

**MINUTES  
HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS  
BOARD SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES OF 6/1/2026  
5:30 pm**

Present: Melissa Vertin, Amanda Massaway, Brent Burns and Brad Baltensperger

The Board met for a work session on Monday June 1, 2026 in the superintendent's office board room Below is a summary of the discussion that took place:

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Massaway at 5:30 pm

- **Public Comment**

There was no public comment

- **Discussion Topics**

1. Sara Marcotte presented 2025-26 financials and lead the board in discussion of the 2026-2027 budget. Anders Hill presented planning to present a balanced budget.
2. The board discussed transitioning to only using school email addresses for school communication.
3. The board discussed video streaming board meetings and challenges associated with current technology constraints.
4. John Scholten from Michigan Leadership Institute (MLI) lead the board through discussion of data collected from the strategic planning surveys, staff interviews and listening sessions. The board discussed 3 – 4 focus areas based on the feedback from parents, staff and community members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Anders Hill  
Superintendent of Schools