

**Coopersville Area Public Schools
Board of Education**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2026
7:00 pm**

1. **Roll Call**: Members Present: J. Buth, A. Gillhespy, M. Michalak, S. Nelson, R. Post, G. Twietmeyer, L. VanSickle

Members Absent: None

Also Present: M. Spencer, Superintendent; L. Adams, Secretary to the Board; Ava Maycroft and Colton Maycroft, Student Board Representatives
2. **Communication**
 - a. **Student Board Representatives** – Senior Ava Maycroft and Junior Colton Maycroft, reported on current events at the High School.
 - b. **Audience Comments** – Kelly Balkema reported on CEA happenings as we head into spring. She said the work is very demanding this time of the year, but the staff care deeply about our students.
 - c. **Special Recognition** – The Board recognized our winter student athletes.
 - d. **Board Communications** –
 - i. Alison Gillhespy read a summary of Superintendent Spencer’s evaluation.
 - ii. The Board received the spring Neola policy updates for first reading.
 - iii. The Board reviewed the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) K-12.
3. **Informational and Discussion Items**
 - a. **Personnel Report** – The Personnel Report was provided showing the most recent changes in staff.
 - b. **Student Recognition** – Each month, the Board recognizes students for their significant contributions or recognitions.
4. **Consent Agenda**

MOTION by VanSickle, supported by Twietmeyer, to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

 - a. **Minutes, Bills, and Payrolls** as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.
5. **Action Items**
 - a. **HS ELA – Books** – MOTION by Buth, supported by VanSickle, to approve the two HS ELA books ***Klara and the Sun*** by Kazuo Ishiguro and ***Hidden Figures*** by Margot Lee Shetterley (*Young Readers’ Edition*).
Motion unanimously carried.
 - b. **Field Trip** – MOTION by Twietmeyer, supported by Buth to approve the International Thespian Society field trip to Stratford, Ontario, Canada for July 22 – July 24, 2026.
Motion unanimously carried.
6. **Superintendent’s Report**

Matt Spencer let the Board know that the district does not need to make up any days due to having seven snow days this school year. He thanked Shana Hansma, Tammi Jenkins, and Lisa Adams for their work on making sure the district was in compliance with Days and Hours. He also wanted to share a high expectation celebration from our 4th grade team. During March is Reading Month, the 4th grade students had a “Big Top Challenge” to complete at least four-chapter books. All classrooms met the challenge and some were above four-chapter books. Great Job!
7. **Adjournment** – MOTION by VanSickle, supported by Gillhespy, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Adams
Recording Secretary*