

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Meeting MINUTES

July 20, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Hopkins Elementary School

1. Call to order and roll

a. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Stephanie Wilson.

b. Roll Call – Members present: Karen Ryan, Jessica Johnston, Stephanie Wilson,
Traci Rhoades, Josh Lanser

Members absent: Ian Gibson, Andrea Buist

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of “Consent Agenda” Items: Inclusive motion to approve the following: (Please note: Any Board Member may request removal of any item(s) from the “Consent Agenda” and that said item(s) stand alone as an action item(s).

- a. Agenda
- b. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on June 22, 2026
- c. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting A on June 22, 2026
- d. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting B on June 22, 2026
- e. Personnel Report Report #26-014
- f. Authorization for payment of bills in the amount of \$446,191.96
- g. Reading of Clark Hill Policy Update

Moved by Ryan, seconded by Johnston to approve the Consent Agenda Items

Voice Vote: Motion carried

4. Hearings & Correspondence

- a. Recognition of Visitors
- b. 23g Grant “Mi Kids Back on Track” - Karmin Bourdo

5. Citizen’s Comments

The purpose of this Board of Education meeting, which is held in public, is to conduct the business of the Board and is not to be considered a public community meeting. Members of the audience who wish to make comments are asked first to state their name and address and to limit any comments to a maximum of five minutes. The Board will listen, take comments and questions under advisement, and not respond at this time. The presiding officer will refer questions to the superintendent for research and response. For a copy of Bylaw Article 1, Section 10H – Public Participation at Board Meetings, please see the Superintendent of Schools.

- Traci Francis (email) - Technology usage in classrooms - especially at MS level

6. Informational Items:

- a. Superintendent’s Report

7. Action Items

- a. Moved by Rhoades, supported by Lanser, to approve the Clark Hill Policy Update using option 2.

Voice Vote: Motion carried

- b. Moved by Johnston, supported by Lanser to approve the State Aid Operating Notes Resolution

Roll Call Vote:

	Y	N	A*		Y	N	A*
Buist				Rhoades	X		
Gibson				Ryan	X		
Johnston	X			Wilson	X		
Lanser	X						

*A = Abstain

Yes, 5; No, 0 Motion carried

- c. Moved by Lanser, supported by Ryan, to approve the Resolution calling for a Regular School Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

	Y	N	A*		Y	N	A*
Buist				Rhoades	X		
Gibson				Ryan	X		
Johnston	X			Wilson	X		
Lanser	X						

*A = Abstain

Yes, 5; No, 0 Motion carried

- d. Moved by Johnston, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Agreement with Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027

Voice Vote: Motion carried

- e. Moved by Ryan, supported by Johnston to approve the General Fund Millage levy for 18 mills, the Debt Retirement levy for 6.54 mills, and the Sinking Fund levy for 1.5201 mills for the 2026-2027 school year

Report #26-015

Voice Vote: Motion carried

- f. Moved by Lanser, supported by Rhoades to approve the 2026/2027 Student Handbooks

Voice Vote: Motion carried

8. Future Items for Consideration

- a. Other matters which may properly come before the Board

- b. Future Meeting Dates:

- August 17, 2026 Regular Meeting
- September 21, 2026 Regular Meeting
- October 19, 2026 Regular Meeting
- November 16, 2026 Regular Meeting
- December 21, 2026 Regular Meeting
- January 18, 2027 Regular/Organizational Meeting

9. Adjournment

Moved by Ryan, supported by Johnston, to approve adjourning the meeting at 6:47 p.m.
Voice Vote: Motion carried