

HORTONVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

1. The Board of Education Open Session was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Robert VanDenElzen. Present were Mrs. Dana Ramshak, Mrs. Andrea Marcks-Ziegler, Mrs. Jessica Hartjes, and Mr. Brett Eidahl. Also present was Mr. Klay Heise.
2. President VanDenElzen confirmed that the public was given notice of the meeting by postings at the Greenville Elementary, Hortonville Elementary, North Greenville Elementary, Greenville Middle, Hortonville Middle, Hortonville High Schools, Hortonville Public Library, Greenville Town Hall and the District website (www.hasd.org). Notice was sent to the Press Star and Post Crescent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – President VanDenElzen
4. Mrs. Dana Ramshak performed the Oath of Office for Mr. Robert VanDenElzen and Mr. Klay Heise.
5. Mr. Brett Eidahl made a motion to approve the Open Session Minutes from March 10, 2025; Mrs. Andrea Marcks-Ziegler seconded the motion; roll call vote; motion carried.
6. Mrs. Dana Ramshak made a motion to approve the Board of Canvassers Minutes from April 4, 2025; Mrs. Jessica Hartjes seconded the motion; roll call vote; motion carried.
7. Mrs. Andrea Marcks-Ziegler made a motion to approve Regular Vouchers **#57958 – 58267** (Void #58037, 58038, 58039, 58086, 58087, 58088, 58165, 58205, 58254, 58255, 58256); Mrs. Jessica Hartjes seconded the motion; roll call vote; motion carried.
8. Mr. Brett Eidahl made a motion to approve the ACH/Employee Reimbursement Vouchers – **#242500222 - 242500258**; Mrs. Dana Ramshak second the motion; roll call vote; motion carried.
9. Recognitions (*State & National Appreciation Day/Week*) Mrs. Dana Ramshak made a motion to approve the Recognitions as listed; Mrs. Andrea Marcks-Ziegler seconded the motion; roll call vote; motion carried:
 - Special Recognitions – Lois & Renee Grode Nomination – Bret Grover Child Advocate Award
 - Congratulations to the HHS Powerlifting Team with the following State results: Boys Team – 2nd Place, Claire Schmidt – 1st Place, Reggie Kloehn – 1st Place, Ashton Vallner – 1st Place and set 3 State records, Sam St. Louis – 3rd Place, Chris Troncoso – 3rd Place, Carlee Olson – 4th Place
 - Congratulations to the HHS Art Team members who received 1st place awards and are moving onto State Competition: Emily Ness, Trystan Brown, Haley Bengston, Maggie Rauth, Raegan Falk, and Hannah Riehl

- Congratulations to HHS who compete in gymnastics – junior Grace Holm, freshman Gracie Gruner, and freshman Addison Drobnick. All three will be competing at the State competition.
 - Congratulations to HHS junior Talyn Hancy who took 2nd place at the WI NASP State Archery Tournament
 - Congratulations to the HHS Powerlifting Team on their National wins. There were 46 teams and more than 550 lifters. HHS Boys Varsity – 1st place; HHS Girls Varsity – 3rd place, and HHS Girls JV – 1st place. Individual awards: Varsity - 2nd Place – Macy Hartjes & Ashton Vallner; 3rd place – Christ Troncoso & Claire Schmidt; 6th place – Reggie Kloehn; 10 place – Carlee Olson; JV – 1st place Catherine Geier; 2nd place – Molly Meating, Hayden Heinz, and Sam St. Louis. The team has been invited to Nationals in Massachusetts.
 - Congratulations to the HHS Art Team who competed at the Visual Arts Classic State competition, over 60 schools completed. The following students received a 1st place (gold medal) – Emily Ness in Drawing; Trystan Brow in Painting; Margarete Rauth in Mixed Media; Raegan Falk and Hannah Reihl in Digital Art; and Haley Bengston was awarded a bronze and silver medal in Art History.
 - Congratulations to senior Julia Schwab and sophomore Lauren Schwab for taking 1st place in the Health Career Display event at the HOSA State Leadership Conference. This year HOSA had 7 state qualifiers. Congratulations to all!
10. Presentations by District residents / Comments from the Public –
- Julie Arndt Vanden Heuvel – Village of Hortonville Trustee, wanted to thank Mr. Timm and the Board of Education for their continuous work with the school district. Wanted the Board members to know that the Village Board members and community supports them.
11. Special Presentation –
- Deborah Lohr gave a brief update on the 4K Program and Agreement Reimbursement Rates
12. District Administrator Report –
- Election Updates – (Robert VanDenElzen – Town of Dale/Hortonia & Klay Heise – Village of Hortonville/Town of Center)
 - Swearing in of Board Member Aaron Tomlinson on April 21, 2025
 - New Board Officers on May 12, 2025
 - New Board Committees on May 12, 2025
 - Updated Board members on the Dear Colleague Letter from the Dept. of Education
13. Board Member Reports
- President Report – None
 - Committee Report – Personnel Committee – Monday, April 14, 2025 – Mrs. Dana Ramshak reported the committee discussed the 2025-2026

Compensation Recommendation, Longevity Stipend for Contractual Staff members, and the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget Consideration.

14. Discussion -

- 1st Reading of HHS Girls Volleyball Overnight Trip Request to Kettle Moraine – September 12 – 13, 2025 – Transportation provided by District (Brian Gooding approved)
- 1st Reading of HHS Powerlifting Team Overnight / Out-of-State Trip Request to Nationals in Massachusetts – May 10–11, 2025 – Transportation provided by District (Brian Gooding approved)
- 1st Reading of Middle School Lego League Team Overnight / Out-of-State Trip Request to Long Beach, CA – May 29, 2025 – June 2, 2025 – Transportation by each child's individual parent
- 1st Reading of HHS Football Team – Overnight Trip to UW Stevens Point – July 8 & 9, 2025 – Transportation provided by District (Brian Gooding approved)

15. Consent Agenda – Mr. Brett Eidahl made a motion to approve the Consent agenda: Mrs. Andrea Marcks-Ziegler seconded the motion; roll call vote; motion carried. Approved were:

- Staff Memo Jackson Edlebeck – HHS Special Education Teacher – beginning the 2025-2026 School Year – replacing Ann Sullivan – Retiring
- Staff Memo Brianna Sabel – HMS Counselor – beginning the 2025-2026 School Year – replacing Laura Husby – Resigned
- Resignation from Melissa Cummings HMS 5th Grade Teacher – moving into new position
- Staff Change Melissa Cummings from 5th Grade Teacher at HMS to ELL Teacher at HHS/HMS/and HES – beginning the 2025-2026 School Year
- Resignation from Sophia Fischer HHS Social Studies Teacher – moving into new position
- Staff Change Sophia Fischer from Social Studies Teacher at HHS to Alternative Education at HHS replacing Jeffrey Brightwell – retiring
- Staff Change Chris Hanna from 4th Grade Teacher at HES to 3rd Grade Teacher at HES replacing Lisa Ales - retiring
- Resignation from Kathleen Kleiber – HES Kindergarten Teacher – last day 6/6/2025
- Resignation from Keisha Stuart – GMS Inclusion Coach – last day 4/4/2025
- Resignation from Kurt Andrews – District Route Driver – last day 4/16/2025
- Resignation from Benjamin Wollenberg – HHS Math Teacher – last day 6/6/2025
- Resignation from Carley Bednar – GMS 5th Grade Teacher – currently LOA for 24-25 – will not be returning
- Resignation from Andrew George – GMS 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher – last day 6/6/2025

- Unpaid Time Off request from Professional Staff Member
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- Professional Staff moving to Life License

16. New Business –

- Mrs. Andrea Marcks-Ziegler made a motion to approve the recommendation for the 2026-2027 District Calendar; Mrs. Jessica Hartjes seconded the motion; roll call vote; motion carried.
- Mrs. Jessica Hartjes made a motion to approve the HHS DECA Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trip Request to Florida – April 25-30, 2025 – provided by District on from Madison on April 30th only – approved by Brian Gooding; Mrs. Andrea Marcks-Ziegler seconded the motion; roll call vote; motion carried.
- Mrs. Andrea Marcks-Ziegler made a motion to approve the recommendation to seek bids for Tennis Courts for HHS Tennis Team (3/10/25 Discussion Item); Mr. Brett Eidahl seconded the motion; roll call vote; motion carried.
- Mr. Brett Eidahl made a motion to accept the request for retirement for Tamie Neilson – District Administrative Assistant – last day December 31, 2025; Mrs. Dana Ramshak seconded the motion; roll call vote; motion carried.

17. Announcements & Reminders of Forthcoming Events – Mr. Brett Eidahl made a motion to approve the following upcoming Board meetings and events; Mrs. Dana Ramshak seconded the motion; roll call vote; motion carried.

Following was approved:

- Policy Committee – from Monday, April 21, 2025 – 6:15 PM – District Board Room – (Review Act 20 Policy)
- Board of Education Meeting – from Monday, April 21, 2025 – 7:00 PM – District Board Room
- Staff Appreciation Banquet – Wednesday, May 7, 2025 – Romy's Supper Club – 5:00 PM
- Curriculum Committee Meeting – Monday, May 12, 2025 – 6:30 PM – District Board Room (ACT 20 update)
- Board of Education Meeting – Monday, May 12, 2025 – 7:00 PM – District Board Room
- HHS Graduation – Wednesday, May 21, 2025 – 7:00 PM location TBD
- Board of Education Meeting – Monday, June 9, 2025 – 7:00 PM – District Board Room
- Board of Education Meeting – Monday, June 23, 2025 – 7:00 PM – District Board Room

18. With no further business, Mr. Brett Eidahl made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Jessica Hartjes seconded the motion; roll call vote: motion carried. Time: 7:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,
 Tamie Neilson, District Administrative Assistant
 Brett Eidahl, Board Clerk