

**Hillsdale County Intermediate School District
Board of Education Meeting
January 17, 2019 ~ 5:30 P.M.
DRAFT MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Brandes (arrived at 5:34p), Gutowski, Leininger, Nye, White

HCISD Staff: Steel, Svacha, Shaffer, Quigley, Slamka, Ellison, Boardman, K. Jones, Anspaugh, Estel, McDowell, T. Hines, Wilson, Rathburn, Maxfield, Ansel, G. Jones, Cross, Gleis-Dietz

Guests: Rachel Anspaugh, candidate for hire; Gary Morrison, Camden Board Member

CALL TO ORDER

President Leininger called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes, Meeting on December 20, 2018, Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes, December 20, 2018, Closed Session
- C. Minutes, January 10, 2019, Special Meeting
- D. Minutes, January 10, 2019, Closed Session
- E. Report on Investments
- F. Bills Payable
- G. Resignation: T. Trego

Nye/White to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

The new hires from the December board meeting were introduced: Todd Hines and Karen Kroa.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

There were no comments from guests.

BOARD MEMBER APPRECIATION

Ronna Steel thanked the board members for their service to the district and presented them with a small token.

Liz Quigley, on behalf of the professional staff union, thanked the Board for their service and presented them with a gift of a donation made in their names to King's Kupboard.

CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATIONS

White/Gutowski to convene to closed session for the purpose of negotiations at 5:38 PM. Roll Call: Leininger, Nye, White, Brandes, Gutowski Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

Present: Leininger, Nye, White, Brandes, Gutowski, Steel, Svacha, Shaffer

Leininger/White to reconvene to open session at 5:52 PM. Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

OTHER BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

- A. New Hire: Rachel Anspaugh.
This item moved prior to the closed session.

Brandes/White to hire Rachel Anspaugh as an instructional assistant for the HCISD. Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

- B. Policy. Second Reading. Thrun Reduction & Recall of Teachers

Brandes/White to approve the Thrun policy for Reduction and Recall of Teachers.

C. Science Curriculum and School Improvement Contract, M. Burger Brandes/Nye to approve the contract with Monica Burger.	Ayes: All	Nays: None	<i>Carried</i>
D. Ratification of Support Staff Contract White/Nye to approve the support staff union contract as presented.	Ayes: All	Nays: None	<i>Carried</i>
E. Business Office Services with Litchfield Community Schools Brandes/Gutowski to approve business and HR services for Litchfield Community Schools.	Ayes: All	Nays: None	<i>Carried</i>
F. Out-of-State Speech Conference (PECS Training) Gutowski/Brandes to approve two employees attendance an out-of-state, PECS conference.	Ayes: All	Nays: None	<i>Carried</i>
G. Out-of-State Conference (General Education) Brandes/Nye to approve Jonathan Tobar attending a conference in Long Beach, CA.	Ayes: All	Nays: None	<i>Carried</i>

BUSINESS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- A. Potential Hires
- B. Staff Handbook
- C. Ratification of Professional Staff Contract (potential item)
- D. Budget Amendments (2018-2019)
- E. GSC Contract Amendments (Highfield, Inc. and Integro, LLC)

BUSINESS SERVICES REPORT

Director Shaffer provided a report in the board book.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Steel provided a report in the board book. Superintendent Steel reported that the 100th Legislator was seated: They are expecting revenues to be less than last year. Overall, the State of Michigan is down by 13,000 students. Superintendent Steel provided the special education strategic plan to the Board and is requesting to set a date to go over the data.

Brandes requested a date that would encompass the special education strategic plan as well as the HCISD strategic plan.

GENERAL EDUCATION

Jonathan Tobar provided a report in the board book. Director Tobar reported that the HCISD has hosted its first of two PD days. Director Tobar reported that Hillsdale County will have 42 new substitutes in the next week due to a partnership with Hillsdale College.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Susanne Masters provided a report in the board book. Director Masters said the partnership with Hillsdale College for subbing has been great; the students at Hillsdale College are mature and caring. Students from Hillsdale College volunteer frequently at Greenfield School. The young adult class goes to Hillsdale College twice a week. The Early Childhood Department is very busy as they begin the kindergarten transition. Director Masters reported that she has listed the special education strategic plan updates. The changes will be linked to the board book monthly.

HILLSDALE AREA CAREER CENTER

Jonathan Tobar provided a report in the board book. Director Tobar reported that the Marshall Plan has been paused until the current governor reviews the plan.

OTHER MATTERS

Board Workshop, January 29, 2019, 6:00 PM

Brandes/Gutowksi to schedule a board workshop on January 29, 2019, at 6:00 PM for the purpose of reviewing the special education strategic plan and the HCISD's strategic plan.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Carried

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

Gary Morrison, Camden Board Member, asked where to find the article about subbing and if the manufacturing people are going to meet again. Jonathan responded that the article is in the Hillsdale Daily News and that the group would meet again.

ADJOURNMENT

White/Brandes to adjourn at 6:43 PM

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Svacha