



HUDSONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Challenging Minds and Lives for Christ

2026-2027

Annual Society Meeting

HUDSONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ANNUAL SOCIETY REPORT

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**HUDSONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING AGENDA
Monday, March 16, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.**

Opening devotions

- I. Approval of the 2025 Society Minutes – (copy enclosed)
- II. Recognition of Service - Retiring Board Members
 - Darrell Heuker, Immanuel CRC (at large)
 - Chad VanSomeren, Hillcrest CRC
- III. Recommendation for Constitutional Wording Change
 - Section 3. Two candidates for each vacancy shall be nominated by the Board.*
 - **Suggested Addition** Section 3. No more than two people who are members of the same church shall serve simultaneously on the Board.*
- IV. Board Member Considerations
 - A. Approval for Ben Scholten to continue for two more years as an at-large board member and Hope Hoezee to continue for three more years as an at-large board member to be submitted to Society for approval. Motion for approval made by Darrell, supported by Brian. **Approved at November 2025 School Board meeting.**
 - B. Board Member Candidates for 2026-2027

Hillcrest CRC	Immanuel CRC
David Busscher	Cathy Dykstra
Jake Holtrop	John Dykstra
- V. Financial Report – Brian Mast, Board Treasurer
- VI. The Board is asking the Society to
 - A. Elect new Board members
 - B. Approve the Budget and Tuition Schedule for the 2026-2027 school year
- VII. Superintendent's Report – Devon Brinks
- VIII. Safety & Security Update -
- IX. Parents' Club Report - Kristi Helton
- X. Presentation of newly elected board members and results of the budget approval
- XI. Closing prayer

HUDSONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 17, 2025

Society members in attendance: 49 (counted off)

- I. Opening devotions by Chad VanSomeren - The Vine: "God is our life", written by an HCS 8th grader.
- II. Approval of the 2024 Society Minutes- (copy enclosed)
 - a. Motion made and supported by Society. **Approved unanimously.**
- III. 3. Recognition of Service-Retiring Board Members
 - a. Dustin Cook, First Hudsonville CRC
 - b. Kevin Ferner, Jamestown CRC
- IV. 4. Board Member Candidates-

Jamestown CRC

Eric Heyboer
Ryan Miedema

First Hudsonville CRC

Kyle Brouwer
Kevin Palmbos

- V. Financial Report- Kevin Ferner, Board Treasurer
 - a. Total proposed budget for 2025-2026 is: \$9,078,000
 - b. 3.85% increase in tuition from last year to cover salaries, steps, and increase costs (CSI health insurance, fuel, electricity, etc.)
 - c. Society member requested clarification of bank fees
 - d. Praise for the completion of MS expansion project without loans
 - e. Kevin noted that EANS grant money (previously available to cover some costs) has now expired and the new budget will reflect that

Vote: Motion made and supported by Society to approve the 2025-2026 Budget with a 3.85% increase to tuition and 3% salary increase to the base and steps; **Approved unanimously**

- VI. The Board is asking the Society to
 - a. Elect new Board members
 - b. Approve the Budget and Tuition Schedule for the 2025-2026 school year
 - c. Proposed Constitution Changes (see next page):
 - i. Name change of school (official recognition): from Hudsonville Christian School Society to Hudsonville Christian School
 - ii. Adjusting the membership to HCS society to 10% of tuition donation.
 - iii. Consider removing the requirement for a Vice President for both the board and society.
 - iv. Identifying the three doctrinal standards of the Reformed faith
 - v. Three-year term rotations for board members to provide more stability
 - vi. Monthly meetings for the board would be held Aug-June.

Vote: Motion made and supported by Society to approve the proposed Constitution changes. **Approved unanimously.**

VII. Superintendent's Report- Devon Brinks

- a. Thanks to society for meeting and supporting the school.
- b. Thanks to parents, staff, the School Board, and all churches, for their partnership in Christian Education
- c. Reflecting on the mission of sharing Christ's love in all we do and how the Bible is woven throughout all that is happening at HCS
- d. Devon shared a couple of God sightings to highlight some ways God is moving at HCS (staffing solutions, 7th grade camp , Grandparent's Day, Child-like faith in God's ability to heal, the generosity of our community, the support for the Hoekstra family)
- e. HCS continues to grow (in student numbers) and enrichment opportunities (including SOAR, athletics, after school opportunities, robotics, music, etc.)
- f. Fulfillment of MS expansion project and thanks for our many supporters who made it possible
- g. Safety and Security team are an important part of our focus and measures have been taken to ensure our student's safety
- h. Gave thanks for the privilege of serving this community at HCS and asked for continued prayer support for our school, staff, and Board.

VIII. Safety and Security Update-Dustin Cook

- a. Dustin reflected on God's faithfulness over the years (ex. hiring D. Brinks) and the honor of serving at HCS.
- b. 2023 began partnership with SEC (who specializes in school security assessments); they provided an assessment of our strengths and areas for improvement
- c. From the SEC recommendations, we have added a film over the windows at both buildings; magnetic door latches; and a radio system to improve communication between the elementary and middle school.
- d. Future discussion items: Raptor sign-in system for visitors; potential partnership with other EOCS schools in hiring a School Resource Officer &/or hiring retired law enforcement personnel to work larger events (like Grandparents day); improvement of pick-up and drop-off procedures in the parent loop
- e. Society question regarding vaping at MS- Dustin will add to future discussion list but is not aware of a current problem

IX. Parent's Club Report- Melanie Fraaza

- a. New 3-year term policy
- b. Mission of Parent's Club: to bless students, support staff, build community, raise and allocate funds
- c. Update from Ron (pop can returnables): Ron shared the history of the pop can returnables, which started during COVID when a trailer was set up in the

parking lot, and has progressed to a permanent shed (built by Unity) in the staff parking lot. 206k cans have been collected since the shed was built.

- d. Thankful for God's faithfulness: for the 850+ volunteer opportunities filled; the events hosted; 200k raised to financially support HCS; 75k given towards tuition stabilization
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- X. Presentation of newly elected board members and results of the budget approval
 - a. Eric Heyboer- Jamestown CRC; Kevin Palmbos- First Hudsonville CRC
 - b. Budget approved unanimously
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- XI. Closing prayer- Hope Hoezee, Board Secretary

HUDSONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING HCS PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION

God is so faithful and continues to bless our community with board members who seek to do His will and carry out His mission for HCS! The HCS Board is comprised of 6-9 members; supporting churches may have one seat, could have up to 4 At Large seats. Board members also serve on one of three subcommittees: education, finance or building and grounds. God has blessed board members with unique gifts and skills and He shines through as members use those gifts for His glory.

Each year the HCS Society votes for new board members to fill the seats of those who have completed their terms. We are thankful to the outgoing School Board members - Darrell Heuker and Chad VanSomeren - for their years of service furthering the mission and vision of HCS.

We thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration as you determine your vote. We know that God will continue to work through you and the HCS Board as we strive to "Challenge minds and lives for Christ."

Hillcrest CRC

David Busscher

- David is an attorney
- David and his wife, Courtney, have 3 children at HCS: Annabelle, James and Katie
- David is motivated to serve on the HCS Board because: "I'm interested in serving on the Board to help strengthen the connection between our churches and school, to support the staff members that work so hard every day with our kids, and to use my administration skills and experience in a way that serves God and our community. My wife and I attended HCS, and now my children attend in 2nd grade, Kindergarten, and Preschool."
- David believes HCS is important because: "Including god in everything we learn, and through the lens of our Christian faith, is invaluable, as is the focused learning about the Bible and Christianity, the chance for the kids to worship and praise together, and to have teachers who model being a Christ follower every day."

Jake Holtrop

- Jake is a Financial Advisor with Alliance Investment Management, LLC
- Jake and his wife, Jolene, have 3 children at HCS: Elsa, Sophie and Teagan
- Jake is motivated to serve on the HCS Board because: "I believe in the mission of HCS and have experienced the positive impact the school has had on our

family, both spiritually and academically. I am also thankful for the devoted teachers and administration and would like to support them in their efforts.”

- Jake believes HCS is important because: “I believe HCS is important because we are a community of faith that seeks to train our children to follow Jesus in every aspect of their lives. HCS partners with parents to build a strong biblical foundation across all subject areas.”

Immanuel CRC

Cathy Dykstra

- Cathy is a homemaker
- Cathy and her husband, John, have 5 children: Luke, Carla, Erica, Levi and Lauren
- Cathy is motivated to serve on the HCS Board because: “I have sent all 5 of my children through HCS and have seen what a difference it makes in their spiritual growth. I have also felt what a privilege it is to be able to send my kids to a school where they feel God’s love surrounds them and see how God is intertwined in all they do.”
- Cathy believes HCS is important because: “HCS has been the foundation of 5 of my kids’ loves and provided the roots they needed before they set off to HS at Unity. Every teacher has touched my children’s lives in some way or another, whether big or small, and they have helped my children grow to be what God intended for them to be. Now as I look ahead to grandchildren potentially attending here, I want to see the love of God continue to shine through the staff and the administration for many years to come. The imprint that HCS can leave on a student impacts the next generation to come.”

John Dykstra

- John is a physician
- John and his wife, Cathy, have 5 children: Luke, Carla, Erica, Levi and Lauren
- John is motivated to serve on the HCS Board because: “All of my children have gone through or are going through HCS as I did many years ago.”
- John believes HCS is important because: “Building a solid foundation in children before facing a secular world.”

Board President Report

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:1-2

Ephesians 5:1-2 speaks to our theme this year "**Follow his Footsteps**". HCS has been walking in the footsteps of God since it was founded in 1917. Our school has always taught its students to seek God in all things and follow his beautiful and perfect path. Throughout Hudsonville Christians school's 100+ years of serving our mission of "Challenging minds and lives for Christ" we see and understand the responsibility that God has ordained for our school. From the moment you walk through our doors you can see and feel the love and instruction for our children. Our teachers, staff and administrators come to HCS each day casting all of their cares upon God and focus on instructing these students in all subjects on how to establish a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ. To follow in His footsteps, using the Bible, the True book of instruction that God breathed for us to live by.



On behalf of the School Board, I would like to share with you a couple updates:

- **Safety Director Position** – We continue to recognize that safety and security is of utmost importance when your children are in our care each day. This school year HCS has partnered with other area Christian schools to implement a Safety Director position. Mr. Bill Corner has a background in both law enforcement (Grand Rapids Police Department) and campus security (Calvin University). It's because of his years of experience and his feeling of God's call to our schools that he now holds the position. Mr. Corner has been reviewing and updating our school's safety and security procedures. He also has been working with our administration and Safety Committee to ensure proper processes are effective and in place. We are blessed to have him working alongside us and excited about where the future leads as we do our very best to keep our staff and students safe.
- **HCS Community** – I have had the privilege of serving on the school board for the past 4 years and have always been taken aback by the level of support that our school receives from its HCS family. This year in particular has struck me even more on the true strength of the relationships both inside and outside our walls. The love and commitment that our students' parents, family and friends show to our teachers and staff is almost overwhelming. HCS, along with its community, has a clear focus on our God-appointed mission, it is well run and is truly Christ centered. I am proud to call HCS my family.



Finally I, along with a fellow board member, will be ending my term after this year. I feel I can speak for both of us to express our deepest gratitude for the time, prayer, and support you've given to all of us on the school board. God's plan for HCS is evident, and with the community He has brought together, I am more confident than ever that His work will continue to flourish for many years to come.

A fellow servant of Christ,

Chad Van Someren
HCS School Board President

Superintendent Report

For 108 years, Hudsonville Christian School has remained committed to its mission to challenge minds and lives for Christ. We continue to be deeply grateful for God's faithful provision and for the strong partnership we share with homes and churches. Together, we cultivate a Christ-centered education that nurtures students in both faith and learning.

We have many reasons to celebrate what God is doing at our school. It is through Him that we freely and intentionally live out our mission each day. This commitment is evident inside and outside of the classroom. Our teachers faithfully teach through the lens of a biblical worldview, ensuring alignment with our school's core values. Our staff radiates Christ's love in daily interactions, addressing the holistic needs of each student with expertise and care. Faith discussions are intentionally woven throughout the school experience, encouraging students to explore, wrestle with, and apply God's Word in all aspects of their lives.

One of the clearest examples of this commitment is our pilot Bible curriculum. This initiative continues to bear great fruit. Our students and staff are growing in their knowledge and understanding of Scripture and are engaging in God's Word with genuine enthusiasm. It has been a joy to witness the excitement and depth of learning taking place. This curriculum is also gaining traction nationwide, as Christian Schools International (CSI) has announced a partnership, and many Christian schools are beginning to implement it. It is our hope that you are seeing spiritual growth throughout the year. If not, I encourage you to begin asking your children at home about what they are learning in Bible class. Their excitement is evident.

Hudsonville Christian continues to grow and flourish. Our current enrollment stands at 1,157 students, supported by 158 dedicated Christian staff members. While we still have physical room within our facilities, we are utilizing our remaining spaces more fully as enrollment continues to increase. We praise God for the families He brings to HCS and for the opportunity to serve them.

In addition to strengthening our academic and spiritual programs, we continue to prioritize the safety of our students and staff. We have partnered with Eastern Ottawa County Christian Schools (EOCS) to hire Bill Corner to oversee and evaluate our safety procedures and processes. This year we implemented a parent sign-in system at both buildings while students are present, made minor adjustments to our arrival and dismissal procedures, and began upgrading electronic hardware for locking and unlocking exterior doors. Our Safety Committee will continue to monitor, evaluate, and recommend future improvements so that our schools remain safe, secure, and welcoming environments.

As we close the final year of our current strategic plan, we are also looking ahead. We have begun identifying a consultant to partner with us as we form our next five-year strategic plan, with the hope of launching this process in the fall. There is great value in having a clear roadmap with collective goals that guide our growth and decision-making. I ask that you prayerfully lift up this process. We look forward with anticipation to how God will use this next plan in accordance with His perfect will. We can have great confidence knowing we are in His hands.

It is a privilege to serve at Hudsonville Christian School and to walk alongside our students and families each day. As we continue to challenge minds and lives for Christ, we ask for your continued prayers for our board, leadership team, teachers, and staff. Trusting in God's faithfulness, we move forward with confidence, committed to His plan for our school.

In His service,

Devon K. Brinks
Superintendent

Treasurer's Report

Psalm 100:5 states "For the LORD is good, His love endures forever, His faithfulness continues through all generations."

Serving as Treasurer, I have had a front row seat for this verse in action this school year. The LORD has been so good to HCS this school year. The community has generously given to meet the needs of HCS so that the mission of HCS may continue daily. The LORD has shown His faithfulness to HCS again this year and ultimately since the school was founded in 1917. The following budget is a step of faith that the LORD will provide the necessary funds to meet the needs of the upcoming school year.

The Hudsonville Christian Finance Committee is pleased to share the 2026-2027 school budget of \$9,860,000, which includes a 3.5% increase in tuition costs from last year. We ask for your prayerful consideration as we move forward with this budget. Much time and energy have been dedicated to building a responsible and balanced budget that supports the mission of our school. Every expense has been carefully reviewed to ensure we are being wise stewards of the resources entrusted to us. A special thank you to Beth Osterbaan and Devon Brinks for their hard work in making this budget meet the needs of HCS this coming year while also striving to keep tuition as affordable as possible.

May God receive all the glory for providing the means to continue offering quality Christian education at an affordable cost.

In service together,

Brian Mast
Treasurer

Proposed Budget

	2025-2026	2026-2027
INSTRUCTION		
Salaries	5,130,000	5,455,000
Textbooks & Curriculum	120,000	150,000
Substitute Teachers	40,000	73,000
Educational Encouragement	40,000	40,000
Testing	11,000	11,000
Extra-Curricular Pay	80,000	98,000
Miscellaneous	9,000	43,000
All Belong Contracted Services	37,700	34,000
Technology	220,000	255,000
Library	16,000	16,000
	5,703,700	6,175,000
SUPPORT SERVICES		
Salaries	370,000	398,000
Mission Advancement	74,000	77,000
Supplies	4,000	4,000
Kids' Corner	154,000	149,000
Printing	20,000	20,000
Promotions	40,000	40,000
Postage	12,000	12,000
Miscellaneous	20,000	20,000
Gift Expense	17,000	18,500
Equipment Maintenance	28,500	33,000
Bank Fees	23,000	27,000
	762,500	798,500
OPERATION		
Salaries	252,000	277,000
Supplies	30,000	30,000
Electricity	110,000	135,000
Fuel	100,000	110,000
Telephone	13,000	15,000
Water & Sewer	13,000	13,500
Contracted Services	25,000	25,000
Truck & Insurance	8,000	8,000
Building Insurance	52,000	60,000
Busing	20,000	20,000
Repair & Upkeep	223,000	240,000
	846,000	933,500
FIXED		
Social Security	470,000	502,000
Health	800,000	892,000
CSI Pension	400,000	400,000
403b Employer Contribution	45,000	111,500
Workman's Comp.	16,000	11,500
CSI Dues / District II Dues	8,800	10,500
Audit	16,000	16,500
Crime Coverage	10,000	9,000
	1,765,800	1,953,000
TOTALS	9,078,000	9,860,000

2026-2027 Proposed Receipts

	2025-26	2026-27
Tuition	7,396,000	7,975,000
Supporting Churches	185,000	160,000
Old Tuition	50,000	50,000
Kids' Corner	154,000	149,000
Education Foundation	187,000	204,000
Parents' Club	182,000	200,000
Rent	65,000	65,000
TRIP	25,000	35,000
Revive	239,000	242,000
	8,483,000	9,080,000
Faith Campaign Income	275,000	300,000
Tuition Assistance Income	120,000	120,000
Interest Income		60,000
Miscellaneous Income	200,000	300,000
	595,000	780,000
TOTAL INCOME / RECEIPTS	9,078,000	9,860,000
TUITION SCHEDULE:	2025-26	Proposed
3 School (2 day)	1,300	1,340
4 School (2 day)	1,400	1,440
4 School (3 day)	1,920	1,980
NB 4 School (2 day)	1,500	1,560
NB 4 School (3 day)	2,020	2,080
Dual 4 School (2 day)	3,170	3,270
Dual 4 School (3 day)	4,260	4,390
Young 5s	5,190	5,370
Kindergarten (3-4 day)	6,430	6,650
Kindergarten (4 day)	7,140	7,390
Kindergarten (5 day)	8,930	9,240
One enrolled grades 1-8	8,930	9,240
Two enrolled grades K-8	15,760	16,480
Three enrolled grades K-8	22,150	23,220
Four or more enrolled Y5-8	27,530	29,460

Hudsonville Christian School Education Foundation

Annual Foundation Report – 2025

The HCS Foundation Trustees are thankful to this community and to God that we can once again report an excellent year for the HCS Foundation. Existing to keep tuition affordable for all families by paying out 5% of the fund balance each year toward the school's operating budget, the Foundation's increased balance is essential to maintaining an affordable Christian education both now and for years to come.

We continue to implement a low-cost, low-fee, and conservative approach, with a managed portfolio from Wells Fargo designed to match our risk profile. For the third straight year, market conditions have been highly favorable, and investment returns have significantly surpassed the 5% paid out, allowing for substantial account growth. As of December 31, 2025, the balance in the HCS Foundation stands at \$3,930,046.

One way the Foundation continues to expand is through the Named Scholarship Program, which now accounts for over 12% of all funds held within the Foundation. In fact, through the faithfulness of our community and increased awareness of the Scholarship Program, \$75,000 was added to these accounts during the past year. We praise God that during 2025 the Foundation was able to distribute \$150,347, and we look forward to seeing how He will use these funds to bless the children and families of Hudsonville Christian School.

The Board is thankful for the increasing number of families who have informed the school that they have included HCS in their will or estate plans. Their legacy gifts will impact many children and families for the glory of God through Christian education. Hudsonville Christian School continues to partner with The Barnabas Organization to offer members of our HCS community free access to confidential, professional estate planning services. To take advantage of this free benefit, or if you have any questions about this service available to you, please contact The Barnabas Organization or Julie Moes, HCS Mission Advancement.

Brent Vredevoogd

On behalf of the HCS Education Foundation Board:

Devon Brinks

Julie Moes

Cindy Palmboos

Jon VerLee

Brent Vredevoogd

Alli Zuiderveen

Hudsonville Christian School Parents' Club

Society Report 2026-27

Executive Board

Kristi Helton - Chair	Brittany Schierbeek - Vice-Chair	- At Large
Megan Vollink - Secretary	Nicole Newman - Vice-Secretary	- At Large
Ashley Burgess - Treasurer	Matt Buursma - Vice-Treasurer	- At Large

Mission

To display good stewardship as we **raise and allocate funds** that benefit our students in a Christ-centered education and aid our schools in defraying expenses. To promote **fellowship** and a **spirit of unity** among parents, faculty, and staff.

Programs, Events and Disbursements

- Band Instruments
- Bibles (Middle School)
- Church Rentals
- Cookies & Donuts
- Harvest Family Day
- Field Trips
- Library Supplies
- Love Bazaar
- Lunch Room Staffing
- Parent/Child Events
- Recess Volunteers
- Resource Room
- Room Parents
- School Support Volunteers
- School T-Shirts
- Staff Appreciation
- Teacher Wish list
- Technology
- Tuition Stabilization

Fundraisers

- 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- Auction
- Clay Shoot
- Box Top
- Pig-n-blanket
- Pop cans/returnables
- Walkathon

Goals for 2026-2027

- Raise funds and distribute them accordingly.
- Increase the spirit of unity, and overall solidarity among HCS families.
- Grow support of the teachers, namely through Room Parents.
- Build Christ-like relationships among the committees we work with, let them know they are appreciated
- Increasing the number of volunteers and building enthusiasm for participating in school activities among, especially, new families to HCS.
- Identify better processes for fundraising as well as new fundraising opportunities so as to expand the reach to new donors, while respecting efforts of the HCS Mission Advancement.

**HUDSONVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
MARCH 17, 2025**

BALLOT

Hillcrest CRC - Vote for 1

_____ David Busscher

_____ Jake Holtrop

Immanuel CRC - Vote for 1

_____ Cathy Dykstra

_____ John Dykstra