer 2026 Work at the Elementary School. Attachment

Mr. Foltz with support from Mrs. Vertin moved that the Board approve series 1 Bond authorizing resolution for summer 2026 work at the Elementary School. Attachment Motion carried unanimously.

3) Resolution to Approve Splitting the Bond into 3 Series, with Series 2 Completing Work Identified at the Middle and High School and Removing Construction on an Early Learning Center, Which is Expected to Reduce Interest Costs and Benefit Taxpayers.

Mr. Salmi with support from Mr. Foltz moved that the Board approve splitting the Bond into 3 series, with series 2 completing work identified at the Middle and High School and removing construction on an Early Learning Center, which is expected to reduce interest costs and benefit taxpayers. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Resolution to Honor Nels Christopherson for His Service to Students and Staff at Houghton-Portage Township Schools, Where As, in Recognition of Dedicated Leadership in Public Education and Service to the School Community of Houghton-Portage Township Schools, 1991-2024.

Mr. Foltz with support from Mr. Burns moved that the Board approve a resolution to honor Nels Christopherson for his service to students and staff at Houghton-Portage Township Schools, whereas, in recognition of dedicated leadership in public education and service to the school community of Houghton-Portage Township Schools, 1991-2024. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Round Table/Discussion

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Massaway adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Marcotte, Acting Secretary

Mike Salmi, Board Secretary