HURON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda of Regular Meeting

The Board of Education
Huron Intermediate School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Huron Intermediate School District will be held on November 9, 2026, beginning at 4:00 PM at the Huron Intermediate School District's Administration Building at 1299 S. Thomas Road, Suite 1, Bad Axe, MI 48413.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Minutes of October 12, 2026
4. Public Participation
5. Presentation
    A. Michigan Beauty Show - Theresa Hessling
6. Action Items
    A. Programs/Services and Personnel
        1. Resignation of Paraprofessional
7. Informational Items
    A. Report of Assistant Superintendents 2
    B. Report of Superintendent
8. Approval of Bills
9. Adjournment

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business. There is time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

Instructional Services Department
Steve Carlson, Assistant Superintendent

Board of Education Report: November 9, 2026

- **Early Childhood Update:**
  - Erinn Mausolf & I attended the Help Me Grow Summit in Mt. Pleasant in October. Going into the summit, we knew that Help Me Grow was a national program & network that would be Michigan's new model for 32p grant programs, which had been called "Great Start Collaborative". Erinn & I learned much more during these two days, including:
    - Instead of "Great Start Collaboratives", Michigan will refer to these teams as "Early Learning Partnerships".
    - MiLEAP is still working on the work plan for administering the 32p grant, so we don't yet have access to these funds. We do know that the HISD allocation will be $235,172 for SY26-27 but we don't know what our carryover rules will be.
      - From this funding, we will need to hire a systems-level lead position that will work on system-building, program coordination, data collection, program assessment, and supporting the care coordinator.
      - We'll also hire a care coordinator, who will be a single point of contact for Huron County families and other service providers. This person will answer questions, make referrals to the appropriate providers, engage in follow-up communications to ensure services have been provided, and provide a seamless connection for families to services and between the services themselves. Eventually, Early On referrals would be routed through this individual.
    - Help Me Grow has four program components. It was stressed at the summit that ISDs new to this work are free to build slowly and full integration of all these components can occur over a series of years:
      - **Centralized Access Point:** referrals for services, education for families, follow-up & linkage to services.
      - **Family & Community Outreach**: coordinated outreach, family voice, community partners.
      - **Child Health Providers Outreach:** outreach to medical providers, coordinated developmental screening.
      - **Data Collection & Analysis**: shared data infrastructure, coordinated system improvement, data-based decision making.

        - We are in a holding pattern until MiLEAP releases their work plan, but once they do we would probably look to post for the systems-level lead position ASAP. It would be ideal for a person to be identified to start building this system up prior to a more complete launch with a care coordinator in place. We recognize that many local service agencies are actively working on building up their own collaboration and it would be good for us to have our Help Me Grow systems leader in place to start integrating into that work.
- **Mental Health Update:**
    - The Behavioral Health Assessment Team (BHAT) is comprised of HISD staff and local district staff that work most closely with behavioral health. This team is meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 4 for the first time in the new school year to look at emerging data trends and to update the Educator Behavior Support Guide.
- **Instructional Coaching Update:**
    - **Early Math:** Jenni Trusock and Katie Parker will lead the first gathering of the new Math Teacher Leader Network on Friday, Nov. 6. Local principals have identified about 7-8 teachers (K-5) that they want to join this group that will learn and grow together around high-quality math instruction. A goal is to build this group's skills and confidence in math instruction while looking for opportunities for their learning to spread into their local districts.
    - **Early Lit:** Individual Reading Intervention Plans (IRIPs) have been required for struggling K-3 readers for almost a decade, but PA 146 has created a need for more structure and reporting on these tools designed to identify the specific supports a struggling reader needs to meet their goals. Several local districts have been working with the lit coaches to move their IRIPs into a statewide data platform called MiREAD. MiREAD will be required by next year and we are encouraging districts to start the transition in the current year so that bugs can be worked out without looming deadlines. Once complete, this transition to a common county platform for IRIPs will allow for greater collaboration and support from HISD to local districts in this area.
- **Professional Learning Update:**
    - Our AI integration series at Sanilac ISD met for the 2nd time on Oct. 21 and we meet again on November 23. We'll pause the series in the winter months before picking back up with sessions in March, April, and May.
    - The 2nd session of the Secondary ELA Teacher Workshop meets on Thursday, Nov. 5. Having focused on curriculum alignment across district teams last month, this session provides the chance to work in grade bands across districts to provide collaborative opportunities we don't usually provide small-school teachers. The next session (Dec. 3) will let teachers explore what their College Board Data across grades 8-11 tell them about the impact of their instruction, allowing them opportunity to make changes in areas of need.

- On Monday, November 9, I'll host a Pillars II session on UDL for 2nd/3rd year teachers. This will mark the half-way point for both Pillars I & Pillars II for the year. In December I hope to have a chance to share some data we have on program quality and local district engagement with our series.

	Participants	Total Hours
September 2026	418	41.75
October 2026 (partial)	105	23.5
SY26-27 Total	983	198.25

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November 2026

Huron Learning Center

Please see attached report.

ParaEducator Training

Our special education teacher consultants have provided Level 1 Paraeducator Bootcamp to 82 paraprofessionals in our county and Level 2 to 30 paraprofessionals. We also have another Level 2 session coming up. Teacher Consultants on this team are Kurt Long, Kristy Powell, Sherri Hoffman, Deb Walsh and Sarah Green.

Beyond this our team continues to refine the professional learning series for our paraeducators. Please see the attached list of topics and our local presenters in our series this school year.

Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE) Behavior Technician Training

We have 39 HISD paraprofessionals registered for the MAASE Behavior Technician Training launching in January 2027. This is 40 hours of online asynchronous coursework offered by MAASE. The initial roll out of the training is being provided free to early registrants. We are thankful for our paraprofessionals' willingness to take on this additional professional learning!

ASD Leadership Team

The Huron County ASD Leadership Team will finish their training in April 2027. So far, they have participated in 6 full days of in person training at HISD between June 2026 through September 2026. In addition to that, they are currently completing the Effective Practices Leadership Initiative Bootcamp coursework through START (Statewide Autism Resources and Training). This includes 9 virtual sessions, 3 in person days at HISD, and 3-4 hours of independent coursework. The total EPLI training time is approximately 50 hours.

We have approximately 55 people participating in the ASD Leadership training from all of the local schools and the HISD. This professional learning is a large undertaking, and we greatly appreciate all of the educators engaged in this work!

Project SEARCH Update

Geralyn Kolar as met with the Statewide Project SEARCH Directors and the Bad Axe Meijer HR Director and Store Manager. They are committing to being our host business for Project SEARCH and have a classroom space for this program!

Personnel/Staffing

We continue to work to fill our vacancies in the special education department. Currently we have the following positions open.

- Teacher Consultant-EI – 1 full time
- Speech Language Pathologist – 1 full time
- Special Education Paraprofessionals – 1 full time
- School Psychologist - 1 full time

Huron Learning Center

November 2026

Board Report





Current Events

- The Huron Learning Center students participated in a Fire Safety Presentation as a part of Fire Safety Awareness month. Firefighter Justin Kociba from the Bad Axe Fire Department spoke with the students on October 8.
- Students participated in the 1st MP PBIS Reward at Kohl Farms on Friday, October 16.
- On Thursday, October 22, State Trooper Jill Wolschlager made her monthly visits to the HLC classrooms.
- Tuesday, October 27 was the Huron Learning Centers School Picture Day.
- The HLC staff hosted our families for our annual Spooktacular Event on October 28.
- On Friday, October 30 classrooms held their Halloween parties and students were able to trick or treat throughout the HISD buildings.

Embracing the Journey of Learning



Professional Development

- Rebecca Schumacher, Alyssa Iseler, Nichole Glaza, and Alicia Burkhard participate in the START EPLI Behavior Series Trainings.
- Cyle Harless, Melissa Schramski, Jeff Guza, Brandon Green, Jodi Volk, Brooke Spencer, Alicia Burkhard, and Rebecca Schumacher participated in the CKH Process Champions training on Tuesday, October 13.
- On Wednesday, October 21, Rebecca Schumacher attended the AI Integration Series at Sanilac Intermediate School District.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports

- The monthly PBIS assembly was held on October 1st. Students participate in lessons on behavioral expectations in the classroom.
- Several PBIS ticket winners were selected.





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Paraprofessional Training Series

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14 practical learning opportunities throughout the school year

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2026-2027 SESSION LINEUP

All trainings are held from 3:30–5:00 p.m. at HISD unless otherwise noted with an asterisk (*).

#1	**SEPT 9** | FAPE in the LRE with Michele Kabban
#2	**SEPT 16** | Setting Expectations & Limits with Joe Pratt
#3	**SEPT 23** | Teaming with the Classroom Teacher with Becky Schumacher
#4	**SEPT 30** | Level 1 Paraeducator Bootcamp* with Kristy Powell
#5	**OCT 14** | Strategies for Self Regulation with Jackie Callendar
#6	**OCT 28** | Making Universal Supports Everyday Practice with Geralyn Kolar & START
#7	**NOV 11** | Prompting Hierarchies & Fading Supports with Alison Rothe
#8	**NOV 18** | De-Escalation Strategies with Alicia Burkhard
#9	**DEC 1** | Visual Strategies for Accessible Curriuclum with Geralyn Kolar & START
#10	**JAN 13** | Supporting Communication: AAC in Action
#11	**JAN 27** | CPI Physicals Techniques with Jodi Volk
#12	**FEB 10** | Assistive Technology with Deb Walsh
#13	**MAR 10** | AI for Special Education Parapros with Geralyn Kolar
#14	**APR 14** | Level 2 Paraeducactor Bootcamp* with Kurt Long

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Student Spotlight!

We hosted all county 9th graders on October 27th for the annual Freshmen Focus event.

Our students stepped up and volunteered to be leaders and guide students on this day. We had over 50 students volunteer to help lead at this event. They talked about their programs, led student groups, and participated in a student panel, offering insight to 9th graders.

It was a great event and we appreciate our HATC students standing up and being leaders!





DECA Officers Travel to State Leadership Conference

DECA officers travelled to the State Leadership Conference at Michigan State with Mrs. Blackstock in October.

Their favorite sessions they attended are the following:

- Marketing: The Ultimate Advantage
- Stay Curious & Connected: Networking
- Why Should a DECA student attend MSU?
- Understanding Accouting:The Bottom Line
- Building your Brand: Leveraging LInkedIn

Campus Highlights

Many students have been able to participate in field trip opportunities this past month.

The Law/Public Safety students were able to travel to Selfridge Air Force Base to get an insider view of the careers opportunities available.

The Cosmetology students were able to attend the Michigan Hair Show in Grand Rapids, MI, where they came back excited and full of knowledge!



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Early Middle College

Sandi, our EMC Coordinator, travelled to Alpena Community College, Mid Michigan College, and SVSU to check in our 13th year EMC students who are liviing on campus this year.

All 8 students are doing well in classes and excited for the opportunity to gain additional college credits while enrolled in EMC.

The two students at the right are at ACC and will earn their full Associates Degree Utility Technician in May 2027 as EMC students!





Staff Spotlight

Our staff has been working diligently to implement Capturing Kids' Heats (CKH) into our building.

We are focusing on ENGAGE at this time where we do the following:

- greet students outside doors each day
- start classes with "good things" to set the tone
- build social contracts for each classroom

Our staff is also having fun! On the left you can see some dressed up for Halloween, bringing fun to students.

Community Connections

Our National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) students travelled to Meadow Lanes to volunteer time with the residents there! They had so much fun playing games and visiting.



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HURON AREA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOVEMBER 2026



OCTOBER WORK

Let's reflect back…

- Grant Applications, Grant Requests, and Final Grant Expenditure Reports (Grow Your Own, Robotics, Strong Beginnings, IDEA, 54D)
- SE 4094 – Specialized Transportation Reporting
- SE 4096 – Special Education Reporting
- FID – Financial Information Database Reporting of 25-26 Expenditures
- ORS Audits
- Medicaid Reporting

OCTOBER TRAININGS

- MDE/MSBO Workshop
- MDE Transportation Update
- ASBO Conference
- TRSBO Meeting

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Financial Information Database (FID)

The Finance Office has spent the past month finalizing audit work and preparing the district's annual Financial Information Database (FID) submission. Due November 1 each year, this required report provides the State of Michigan with detailed information on district revenues, expenditures, and other financial activities. FID reporting supports statewide financial planning, allows comparisons among districts, and promotes transparency and consistent application of state accounting standards. A key part of our preparation is ensuring the submitted information agrees with the district's audited financial statements. Meeting these requirements is essential to maintaining state school aid payments. Districts and intermediate school districts that do not comply are subject to withholding of all state school aid beginning with the next scheduled payment. Any funds still withheld at the close of the fiscal year are permanently forfeited.

Competitive Bid Thresholds

The Michigan Department of Education has not yet released the updated FY 2027 thresholds for competitive bidding and financial reporting. I will share this information once it is released.

GSRP Update

This month, the Business Services Department distributed GSRP contracts, budget templates, and other required financial reporting materials to our program partners. Training was also provided for new and existing partners to review financial procedures and reporting requirements. Initial funding requests have been submitted to support program operations.

Conferences

In October, Kendra Messing, Business Manager, and I attended the ASBO International 2026 Annual Conference & Expo. This year's theme, "Ignite: Powering Innovation, Shaping Tomorrow," emphasized practical solutions to school finance challenges. Conference topics included collaborative budgeting, evaluating the impact of district spending, managing rising health insurance costs, and improving operational efficiency. Artificial intelligence was also a central focus, with an emphasis on its potential to streamline routine tasks, support data analysis, and improve efficiency in school business operations. These discussions were particularly relevant to our department's ongoing efforts to incorporate AI into our work. Attending together allowed us to discuss how these strategies could strengthen HISD's financial planning and daily operations. The investment in this professional learning supports informed budget decisions, opportunities to control costs, and practices we can share with our Business Services team and local districts.

Finance Team Meeting

The Business Services Department held its first team meeting of the fiscal year, with a focus on team building, workplace safety, fraud prevention, and the responsible use of artificial intelligence in the business office. The meeting provided an opportunity to strengthen working relationships and review ways to protect district information and financial resources while using new tools effectively in our daily work.