

Hardin Houston Local School District
Regular Session of the Board of Education
Monday, May 18, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
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

Clark _____ Ginn _____ Mohler _____ Shaffer _____ 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 to:

- 1. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 20, 2026 & the Special Board Meeting on April 24, 2026, as presented.
- 2. Approve the monthly financial reports and expenditures for April 2026.
- 3. Approve 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

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VI. District Reports to the Board

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

Wellness Committee Annual Meeting

Hardin-Houston Local School District has a Wellness Policy that is reviewed annually. The district will review the policy at the monthly board meeting on Monday, June 15, 2026, in the Media Center.

VII. Superintendent Recommendations

A. Employments

_____ moved and _____ seconded to:

1. Employ Glenn Brown, Beth Holinger & Bethany Wical as Summer School Teachers at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.
2. Employ Amberly Tauber as a Floating Substitute/Educational Aide effective for the 2026-2027 school year at a salary of \$25,940.25 (Tier 0) contingent upon successful background check & proper licensure.
3. Employ the following on one-year supplemental contracts for the 2026-2027 school year:

Abby Davis	Boys Cross Country (1/3)	\$ 874.85
Hunter Mowery	Boys Cross Country (1/3)	\$ 874.85
Steve Mowery	Boys Cross Country (1/3)	\$1,137.30
Abby Davis	Girls Cross Country (1/3)	\$ 874.85
Hunter Mowery	Girls Cross Country (1/3)	\$ 874.85
Steve Mowery	Girls Cross Country (1/3)	\$1,137.30
Brianna Tebbe	Asst. Varsity Volleyball	\$3,411.91
Olivia Burks	JV Volleyball	\$2,624.55
Lauren Vagedes	7 th Gr. Volleyball	\$2,393.59
Matthew Phyllaier	Asst. Varsity Girls Basketball	\$4,157.28
Tammy Vondenhuevel	JV Girls Basketball	\$7,086.28
Timothy Niekamp	8th Gr. Girls Basketball	\$3,863.33
Abby Davis	7th Gr. Girls Basketball	\$2,414.58
Derek Estes	Girls Basketball Youth Coordinator	\$ 734.87
Peyton Spurlock	7th Gr. Boys Basketball	\$2,414.58
Zach Barlage	Boys Basketball Youth Coordinator	\$ 955.34
Brooke Duncum	HS Cheer Advisor	\$3,653.37
Meranda Sherman	JH Cheer Advisor	\$2,393.59
Tina Mertz	HSB Basketball Game Supervision	\$3,779.35
Jill York	Yearbook Advisor	\$2,939.49
Glenn Brown	Promotions/Communications Tech	\$3,275.44
Hunter Sheaffer	Pep Band Director	\$1,364.77
Stephanie Merickel	HS Student Council	\$2,047.15
Katy Koverman	EL Student Council (1/2)	\$ 955.34
Cara Kellersmith	EL Student Council (1/2)	\$ 955.34
Marie Poeppelman	Washington DC Coordinator	\$1,175.80
Gina Maier	Washington DC Supervisor	\$ 881.85

Kyle Borchers	Washington DC Supervisor	\$ 734.87
Cara Kellersmith	Academia Advisor	\$1,364.77
Jenni Paulus	LPDC Representative	\$1,774.19
Stephanie Merickel	National Honor Society Advisor	\$1,322.77
Gina Maier	Junior Class Advisor	\$ 755.87
Tina Mertz	Junior Class Advisor	\$ 755.87
Cara Kellersmith	Environmental Awareness Club Advisor	\$ 839.86
Janet McClurg	Performing Arts Club Advisor	\$ 839.86
Gina Maier	Phillip Abbott Honor Society Advisor	\$ 839.86
Deanna Chappie	Spanish Circle	\$ 839.86
Samantha Stephens	Elementary Musical	\$ 787.36
Jenni Paulus	PAWS Coordinator	\$ 503.91

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B. Resignations

_____ moved and _____ seconded to:

1. Accept the resignation of Shannon Petitjean, custodian, effective June 30, 2026.
2. Accept the resignation of Andrea Van Luvender, teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Accept the resignation of Karissa Allen, educational aide, at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

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C. Approvals

_____ moved and _____ seconded to:

1. Approve 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
2. Approve the overnight trip to FFA Camp on June 22-26, 2026.
3. Approve the dates of June 1-12, 2026 for JH/HS Summer School.
4. Approve the College Credit Plus MOU with Sinclair Community College for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.
5. Approve ½ unpaid day of absence without approved leave for classified staff member Jill Benazer, per Superintendent discretion.
6. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Catholic Social Services for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school year, as presented.
7. Approve the following summer youth camp dates:

Boys Basketball	May 26-28
Girls Basketball	May 26-28
Volleyball	June 25-27
Golf	June 3 & 10

8. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Hardin-Houston Education Association, as presented.
9. Approve the Competition Gym floor project with Energy Optimizers in the amount of \$ 479,320.00, as presented.
10. Approve the classified salary schedule for the 2026-2027 contract year, as presented.
11. Approve the following board policies, as presented:

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

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D. Approvals

_____ moved and _____ seconded to:

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

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VIII. Executive Session

_____ moved and _____ seconded 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.

Clark _____ Ginn _____ Mohler _____ Shaffer _____ Helman _____

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 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!”