

MINUTES
HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 20, 2026

Members Present: Burns, Cischke, Foltz, Massaway, Salmi, Vertin,
Baltensperger

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Administrators Hill, Scullion, Filpus, Klein, Fay,
Marcotte; Jason Evans, Max Massaway, Jen Rubin, Mike
Massaway

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Call to Order

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

2. Recognition/Presentation

BPA Presentation - Members of the HPTS BPA, gave a presentation

3. Public Comment

The Board received public comment.

4. Consent Agenda

Mr. Salmi, with support from Mr. Foltz moved that the Board approve the minutes of March 16, 2026, regular Board meeting, the March 30, 2026 Work Session and the March financial statements and bills in the amount of \$309,922.22. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Administrative Reports

Mrs. Scullion, Ms. Filpus and Mr. Klein reported on events occurring in their buildings. Mr. Fay reported on activities in the Athletic Department. Max Massaway gave a student report. Mr. Hill reported on events occurring in the district.

6. MASA/MASB/CCASB Reports

There was no MASB report. Mr. Burns gave a CCASB report. Mr. Hill gave a MASA report.

7. Board of Education Recognition

HPTS School Counselors: Kristen Rundman, Beth Bertucci, Micah Stipech were recognized for their work during state testing

The Houghton High School Cyber Husky Team was recognized for becoming the 2026 Presidential AI Michigan State Champions

8. Discussion/Action Items

- 1) Resolution to Approve Will Romano as JV Baseball Coach, Mackenzie Ekdahl as JV Softball Coach and Laura Sayen as Middle School Girls Track Coach

Mr. Salmi, with support from Mrs. Cischke moved that the Board approve Will Romano as JV Baseball Coach, Mackenzie Ekdahl as JV Softball Coach and Laura Sayen as Middle School Girls Track Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Resolution to Approve Bid for Fire Suppression System

Mr. Foltz, with support from Mr. Burns moved that the Board approve a bid for Fire Suppression System. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Resolution to Approve the Purchase of a New End Loader Pending Bids up to \$250,000.00

Mr. Baltensperger, with support from Mrs. Cischke, moved that the Board approve the purchase of a new end loader pending bids up to \$250,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Discussion - Negotiations Committee

- 5) Round Table/Discussion

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Massaway adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara Marcotte, Acting Secretary



Mike Salmi, Board Secretary