HCS School Board Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2026

1. **Roll: Mrs. Lischke, Jason Dunderdale, John Freerksen, Ken Wilson, Keith Seashols, Willie Rice, Rittney Greer**
    a. **Absent: Nathan Tindell, Neil Pipkin, Frank McNellis**

2. **Call to order 7:02**

3. **Devotion and Prayer:** Rittney, The legacy of Heritage Christian School, Psalm 78:5-7. Reg. God's Smuggler by Brother Andrew
(action: assign next month's person) - Neil

4. **Amend or approve agenda:** (August 2026) John moves to approve, 2nd by Ken. - Approved.

    a. **Approve Minutes of Board Meeting:** July 2026 motion by John to approve, 2nd by Willie, Approved.

5. **New Business**
    a. Policy Manual Review Section 2 – Executive Limitations 2.1 - 2.7
        i. No changes recommended.
    b. School Start/ Prep. Support of Administration
    c. Athletic practice attire discussed handbook language. New handbook language can be something like "…school issued clothing and uniforms are approved. Any shorts supplied by the students must have an inseam length that is commensurate with the game-worn uniforms."
    d. From executive session, one family was approved for reduced PSCs

6. **Administrator's Report**
    a. **First Day of School**
    We had a good first day of school. Lunch time went well. There were no problems.
    Enrollment: We have 124 students, 8 of those are preschoolers (1 part time).
    The teachers have done a great job of preparing for the school year.

    b. **Secondary Retreat**
    We had the secondary retreat at The Woods Nazarene Church on Wanamaker this year. We had Pastor Blake Owings who encouraged the students to lead like Jesus (act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God) as the main speaker. Pastor Patrick Garlock and Pastor Jordan Stinesman each lead a breakout session for the

boys and for the girls. They also had food, spiritual challenges for this next year, and fun games. It was a great event.

c. **PTF**
PTF is planning the Fall Festival at the Farm with lunch provided. We are hoping to encourage more people to buy tickets.
The PTF meeting is on September 8th at 6:30. Board members should be there and maybe give an update about the Clay Shoot and other board items such as getting lawn help.

d. **Teacher Inservice**
We had a week and a half of teacher in-service. Teachers had trainings by Scott Davis on *Avoiding the Drift* this year in our classrooms, reviewing policies and handbooks, reviewing the school improvement plan, reviewing standardized testing and coming up with some ways to improve test scores each quarter. Personal Teacher Improvement goals, as well as prayer time and spiritual growth time. We as a staff have prayed over each student and teacher and board and administrative staff. We were also so appreciative of The Tee Box who provided a breakfast meal for the teachers.

Our goals for this year are attached. We are focusing on language arts and reading. We are also again working on incorporating rigor to all levels. We discussed this in in-service as this is the area we were asked to work on by the accreditation committee.

Others topics during in-service were classroom management, reasons for cursive, emergency procedures, teacher procedure notebook and how to access, and etc. Some of the notes from in-service are attached.

Teachers also all went through first aid and aed training and got a 2 year certification. Erin Johnson and our graduate, Christian Montalni, taught these classes. The teachers they had to take a 100 point test after demonstrating physically that they could perform CPR and AED rescues as well as choking and moving the victim rescues.

e. **Completed Vacation Stations Summer Work**
Seven of our elementary students completed all of the summer work from Vacation Station as well as extra reading this summer. Those students will be presented with a certificate and a special gift.

f. **Character Caught**
We are concentrating on the character trait of Orderliness this month. We will honor students who teachers have witnessed exhibiting initiative next week. We honor students each month who are caught using good character traits.

g. **Meet the Teacher Night**
Almost all parents and students attended and many stayed and had ice cream in the lunch room. The teachers had positive interactions with parents. The parents and students were excited to be back at school.

h. **SPORTS**
We have had a soccer tournament and a few away games. Both our volleyball teams and soccer team are off to a good start.

i. **Preschool**
We had our surprise visit by the health department to inspect our preschool department. We passed with no citations. We should be receiving our full license which is good for one year.

j. **Advisors Excel**
We received art supplies, office/health supplies, and other teacher supplies from Advisor's Excel which valued $400. We are very thankful!

k. **Lights**
The lights have all been changed out to LEDs throughout the building except the gym.

l. **Senior Thesis**
All seniors will be required to complete a capstone project. It is designed to integrate research, Biblical thinking, writing, and public speaking. The final project will count equally toward Senior English and Ethics. The seniors will present their project in May in front of the secondary school and parents are invited. The requirements are attached.

7. **Committee Reports**

a. **PTF –** Meeting is September 8th. The shoot is set for October 17th at Ravenwood. We will have lunch (John will smoke BBQ). We will also do gift baskets and a shotgun raffle again. John is working on corporate sponsorships and flyers.
b. **Technology –** Cox has been bought out by Spectrum; our phones and internet is through them so it is unclear if that will affect us**.**
c. **Fundraising/Publicity –** Fund to serve is on the schedule.
d. **Academic**
e. **Spiritual**
f. **Building Maintenance –** the rubber mulch is out under the playground equipment, and it is an improvement.
g. **Financial –** our enrollment is low, causing us to be in a difficult financial situation. Strict budget adherence and strong fundraising are necessary.
h. **Admissions**

8. **Old Business**

9. **Open Forum**

10. **Executive Session** (if required) 8:33 – 8:35

11. John moved to adjourn 9:14 2nd by Ken. – Adjourned.