

**WEST HANCOCK BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PUBLIC HEARING ON 2026-2027 BUDGET
March 23, 2026**

The West Hancock Community School Board of Directors met for Budget Public Hearing #1 at the West Hancock Middle School Boardroom. Board President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Anderson, Burgardt, Swanson, Bixel, Purvis and Wilson. Absent: Brogaard. Others present: Superintendent McLaughlin, Business Manager DeGroote, Administrators Peterson and Molina, Directors Sickels and Carr.

Public Hearing: Mr. McLaughlin explained the tax sheet, reason for the increase, and the trends. No objections were made.

Motion by Burgardt, seconded by Purvis, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Carried: 6-0

Kevin Wilson, President

Beth DeGroote, Board Secretary

**REGULAR MEETING WEST HANCOCK BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 23, 2026**

The West Hancock Community School Board of Directors met in regular session in the West Hancock Middle School board room. Board President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

Members present: Anderson, Burgardt, Swanson, Bixel, Purvis and Wilson. Absent: Brogaard. Others present: Superintendent McLaughlin, Business Manager DeGroote, Administrators Peterson and Molina, Directors Sickels and Carr.

Motion by Swanson seconded by Bixel, to approve the items listed under the consent agenda. Carried: 6-0

Administrative Reports were given.

Motion by Bixel, seconded by Anderson, to accept the resignation of London Dodd as Teacher. Carried: 6-0.

Motion by Purvis, seconded by Swanson, to set the date for the second budget hearing April 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Carried: 6-0.

Motion by Burgardt, seconded by Bixel, to renew our contract renewal for the natural gas risk pool. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Purvis, seconded by Burgardt, to approve the hire of Paul Sonius as Drivers' Education instructor for this year. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Anderson, to renew our AEA purchasing agreement for next school year for food, small wares, and ware wash. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Bixel, to approve the District Career and Academic Plan presented by Principal Peterson. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Burgardt, seconded by Purvis, to approve the purchase of an engine for a bus in the amount of \$25,953 and the def filter for \$3,000. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Burgardt, seconded by Purvis, to approve the purchase of a 2021 Blue Bird bus from American Bus in the amount of \$93,985. Carried: 6-0

Motion by Bixel, seconded by Swanson, to approve the open enrollment for the 26-27 school year. Carried: 6-0

First reading of Board Policy 700.

Motion by Purvis, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Carried: 6-0

Kevin Wilson, President

Beth DeGroot, Board Secretary