

HART PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

The mission of the Hart Public Schools is to provide an appropriate educational program and learning environment which will effectively meet the educational needs of its students and help its students accomplish educational goals which are: significant, durable, and transferable.

The Board of Education for the Hart Public School District is searching for the district's next great leader. This is an exceptional opportunity for an educator who wants to make a difference in a small, progressive district. Current Superintendent, Mark Platt, is retiring on June 30, 2026 after 13 years of exemplary service.

Hart Public Schools is a district serving 1,192 students in four schools on an attractive single campus in the center of Hart, Michigan. The district takes great pride in its staff and students, with strong curriculum initiatives, an excellent program for English Language Learners (ELL), cutting-edge technology, and a strong performing arts program with soon-to-be-renovated facilities after the passing of a successful bond.

This is only the preliminary posting; a detailed profile of the ideal candidate will be added later. **We encourage interested applicants to refrain from applying until the posting is finalized in January.**

Location – The Hart Public School district is located along the shores of Lake Michigan in Oceana County. It is situated along the U.S. 31 corridor about 30 minutes north of Muskegon and about 20 minutes south of Ludington.

The district is largely agricultural with an abundance of vegetable farms and orchards. With Silver Lake, the Mears State Park, Hart and Pentwater Lakes, the Pentwater River and numerous other lakes and rivers in the area, Hart is an important tourism hub as recreational opportunities abound.

Chamber of Commerce <https://thinkdunes.com/>

District – The Hart Public School District serves students in four buildings: Hart High School, Hart Middle School, Spitler Elementary School, and the Diman-Wolf Early Childhood Center. All buildings are located within the City of Hart.

Website <https://www.hartschools.net/>

The Hart Public School District is a constituent of the West Shore Educational Service District which offers Dual Enrollment, Early College, and Career and Technical Education to Hart students.

WSESD <https://www.wsesd.org/>

District Data:

- Enrollment-1,192
- Teachers-88
- Administrators-18
- Counselors/social workers-3
- Paraprofessionals-25
- Office Staff-14

- Other staff-81
- School buildings-4
- Foundation grant per pupil-\$10,050
- Annual operating budget
 - Revenue-\$17,765,982
 - Expense-\$18,041,873
- Projected fund balance-\$3,912,316
- Tax Base (2024)-\$472,514,738
- Non-Homestead Levy-16.9522
- Debt Retirement-5.1309

Board of Education	Expiration of Term
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Chad Coker, President (12 years)	Dec. 31, 2026
Jeff Schaner, Vice President (5 years)	Dec. 31, 2028
Steve Riley, Secretary (5 years)	Dec. 31, 2028
Kayla Dennert, Treasurer (3 years)	Dec. 31, 2026
Mike Barefoot, Trustee (5 years)	Dec. 31, 2028
Andy Carter, Trustee (4 years)	Dec. 31, 2026
Irma Hinojosa, Trustee (10 years)	Dec. 31, 2026

Salary and Contract Information

The Board will offer a comprehensive, multi-year contract. Compensation will be commensurate with experience of the successful candidate and requirements of the position. A preliminary salary range of \$120,000 to \$140,000 has been established.

Application Procedure

Interested candidates should complete and submit an online application found at <https://masb.myrevelus.com/>.

Completed online applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 pm on February 24, 2026. No “hard copy,” fax or emailed copies accepted. IF requested by the candidate, materials will be treated confidentially through the screening process. Candidate names will become public at the time an interview is scheduled.

Candidates are asked to not contact board members directly. All questions regarding the search should be directed to Mark Dobias, Consultant, MASB, at 269.532.0543 or mrdobias@gmail.com.

Search Timeline

Action	Date
Application deadline	February 24
Selection of candidates to interview	March 2
First round interviews	March 9, 10
Second round interviews/First Opportunity for Board Selection of Superintendent	March 16
Board visitation (if necessary)	TBD
Second Opportunity for Board Selection of Superintendent	TBD
Start date	July 1