

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Meeting MINUTES

August 17, 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: Ian Gibson, Karen Ryan, Jessica Johnston,
Stephanie Wilson, Traci Rhoades, Josh Lanser,
Andrea Buist

Members absent: None

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 July 20, 2026
- c. Personnel Report Report #26-016
- d. Authorization for payment of bills in the amount of \$292,279.64

Moved by Ryan, seconded by Johnston to approve the Consent Agenda Items
Voice Vote: Motion carried

4. Hearings & Correspondence

- a. Recognition of Visitors
- b. Fall Curriculum/Dyslexia Update - 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.

- None

6. Informational Items:

- a. Superintendent’s Report

7. Action Items

- a. Moved by Johnston, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Early College Allegan County 5-year programs of Study. Early Middle College (EMC) pupils must successfully complete a math or math-related course in the 5th year of high school.

Voice Vote: Motion carried

- b. Moved by Gibson, supported by Buist, to approve the HVA Hopkins Virtual Academy 2026/2027 Course Catalog

Voice Vote: Motion carried

8. Future Items for Consideration

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

- b. Future Meeting Dates:

- 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 Rhoades, supported by Lanser, to approve adjourning the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Voice Vote: Motion carried