

Hardin-Houston Local School District
Regular Session of the Board of Education
IDEA Part B @ 6:45 PM
Monday, April 20, 2026 @7:00 p.m.
Media Center

Board of Education

Brian Helman – President
Bill Clark – Vice President
Michael Ginn
Pam Mohler
Jason Shaffer

Administration

Ryan Maier – Superintendent
Amy Ayers - Treasurer
Jeff Judy – High School Principal
Sara Roseberry – Elementary Principal
Craig Knouff – Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Jeanie Riethman – Director of Student Services
Matt Stephens – Director of Technology

Agenda

I. Call to Order

Shaffer _____ Clark _____ Ginn _____ Mohler _____ Helman _____

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Recognition of Guests

IV. Hearing of Visitors

- A. This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District’s business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting.
- B. Any person or group wishing to place an item on the agenda shall register their intent with the Superintendent no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting and include name and address of the participant; group affiliating, if and when appropriate; and/or topic to be addressed. There is a three (3) minute duration per speaker. A maximum of 30 minutes of public participation will be permitted at each meeting.

V. Treasurer’s Report to the Board

A. Treasurer Recommendations

_____ moved and _____ seconded

- 1. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 16, 2026, as presented.
- 2. Approve the monthly financial reports and expenditures for March 2026.
- 3. Approve the following Appropriation Modifications:

003 Permanent Improvement \$250,000.00

4. Approve the agreement with Carol Riggle, CPA, for the preparation of the 2026 OCBOA financial statements for the fee of \$2,800.00.

Shaffer _____ Clark _____ Ginn _____ Mohler _____ Helman _____

VI. District Report to the Board

A. Education Reports

1. Legislative Update
2. High School Report
3. Elementary School Report
4. Superintendent Report

IDEA Part B Special Education Funds Annual Meeting

Hardin-Houston receives Federal Special Education IDEA Part B funds to assist with the education of handicapped children aged 3 through 21. The district held a brief informative meeting for any local community member to attend and discuss how the IDEA funds are used. The meeting was held prior to the April 20, 2026 BOE meeting at 6:45 PM in the Library Media Center.

B. First reading of Board policies

VII. Superintendent Recommendations

A. Employments

_____ moved and _____ seconded to:

1. Employ 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

Registered Behavioral Technician – 2-year limited

Janelle Hillard

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

2. Employ the following on one-year supplemental contracts for the 2026-2027 school year:

Josh Masters	Varsity Volleyball	\$5,424.90
Kennah Herrick	8 th gr. Volleyball	\$1,908.76
Karissa Allen	EL Volleyball Coordinator	\$ 602.77
Nate Fridley	Varsity Golf	\$3,516.14
Zach Barlage	Varsity Boys Basketball	\$8,488.97
Daniel Estes	Asst. Varsity Boys Basketball	\$3,315.22

3. Employ Collin Poth on a 2-year limited contract as Head Maintenance with Bus Certification beginning with the 2026-2027 contract year at a salary of \$66,144.00 (Tier 12) and District Sewage Operator for \$3,000.00.

4. Employ Ricky Stephan Jr. on a 2-year limited contract as Assistant Maintenance with Bus Certification beginning with the 2026-2027 contract year at a salary of \$51,355.20 (Tier 8) and Assistant District Sewage Operator for \$1,500.00.

5. Employ Carie New as an elementary teacher for the 2026-2027 school year at a salary of \$56,458.77 contingent upon proper certification and background check (Step 9 BA).
6. Employ Alex Clune as a regular route bus driver for the 2026-2027 school year at a salary of \$13,243.40 (Tier 3).
7. Employ the following summer custodians on an as needed basis:

Alex Clune	\$19.70	Tier 0
Craig Knouff	\$19.70	Tier 0
Tonya Rutschilling	\$19.70	Tier 0
Jennifer Turner	\$20.30	Tier 3
8. Employ Jeanette Riethman on an administrative retire/rehire contract as Director of Student Services for a 3-year term beginning August 1, 2026 at a salary of \$72,128.28.

Shaffer _____ Clark _____ Ginn _____ Mohler _____ Helman _____

B. Resignation

_____ moved and _____ seconded to:

1. Accept the resignation of Sherri Cantrell, cook, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year.
2. Accept the resignation of Janelle Hillard, Registered Behavior Technician (RBT), effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year.

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C. Approvals

_____ moved and _____ seconded to:

1. Approve 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 Maksimov	Riley Lynn Snider
Kayleigh Marie Cantrill	Marissa Lynae McDermit	Michael Lewis Snow
Ava Elizabeth Church	Preston Ray McDermit	Miley Jaye Sowers
Rebekka Lynn Coy	Hayleigh Jade McMaken	Jaeden Marie Spencer
Kasen DeLong Craft	Seamus Miguel Meehan	Dominic Paul Stangel
Lance Daniel Craft	Caiden Jay Melton	Maria Louise Stephenson
Dakari Tyreak Crawford	Seth Johnathan Merickel	Alyssa Marie Sweargin
Lauryn Elizabeth Crim	Elizabeth June Miller	Anna Joyce Tauber
Luke Allen Crim	Kaydance Alexandria Miller	Liliana Grace Taylor
Benjamin Patterson Crump	Joseph Paul Mohler	LeeAnna Renee Travis
Cadence Lilly DeLong	Gavin Marcus Moses	Keaton Ann Turner
Jasmine Renee Li Diehl	Madison Olivia Moses	Elijah Phillip Tyree
Wesley Lee Fulkerson	Hayden Thomas Peacock	Dane Brian Vanover

Madison LaRue Garrett
Cali Renae Gordon
Malaiya Renee Gross
Reese Noelle Heilers
Ryleigh Nicole Hughes
Amber Madison Humphreys
Lylah Grey-Elizabeth Kennedy

Austin Daniel Pleasant
Hudson Jacob Price
Javier Marquese Rivera
Jac Lewis Rosenbeck
Kamdyn Ava Schaffner
Ethin Andrew Schultz

Makenna Nicole Vondenhuevel
Courtney Taige Weidner
William Carson West
Nevaeh Ann Whaley
Isaiah Michael Wiley
Titus Alexander Wissman

2. Approve 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.
3. Approve the following overnight trip:
FFA State Convention April 30 - May 1
4. Approve the College Credit Plus MOU with Rhodes State College for the 2026-2027 school year.
5. Approve the College Credit Plus MOU with Cedarville University for the 2026-2027 school year.
6. Approve the updated certified substitute list provided by the Midwest Regional ESC, as presented.
7. Approve one unpaid day of absence without approved leave for classified staff member Jeff Jenkins, per superintendent discretion.
8. Approve medical leave for bus driver, Lee Wemmer beginning on April 10, 2026, for 5 weeks.
9. Approve the issuance of not to exceed \$5,380,00.00 Classroom Facilities Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2026 and certain matters related thereto, as presented.

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VIII. Executive Session

_____ moved and _____ seconded

Motion to adjourn to executive session to:

1. 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.
2. Consider the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding.
3. Meet with the Board's attorney to discuss matters that is the subject of pending or imminent court action.
4. Prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees.
5. Consider matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or state statutes.
6. Consider specialized details of security arrangements.

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Enter into Executive Session at _____ P.M.

Return to Regular Session at _____ P.M.

IX. Adjournment

_____ moved and _____ seconded
Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Shaffer _____ Clark _____ Ginn _____ Mohler _____ Helman _____

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center.

***In accordance with State and Federal law, the District will provide reasonable accommodation to persons with disabilities who wish to attend and/or participate in school events. Such individuals should notify the principal/athletic director if they require a reasonable accommodation.*

**HARDIN-HOUSTON LOCAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT GOALS 2025-2026**

District Goals

- Provide a safe and secure environment for students, staff and community members.
- Maintain the highest ratings on the state report card.
- Optimize all building systems and fulfill the 5-year strategic plan.
- Maintain fiscal responsibility and adjust based on student enrollment of the district.

Mission Statement

"It is the responsibility of Hardin-Houston Local School, parents, students, and community, to prepare lifelong learners, and develop productive, responsible citizens by empowering everyone to succeed."

Vision Statement

"Hardin-Houston Local School: Providing opportunities for every individual's success!"