

## **REGULAR MEETING WEST HANCOCK BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**December 15, 2025**

The Board of Directors of the West Hancock Community School District, in the Counties of Hancock and Wright, State of Iowa, met in regular session, in the West Hancock High School Boardroom, 510 9th Avenue SW, Britt, Iowa 50423, at 6:00 P.M., on December 15, 2025. There were present: President Wilson, in the chair, and the following named Board Members: Johnson, Burgardt, Harle, Wilson, Swanson, Bixel and Purvis. Absent: None. Others present: Superintendent McLaughlin, Business Mgr. DeGroote, Principals Peterson, DeHart and Molina, Ben Hassebroek from the Leader.

No public input on Resolution to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Bixel to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. Carried: 7-0

The West Hancock Community School Board of Directors met in regular session in the West Hancock High School Boardroom. President Kevin Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Members present: Johnson, Burgardt, Harle, Wilson, Swanson, Bixel and Purvis. Absent: Bixel Others present: Superintendent McLaughlin, Business Mgr. DeGroote, Principal Peterson, Principal DeHart and Principal Molina and Ben Hassebroek from the Leader.

Motion by Burgardt seconded by Purvis, to approve the items listed under the consent agenda. Carried: 7-0

Administrative reports were given.

Motion by Purvis, seconded by Anderson, to approve the hire of Patricia Reynolds as Middle School Secretary. Carried: 7-0.

Motion by Burgardt, seconded by Swanson, to authorize the district's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$239,201 for MSA for the purpose of at-risk/dropout expenditures in 26-27. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Motion by Bixel, second by Purvis, to set January 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School Boardroom, as the public hearing date for the 26-27 school calendar. Carried: 7-0.

Motion by Anderson, for the following Resolution adoption, seconded by Bixel, to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was:

Ayes: Anderson, Burgardt, Bixel, Brogaard, Purvis, Swanson, and Wilson  
Nays: None

The President declared the Resolution adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that to continue the current level of services and to fund the ongoing programs of the School District, continuation of participation in the Instructional Support Program for a period of five years is necessary and in the best interests of the District and its residents and students; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has given consideration to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program as provided in Sections 257.18 through 257.21, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Board has published notice of the time and place of a public hearing on the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, a hearing has been held upon the proposal to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program and any objections are overruled:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Directors determines that it is consistent with the five year finance plan to fund the ongoing programs and services of the School District and it is in the best interest of the School District to continue participation in an Instructional Support Program as provided in Sections 257.18 through 257.21, Code of Iowa, and to provide additional funding therefor for a period of five (5) years commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

2. The additional funding for the Instructional Support Program for a budget year will be determined annually and will not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total regular program district cost for the budget year and moneys received under Section 257.14, Code of Iowa, as a budget adjustment for the budget year.

3. Moneys received by the District for the Instructional Support Program may be used for any general fund purpose.

4. The Instructional Support Program shall be funded by instructional support state aid and a combination instructional support property tax levied annually upon the taxable property within the School District commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and an instructional support income surtax imposed annually, the percent of income surtax to be determined by the Board for each budget year to be imposed upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the School District on December 31, 2026, and each year thereafter.

5. Unless, within twenty-eight days following the adoption of this Resolution, the Secretary of the Board receives a petition containing the signatures of eligible electors equal in number to not less than one hundred or thirty percent of the number of voters at the last preceding regular school election, whichever is greater, asking that an election be called to approve or disapprove this action of the Board adopting the Instructional Support Program, this action of the Board is final and the Secretary is authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Management.

In the event a petition containing the required number of signatures is filed with the Secretary of the Board within twenty-eight days of the adoption of this Resolution, the President shall call a meeting of the

Board to consider rescission of this Resolution, or to direct the county commissioner of elections to submit the following question to the qualified electors of the School District at a special election.

If the Board determines to submit the question to the electors, the public measure to be submitted shall be as follows:

Shall the Board of Directors of the West Hancock Community School District, in the Counties of Hancock and Wright, State of Iowa, be authorized for a period of five (5) years to continue to levy and impose an instructional support tax in an amount (after taking into consideration instructional support state aid) of not exceeding ten percent (10%) of the total of regular program district cost for the budget year and moneys received under Section 257.14, Code of Iowa, as a budget adjustment in the budget year, and be authorized annually, in combination, as determined by the Board, to levy an instructional support property tax upon all the taxable property within the School District commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and to impose an instructional support income surtax upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the School District on December 31 for each calendar year commencing with calendar year 2026, or each year thereafter, the percent of income surtax to be determined by the Board for each fiscal year, to be used for any general fund purpose?

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025

Motion by Burgardt, seconded by Bixel, to approve the open enrollment application. Carried: 7-0

Motion by Purvis, seconded by Swanson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Carried: 7-0

---

Kevin Wilson, President

---

Beth DeGroote, Board Secretary