

REGULAR MEETING WEST HANCOCK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 19, 2026

The West Hancock Community School Board of Directors met in regular session in the West Hancock High School Boardroom. Board President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Wilson, Burgardt, Swanson, Bixel, and Anderson. Absent: Brogaard and Purvis.

Others present: Superintendent McLaughlin, Business Manager DeGroot, Principals Peterson, Molina and DeHart, David Hatle from The Leader and staff.

Motion by Bixel, seconded by Swanson, to approve the items listed under the consent agenda. Carried: 5-0

Administrator reports were given.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Anderson, to accept the resignation of Bonnie Hiscocks as Pep Club Co-Sponsor. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Bixel, to approve the hire of Shae Eckels for Pep Club Sponsor. Carried 5-0

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Burgardt, to approve the hire of Kelly Ruth Winter for Assistant Speech Coach. Carried 5-0

Motion by Bixel, seconded by Swanson, to accept the resignation of Angela Thompson as Middle School Teacher and MS Volleyball Coach. Carried 5-0

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Bixel, to approve the hire of Mazie Erdahl as Middle School Teacher. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Bugardt, seconded by Bixel, to approve the hire of Lincoln Jost as Cleaner. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Swanson, to approve the hire of Ethan Albertson as HS Head Cross Country Coach. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Bixel, seconded by Swanson, to accept the resignation of Rebecca Donaghy as Librarian. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Burgardt, seconded by Anderson, to approve the hire of Lori Eekhoff and Shayne Berneman as TLC Team Leads for the 2026-27 school year. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Anderson, to accept the resignation of Seth Goepel as Weightlifting Coach. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Bugardt, seconded by Anderson, to accept the resignation of Natalie Labby as Paraprofessional. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Bixel, to approve the milk bid from Anderson Erickson. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Burgardt, to approve the bread bid from Pan-O-Gold. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Burgardt, seconded by Swanson, to approve the copier/printer bid from Marco in the amount of \$6,017.23. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Bixel, to approve the second reading for the 700 series. Carried: 5-0

The first reading of policy series 500.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Bixel, to approve the Education Records Access. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Burgardt, seconded by Anderson, to approve the contract from NWEA for Map testing. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Bixel, to approve the student teacher placement contract with Waldorf. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Burgardt, seconded by Swanson, to approve the Transportation Director sharing agreement with Garner-Hayfield-Ventura for 2026-2027. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Bixel, to approve the Buildings and Grounds Director sharing agreement with Garner-Hayfield-Ventura for 2026-2027. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Burgardt, to approve Central Rivers AEA services contract for 2026-2027. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Bixel, to approve the Social Worker sharing agreement with West Fork for 2026-2027. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Swanson, to approve the School Resource officer sharing agreement with City of Britt for 2026-2027. Carried: 5-0

Motion by Bixel, seconded by Swanson, to approve the Administrator and Director contracts for 2026-2027.

Motion by Bixel, seconded by Swanson to go into closed session for personnel reasons
Ayes: Wilson, Burgardt, Swanson, Bixel, and Anderson.
Nays: None.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Swanson to end closed session.
Ayes: Wilson, Burgardt, Swanson, Bixel, and Anderson.
Nays: None

Motion by Bixel, seconded by Swanson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Carried: 5-0

Kevin Wilson, President

Beth DeGroot, Board Secretary

Jay Burgardt, Interim Board Secretary