



Hillcrest Academy
Operating Board Minutes
13 April 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
In Person

Hillcrest Academy, in partnership with the family and the church, offers students an academically excellent, Christ-centered education rooted in an Anabaptist perspective. Within a caring community, Hillcrest prepares students for lives of Christian discipleship, peacemaking, and service.

Board Members Present: ~~Joel Beachy~~, Nick Detweiler-Stoddard, Terry Erb, Gabby Frederick, Allison Goertz, Cassidy Hertzler, Amy Landes, ~~Troy Roth~~, Robin Schrock, Marshall Swartzendruber, ~~Gretchen Yoder~~, Sarah Yoder, and Ella Walker

Principal: Nate Miller

April Board Meeting

I. Call to Order

- A. Commitment to Mission - Allison read aloud Hillcrest's Mission.
- B. Devotional Focusing - Terry started the meeting with devotion and prayer.
- C. Community Forum - No community members in attendance for the Community Forum.

II. Approve Consent Agenda

- A. March Minutes - The March minutes were reviewed.
- B. Administrative Reports - The Principal, Advancement, Finance and Enrollment reports were reviewed.
- C. April Board Meeting Agenda - The April agenda was reviewed.

ACTION 1 Approve consent agenda items.
Gabby/Amy/Carried

III. Strategic and Generative Work

- A. Policy Updates: Series 400 - The Board discussed the first read of Series 400.
- B. Teaching for Transformation Update - Nate provided an overview of the Teaching for Transformation framework and the three year process of professional development.
 - 1. Calendar change proposal - The proposal includes removal of one November and one January in-service date and replacing January 18, 2027 as full day in-service to allow for professional development. Choir concerts will also be changed from Wednesday evening to other weeknights.

ACTION 2 Approve calendar changes.
Cassidy/Gabby/Carried

- C. Strategic Planning Priorities- Nate shared a summary of developing a Strategic Plan in the near future.
- D. 2026-27 Board Planning
 - 1. Board secretary opening - The secretary position will be open in July.
 - 2. Board member openings - The Board reviewed Brylee Miller as a Board Member candidate to begin in July 2026.

ACTION 3 Approve Brylee Miller as new Board Member, replacing Ella Walker whose term ended.
Gabby/Marshall/Carried

- E. Input on Wednesday and Sunday school activities - The administrative team discussed requesting youth sports teams to adhere to school guidelines if using Hillcrest team name. Policy was also reviewed stating what activities are allowed on Wednesday evenings.

IV. Closing

- A. Summary of meeting and review of task assignments
- B. Next Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2026
- C. Adjournment

ACTION 4 Motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM
Robin/Cassidy/Carried

Executive Session

April 21, 2026 Special Session (by phone)

- A. Calendar change- The Board reviewed a calendar change by phone. .

Action 1 Approve the full day inservice to be changed from January 18 to January 15, 2007.
Joel/Cassidy/Carried (by phone)