MINUTES
HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 19, 2026

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

Members Absent: Baltensperger

Also Present: Administrators, Hill, Filpus, Klein, Scullion, Marcotte, Jason Evans, Jim Rautiola, Kristina Penfold, Scott Helminen, Max Massaway

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Recognition/Presentation

1) Jim Rautiola, CCISD Superintendent, gave a presentation on the upcoming CCISD bond proposal

2) Gundlach Champion gave a presentation on the status of work being done with the 2025 HPTS bond.

4. Consent Agenda

Mr. Burns, with support from Mrs. Cischke moved that the Board approve the minutes of September 21, 2026, regular meeting and October 14, 2026, AD HOC Committee Meeting. October financial statements and bills in the amount of $812,450.34. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Administrative Reports

Mrs. Scullion, Ms. Filpus and Mr. Klein reported on events occurring in their buildings. Mrs. Scullion gave an update on athletics. Mr. Hill gave a report on events occurring in the district. Max Massaway gave a student report.

6. Board of Education Recognition

1) Principals - Mr. Hill recognized the HPTS building principals for National Principals Month

2) Students - Green Bandana

7. MASB, MASA & CCASB Reports

There were no MASB, Anders gave MASA report, Brent gave CCASB report.

8. Discussion/Action Items

1) Resolution to approve the Winter Coaches - See attached list for 2026-2027 Winter Coaches

Mr. Salmi, with support from Mrs. Raffaelli moved that the Board approve the winter coaches. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Resolution to Approve New Coaches Dan Giachino Assistant Varsity Hockey Coach, Cole Klein Middle School Boys Basketball, and Brian Konkel Hockey Volunteer

Mrs. Raffaelli, with support from Mrs. Cischke moved that the board approved new coaches: Dan Giachino Assistant Varsity Hockey Coach, Cole Klein Middle School Boys Basketball, and Brian Konkel Hockey Volunteer. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Resolution to Approve School Officer Agreement with the City of Houghton

Mr. Burns, with support from Mrs. Vertin, moved that the board approves Officer Agreement with the City of Houghton. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Consider of FOIA Appeal Receipt

Mr. Hill led a discussion regarding a FOIA appeal receipt.

5) Round Table/Discussion

9. Closed Session - Open Meeting Act Section 8 (1) (a)to hear complaints against personnel, requested closed hearing.

Mrs. Massaway, with support from Mrs. Cischke, moved that the Board adjourn to executive session to hear complaints against personnel. Through a roll call vote, the motion passed with voting as follows: Ayes: Massaway, Burns, Cischke, Vertin, Salmi, Raffaelli; Nays: none. The Board adjourned to executive session at 6:20 p.m. The Board returned to regular session at 6:38 p.m.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Burns moves with support of Mrs. Raffaelli that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Massaway adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Marcotte

Sara Marcotte, Acting Secretary

Mike Salmi

Mike Salmi, Board Secretary