

**Hardin-Houston Local School
Regular Board Meeting Summary
For Monday, April 20, 2026**

1. Approved all treasurer recommendations.
2. Employed the following staff members on the stated contracts, beginning with the 2026/2027 contract year, per the adopted salary schedules, and superintendent recommendation:

Certified

Continuing Contract

Brad Allen

Limited Contracts – 5-year limited

Zach Barlage

Beth Hollinger

Limited Contracts – 3-year limited

Lexi Beaver

Alaina Mohler

Marissa Pollock

Limited Contracts – 1-year limited

Alex Clune

Jessica Kepler

Hunter Shaefer

Brianna Tebbe

Classified

Floating Substitute/Instructional Aide – Continuing Contract

Jennifer Turner

Floating Substitute/Instructional Aide – 2-year limited

Amy Huff

Instructional Aides – 2-year limited

Brooke Duncum

Transportation Aide – 1-year, as needed

Belinda Hoelscher

Bus Driver - Continuing Contract

Tony Sell

Bus Driver – 2-year limited

Tom Steiner

Cafeteria – 2-year limited

Amy Benanzer

Tonya Rutschilling

Cafeteria/Instructional Aide – 2-year limited

Jill Benanzer

Sarah Rust

Custodial w/Bus Certification - Continuing Contract

Amanda Weber

Custodial w/Bus Certification – 2-year limited

Craig Burroughs

3. Employed the following on one-year supplemental contracts for the 2026-2027 school year:

Josh Masters	Varsity Volleyball
Kennah Herrick	8 th gr. Volleyball
Karissa Allen	EL Volleyball Coordinator
Nate Fridley	Varsity Golf
Zach Barlage	Varsity Boys Basketball
Daniel Estes	Asst. Varsity Boys Basketball
4. Employed Collin Poth on a 2-year limited contract as Head Maintenance with Bus Certification beginning with the 2026-2027 contract year and District Sewage Operator.
5. Employed Ricky Stephan Jr. on a 2-year limited contract as Assistant Maintenance with Bus Certification beginning with the 2026-2027 contract year and Assistant District Sewage Operator.
6. Employed Carie New as an elementary teacher for the 2026-2027 school year contingent upon proper certification and background check.
7. Employed Alex Clune as a regular route bus driver for the 2026-2027 school year.
8. Employed the following summer custodians on an as needed basis:

Alex Clune
Craig Knouff
Tonya Rutschilling
Jennifer Turner
9. Employed Jeanette Riethman on an administrative retire/rehire contract as Director of Student Services for a 3-year term beginning August 1, 2026.
10. Accepted the resignation of Sherri Cantrell, instructional aide & cook, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year.
11. Accepted the resignation of Janelle Hillard, Registered Behavior Technician (RBT), effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year.
12. Approved the following students for graduation for the Class of 2026 from Houston High School, pending completion of all local and state requirements:

Braiden Scott Barnes	Landen Daniel Kinsella	Mason Andrew Scott
Raymond Alexander Baxter	Nicholas Chance Kirk	Jeremiah Micheal Scott-Baker
Hunter Levi Bell	Jackson Robert Koenig	Kerisma Mae Lee Shortridge
Zackariah William Boeke	Elizabeth Brianna Krieger	Isabella Marie Shultz
Skylar Marie Bone	Bryce Emerson Lukey	Jack Ryan Smith
Shayna Marie Bulcher	Lauren Faith Maier	Marley Linette Marie Smith
Olivia Mae Burks	Deanna Aleksandra	Riley Lynn Snider
Kayleigh Marie Cantrill	Maksimov	Michael Lewis Snow
Ava Elizabeth Church	Marissa Lynae McDermit	Miley Jaye Sowers
Rebekka Lynn Coy	Preston Ray McDermit	Jaeden Marie Spencer
Kasen DeLong Craft	Hayleigh Jade McMaken	Dominic Paul Stangel
Lance Daniel Craft	Seamus Miguel Meehan	Maria Louise Stephenson
Dakari Tyreak Crawford	Caiden Jay Melton	Alyssa Marie Sweargin
Lauryn Elizabeth Crim	Seth Johnathan Merickel	Anna Joyce Tauber
Luke Allen Crim	Elizabeth June Miller	Liliana Grace Taylor
Benjamin Patterson Crump	Kaydance Alexandria Miller	LeeAnna Renee Travis
Cadence Lilly DeLong	Joseph Paul Mohler	Keaton Ann Turner
Jasmine Renee Li Diehl	Gavin Marcus Moses	Elijah Phillip Tyree
Wesley Lee Fulkerson	Madison Olivia Moses	Dane Brian Vanover
Madison LaRue Garrett	Hayden Thomas Peacock	Makenna Nicole Vondenhuevel
Cali Renae Gordon	Austin Daniel Pleasant	Courtney Taige Weidner
Malaiya Renee Gross	Hudson Jacob Price	William Carson West
Reese Noelle Heilers	Javier Marquese Rivera	Nevaeh Ann Whaley
Ryleigh Nicole Hughes	Jac Lewis Rosenbeck	Isaiah Michael Wiley
Amber Madison Humphreys	Kamdyn Ava Schaffner	Titus Alexander Wissman
Lylah Grey-Elizabeth Kennedy	Ethin Andrew Schultz	

13. Approved the following substitute teacher rates beginning with the 2026-2027 school year:

Daily substitute teacher rate - \$125.00

Long Term (greater than 10 days in the same position) daily substitute teacher rate - \$145.00.

14. Approved the following overnight trip:

FFA State Convention

April 30 - May 1

15. Approved the College Credit Plus MOU with Rhodes State College for the 2026-2027 school year.

16. Approved the College Credit Plus MOU with Cedarville University for the 2026-2027 school year.

17. Approved the updated certified substitute list provided by the Midwest Regional ESC.

18. Approved one unpaid day of absence without approved leave for classified staff member Jeff Jenkins, per superintendent discretion.

19. Approved medical leave for bus driver, Lee Wemmer beginning on April 10, 2026, for 5 weeks.
20. Approved the issuance of not to exceed \$5,380,00.00 Classroom Facilities Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2026 and certain matters related thereto.
21. Adjourned to executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion or compensation of an employee or the investigation of charges against the employee official, licensee, or student unless the employee, official, licensee, or student requests a public hearing and to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees.
22. The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center.