

**Hardin-Houston Local School  
Regular Board Meeting Summary  
For Monday, May 18, 2026**

1. Approved all treasurer recommendations including the following donations:

\$5,000.00	David & Lori Couchot	Kay Couchot Scholarship Fund
\$2,500.00	Steve Knouff	Music Program
\$ 500.00	Barri Grandey	Board Scholarship Fund
\$ 500.00	Pam Mohler	Board Scholarship Fund
\$ 400.00	Bill Clark	Board Scholarship Fund
\$ 300.00	Michael Ginn	Board Scholarship Fund
\$ 300.00	Brian Helman	Board Scholarship Fund
  
2. Employed Glenn Brown, Beth Holinger & Bethany Wical as Summer School Teachers.
  
3. Employed Amberly Tauber as a Floating Substitute/Educational Aide effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
  
4. Employed the following on one-year supplemental contracts for the 2026-2027 school year:

Abby Davis	Boys Cross Country (1/3)
Hunter Mowery	Boys Cross Country (1/3)
Steve Mowery	Boys Cross Country (1/3)
Abby Davis	Girls Cross Country (1/3)
Hunter Mowery	Girls Cross Country (1/3)
Steve Mowery	Girls Cross Country (1/3)
Brianna Tebbe	Asst. Varsity Volleyball
Olivia Burks	JV Volleyball
Lauren Vagedes	7 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Volleyball
Matthew Phyllaier	Asst. Varsity Girls Basketball
Tammy Vondenhuevel	JV Girls Basketball
Timothy Niekamp	8th Gr. Girls Basketball
Abby Davis	7th Gr. Girls Basketball
Derek Estes	Girls Basketball Youth Coordinator
Peyton Spurlock	7th Gr. Boys Basketball
Zach Barlage	Boys Basketball Youth Coordinator
Brooke Duncum	HS Cheer Advisor
Meranda Sherman	JH Cheer Advisor
Tina Mertz	HSB Basketball Game Supervision
Jill York	Yearbook Advisor
Glenn Brown	Promotions/Communications Tech
Hunter Sheaffer	Pep Band Director
Stephanie Merickel	HS Student Council
Katy Koverman	EL Student Council (1/2)
Cara Kellersmith	EL Student Council (1/2)
Marie Poepelman	Washington DC Coordinator
Gina Maier	Washington DC Supervisor
Kyle Borchers	Washington DC Supervisor
Cara Kellersmith	Academia Advisor
Jenni Paulus	LPDC Representative
Stephanie Merickel	National Honor Society Advisor

Gina Maier	Junior Class Advisor
Tina Mertz	Junior Class Advisor
Cara Kellersmith	Environmental Awareness Club Advisor
Janet McClurg	Performing Arts Club Advisor
Gina Maier	Phillip Abbott Honor Society Advisor
Deanna Chappie	Spanish Circle
Samantha Stephens	Elementary Musical
Jenni Paulus	PAWS Coordinator

5. Accepted the resignation of Shannon Petitjean, custodian, effective June 30, 2026.
6. Accepted the resignation of Andrea Van Luvender, teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
7. Accepted the resignation of Karissa Allen, educational aide, at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
8. Approved the following 2026-2027 lunch prices:
 

Grades K-6:	\$2.25
Grades 7-12:	\$2.50
Reduced Lunch:	\$ .40
Breakfast K-12:	\$1.50
Reduced Breakfast:	\$ .30
Milk:	\$ .50
Staff:	\$3.25
9. Approved the overnight trip to FFA Camp on June 22-26, 2026.
10. Approved the dates of June 1-12, 2026 for JH/HS Summer School.
11. Approved the College Credit Plus MOU with Sinclair Community College for the 2026-2027 school year.
12. Approved ½ unpaid day of absence without approved leave for classified staff member Jill Benazer, per Superintendent discretion
13. Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Catholic Social Services for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school year.
14. Approved the following summer youth camp dates:
 

Boys Basketball	May 26-28
Girls Basketball	May 26-28
Volleyball	June 25-27
Golf	June 3 & 10
15. Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Hardin-Houston Education Association.
16. Approved the Competition Gym floor project with Energy Optimizers in the amount of \$479,320.00.
17. Approved the classified salary schedule for the 2026-2027 contract year.

18. Approve the following board policies:

- Policy 2431.06 Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) in Athletics
- Policy 3440 Job-Related Expenses
- Policy 4162 Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL License Holders who Perform Safety-Sensitive Functions and are subject to DOT Testing
- Policy 4162.01 Drug and Alcohol Testing of Employees without CDL Licenses who Transport Students in Alternative Vehicles (Non-DOT Testing)
- Policy 4235 Jury Duty
- Policy 4440 Job-Related Expenses
- Policy 5112 Entrance Requirements
- Policy 5421 Grading
- Policy 5430 Class Rank
- Policy 6220 Budget Preparation
- Policy 6320 Purchasing and Bidding
- Policy 6325 Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds
- Policy 6423 Use of Credit Cards
- Policy 6425 Use of District Tax Exempt Certificate
- Policy 6460 Vendor Relations
- Policy 6465 Affinity, Rewards, or Other Discount Programs
- Policy 7530.01 Cellular Telephone Allowance
- Policy 7540.09 Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Policy 8500 Food Services
- Policy 8600 Transportation
- Policy 8600.04 Bus and Alternative Vehicle Driver Certification
- Policy 8640 Transportation for Non-Routine Trips
- Policy 8650 Transportation by Alternative Vehicles

19. Approved the Master Agreement with the Hardin-Houston Education Association effective July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029, as presented.

20. The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center.