

MINUTES  
HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
September 16, 2024

Members Present: Baltensperger, Christopherson, Cischke, Massaway

Members Absent: Salmi, Burns, Foltz

Also Present: Administrators, Hill, Filpus, Klein, Scullion, Fay,  
Marcotte; Garrett Neese, Jason Evans, Scott MacInnes,  
Bill Leach, Kim Stadt

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

The Board received public comment.

3. Recognition/Presentation

1) Introduction of New Teaching Staff - Elizabeth Bertucci - High School Guidance Counselor, Nicholas Squires - Middle School Teacher, Jennifer Saaranen - Middle School Teacher, Danielle Lund - High School Teacher, Terrie Delaere - ES Special Education Teacher, Chelsea Lurn - Middle School Teacher

2) Presentation - The HPTS High School Robotics Team gave a presentation

4. Resolution to Add Two Agenda Items

Mr. Christopherson with support from Mr. Baltensperger moved that the board add two items to the agenda. Items #5 a baseball and softball coop with Dollar Bay-Tamarack Area Schools and #6 the School Wellness Program Partnership with Upper Great Lakes Family Health at Houghton Elementary. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Christopherson with support from Mr. Baltensperger moved that the Board approve the minutes of the August 19, 2024 regular meeting and August financial statements and bills in the amount of \$520,000.07. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Administrative Reports

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

7. MASB, MASA & CCASB Reports

There were no MASB, MASA, or CCASB reports.

8. Discussion/Action Items

1) Resolution to approve the 2024-2025 Title I Family and School Compact and Parent Involvement Plan

Mr. Baltensperger with support from Mrs. Cischke moved that the Board approve the Title I Family and School Compact and Parent Involvement Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Certification of Delegates for MASB

Mr. Baltensperger with support from Mr. Christopherson moved that Mr. Baltensperger be named delegate for the MASB fall conference. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Resolution to hire new personnel

Mr. Christopherson with support from Mrs. Cischke moved that the Board approve the hiring of:

Chelsea Lourn - MS Science Teacher

Motion carried unanimously.

4) Resolution to approve new coaches

Mrs. Cischke with support from Mr. Baltensperger moved that the Board approve Brady Flachs as head JV hockey coach and Josh Browning as assistant JV hockey coach. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Resolution to Approve Co-op with Dollar Bay Tamarack Area Schools for baseball and softball beginning with the 2024-2025 school year

Mr. Baltensperger with support from Mr. Christopherson moved that the Board approve a co-op with Dollar Bay Tamarack Area Schools for baseball and softball beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Resolution to Approve School Wellness Program in Partnership with Upper Great Lakes Family Health at Houghton Elementary

Mrs. Cischke with support from Mr. Baltensperger moved that the Board approve a school wellness program in partnership with Upper Great Lakes Family Health at Houghton Elementary. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Round Table/Discussion

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Christopherson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Massaway adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Marcotte, Acting Secretary

Mike Salmi, Board Secretary