

HORTONVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPEN SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEETING NOTES
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

(Unofficial – Official Minutes of this Meeting will be available for the Public after Board approval.)

Recognitions

- Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day – Wednesday, April 23, 2025
- Staff Appreciation Week – May 5th – 9th, 2025 (Staff Appreciation Banquet – May 7, 2025)
- National Nurse Day – May 6th
- Congratulations to the HHS Art students who displayed their Artwork in the 2025 Waupaca Art Show – Maggie Rauth, Emily Ness, Haley Bengston, Jayden Schultz, Ava Krueger, and Anabel Mendoza.
- Congratulations to HHS Anabel Mendoza who earned a 2nd Place Overall in the high school 2D Art category.
- Congratulations to HHS Roen Willis, Lacrosse player, for being nominated for the Post Crescent Player of the Week.
- Congratulations to the 1st Quarter Grode Education Excellence Grant recipients. Thank you to all who took the time to submit an application.
 - Melanie DeMenter, Linda Gorges, Emily Ellenbecker, Jenny Becker, and Braylee Freund – Universal Executive Functioning Tools - \$1,000
 - Kalen Ouelette & Sarah Reynolds – Adaptive Physical - \$172

Presentations by District Residents/Comments from Public and Staff

- None

Special Presentations

- David Harris, Brittany Schmidt, Jared Deli, Jacquelyn Warnecke, and Christine Beyer gave a brief update to the Board members on the book study for the Elementary parents. Central Claim: Overprotection in the real world and underproduction in the virtual world are the major reasons why children born after 1995 became the anxious generation.

District Administrator's Report – Mr. Todd Timm

- State Supreme Court ruling Veto Authority
- State Supreme Court awaiting Act 10
- April 24, 2025, Deadline Dept. of Education - DPI

President's Report – Mr. Robert VanDenElzen

- New Board Officers will be selected on May 12, 2025
- New Board Committee selections on May 12, 2025

Committee Report –

- Policy Committee – Monday, April 21, 2025 – Mrs. Jessica Hartjes reported the committee reviewed nine (9) Nondiscrimination policies that will be reverted to the Board approved policies from 1/10/2022 that the Office of Civil Rights will enforce the Nondiscrimination pursuant to the 2020 regulations rather than the 2024 regulations. The committee members also reviewed the new policy (Third Grade Promotion and Retentions: At Risk Students, pertains to the Wisconsin enactment of Act 20 to strengthen early literacy efforts. School districts are required to adopt this policy by July 1, 2025, enforcement can be delayed until September 1, 2027.

Discussion

- Christina Peterson gave a brief update to the Board members on 2024-2025 Approved Budget that was shared at the April 14, 2025, Personnel Committee, and shared 2025-2026 Budget Assumptions for Revenue and Expenditures.

Motions - Approved

- 2nd Reading of HHS Girls Volleyball Overnight Trip Request to Kettle Moraine – September 12 – 13, 2025 – Transportation provided by District (Brian Gooding approved)
- 2nd 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)
- 2nd 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

- 2nd Reading of HHS Football Team – Overnight Trip to UW Stevens Point – July 8 & 9, 2025 – Transportation provided by District (Brian Gooding approved)
- HMS 8th Grade Field Trip to Milwaukee – May 7, 2025 – Transportation provided by District (Brian Gooding approved)
- Staff Memo for Monica Jones – HHS Social Studies Teacher – beginning the 2025-2026 school year – replacing Sophia Fischer – moved to new position
- Staff Change for Angela Schumaker Kindergarten Teacher at NGES moving to 1st Grade Teacher at NGES due to enrollment
- Professional Staff Unpaid Time Off Request
- Approved the 2025-2026 Compensation and Longevity Stipend as recommended -
 - Salary increase for 2025-2026 is 2.95% all employee groups
 - Contractual Staff Longevity Stipend to begin the 2025-2026 school year:
- Approved the 2025-2026 4K Agreement and the Agreement Reimbursement Rates

Forthcoming Events

- 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