

MINUTES — REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 14, 2010

- 1) The regular meeting of the Hillsboro Community Unit School District No. 3 Board of Education was called to order by President Bill Clinard, at the Hillsboro Unit Office, at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) The following members of the Hillsboro Board answered present to roll call: Barbara Adams, Greg Bellaver, Trina Britton, Lynne Hutchison, Bill Jurgena, and Bill Clinard. Earl Meier entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
- 3) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News.
High School Principal Janet Ward introduced this years Illinois State Scholars. This award is based on the students ranking in the top 10 % of their class at the end of their junior year, their ACT scores, and or their Prairie State and Achievement Test scores. Superintendent Powell presented each student with a certificate. The students who were present for the presentation were William Bader, Alyssa Billington, Brooke Dean, Olivia Ervin, John Fogle, Mitchell Jarman, Ashley Jones, and Sydni Wilson. Evan Malloy was not present for the presentation.
- 4) Athletic Director Terry Trader announced the Division VI representatives from the Illinois Athletic Directors Association have nominated Mike Gaither for the class A-AA Friends of Athletics Award. This award is given annually by the I.A.D.A. He will be honored at the 2011 State Conference in Peoria as one of the nominees. Mike Gaither, while serving as assistant principal at Hillsboro High School, was instrumental in bringing Scholastic Bowl competition under the auspices of the I.H.S.A.
- 5) Beckemeyer Assistant Principal Zach Frailey reported November 17th a team of 5th grade students competed in Team Quest competition. The fifth grade team consisted of Mitchell Beck, Christian Hemken, Shruthi Mekala, and Mckenzie Moe. This team placed third at the competition and will move on to the regional competition. The third and fourth grade teams competed on November 18th.
- 6) Junior High Principal Mark Fenske reported the 7th grade girls' basketball team won the Mid-State Conference.
- 7) Coffeen Principal Francine Luckett reported on the Illinois Extension's program, Walk Around Illinois. Priscilla Mathews, from the Hillsboro extension office, supervises this program, which is conducted during recess time in the spring.
- 8) Agenda Item 3.0. Approval of Minutes.
President Clinard sought Board approval of the minutes for the November 9, 2010, regular meeting and executive session. Upon a motion by Secretary Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the minutes of the 11/09/2010 regular meeting and executive session. On roll call the following voted yes: Barbara Adams, Greg Bellaver, Trina Britton, Lynne Hutchison, Bill Jurgena, Earl Meier, and Bill Clinard. Motion carried 7- 0.
- 9) Agenda Item 4.0. Financial and Business Transactions. 4.1. Approval of Bills.
Supt. Powell reported District #3 has received all the rest of the FY10 state money. This money is five and a half months late coming to District #3. Supt. Powell asked for questions pertaining to the bills for the sixth month of FY 11. Seeing none, the Board proceeded. Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the bills as presented for the sixth month of FY 11. On roll call the following voted yes: Greg Bellaver, Trina Britton, Lynne Hutchison, Bill Jurgena, Earl Meier, Barbara Adams, and Bill Clinard. Motion carried 7- 0.

- 10) Agenda Item 4.0. Financial and Business Transactions. 4.2. Approval of FY2010 Tax Levy. Supt. Powell asked Board approval for the FY2010 Tax Levy. Supt. Powell stated, "The numbers are the same as was presented last month in the primary levy. The only information that has changed is the multiplier for Montgomery County of .184. This is an index that will slightly reduce the assessed valuations of the commercial, residential, and industrial property by 1.6 %. This is a corrective mechanism to balance assessments from county to county. It is not a game changer for our levy. I still anticipate reducing the tax rate for District property owners by about 20 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation." Supt Powell asked for questions pertaining to the multiplier or the levy. There were none. Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the 2010 Tax Levy as presented. On roll call, the following voted yes: Trina Britton, Lynne Hutchison, Bill Jurgena, Earl Meier, Barbara Adams, Greg Bellaver, and Bill Clinard. Motion carried 7- 0.
- 11) Agenda Item 4.0. Financial and Business Transactions. 4.3. Approval of FY2010 Audit. Supt. Powell reported no questions had been received regarding the FY2010 Audit. Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the FY2010 Audit as presented. On roll call the following voted yes: Lynne Hutchison, Bill Jurgena, Earl Meier, Barbara Adams, Greg Bellaver, Trina Britton, and Bill Clinard. Motion carried 7- 0.
- 12) Agenda Item 5.0. Recognition of Audience.
There were no cards submitted by the audience asking to address the Board.
- 13) Agenda Item 6.0. New Business. 6.1. Presentation and Approval of School Improvement Plans for High School and Jr. High.
Junior High Prin. Fenske reported on the action plan for the Hillsboro Junior High School Improvement Plan. A significant part of the action plan is aimed at the students with disabilities sub-group. Some of the strategies for these students will be to receive grade level appropriate reading and math curriculum through inclusion, there will also be more mainstreaming into the regular education setting, and students with disabilities will utilize curriculum materials consistent with materials in use in the regular education setting. Prin. Fenske stated, "Research shows that when you immerse a student with disabilities within the regular education curriculum and support them with their chronicle age instruction their achievement does increase." Prin. Fenske reported a computer-based program would be used with a diagnostic test to access a grade level equivalency and provide a program for remediation. This will be used for all students.
- 14) High School Prin. Ward reported the High School has focused on both reading and math in their School Improvement Plan. Test scores will be used to find where the weaknesses are in the curriculum. This will involve a large amount of time and professional development on the use of the data. Many of the same strategies that are used in math will also be used in reading. Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the Junior High and High School School Improvement Plans as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 15) Agenda Item 6.0. New Business. 6. 2. First reading of PRESS Policy and Procedure Recommendations from Issue 74.
Asst. Supt. Hacke reported on the highlights of the PRESS Policy and Procedure #74. Some of the recommendations are: 2.20, procedures for exemptions from unfunded or under funded mandates; 4.150, total cost limitation for alterations to buildings; 4.170, requires a background check for any teachers in training; 4.170, clarifies the AED law for an outdoor facility more than 300 feet away from the district building; 7.50, mandates the district cannot deny enrollment to a

student entering the district because they cannot provide a birth certificate; 7.10, has to do with exclusion of students for physicals or vaccinations.

- 16) Agenda Item 6.0. New Business. 6. 3. Approval of Energy Efficiency Project Grant Application.
Supt. Powell reported this grant would be for the HVAC project at Coffeen Elementary School and the boiler replacement and HVAC work at the cafeteria building at the Junior High. Supt. Powell introduced Brent Lance, of Hurst-Rosche Engineers, to give the details of this grant and the projects. Mr. Lance stated, "The grant is a matching grant for up to \$250,000 and is for energy efficiency." Pres. Clinard stated, "Those are projects we have got to do, so we should be going after any grant that we possibly can." Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the application for the ISBE Energy Efficiency Grant as presented. On roll call the following voted yes: Bill Jurgena, Earl Meier, Barbara Adams, Greg Bellaver, Trina Britton, Lynne Hutchison, and Bill Clinard. Motion carried 7- 0.
- 17) Agenda Item 6.0. New Business. 6. 4. Approval of Health/Life Safety Amendments.
Supt. Powell reported the Board would be approving the official amendments, which have been prepared by Hurst-Rosche. He asked for the Board's approval to continue forward with these two projects whether or not the grant is received. Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the Health/Life Safety Amendments for Coffeen, Beckemeyer, Hillsboro Junior High, and Hillsboro High School. On roll call the following voted yes: Earl Meier, Barbara Adams, Greg Bellaver, Trina Britton, Lynne Hutchison, Bill Jurgena, and Bill Clinard. Motion carried 7-0.
- 18) Agenda Item 7.0. Communications.
Secy. Hutchison read a note of thanks from the family of Merlyn Gunn for the memorial given to the Educational Foundation.
- 19) Agenda Item 8.0. Executive Session.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, move to go into executive session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss personnel and negotiations. On roll call the following voted yes: Barbara Adams, Greg Bellaver, Trina Britton, Lynne Hutchison, Bill Jurgena, Earl Meier, and Bill Clinard. Motion carried 7- 0.
- 20) Agenda Item 8.0. Executive Session.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, move to go out of executive session at 8:11 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 21) Agenda Item 9.0. Personnel. 9.1. Approval of Volunteer Coach.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve Nathan Loucks as volunteer High School basketball coach. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 22) Adjournment.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, move to adjourn. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 23) Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Thomas William Clinard, President
Board of Education

Lynne Hutchison, Secretary
Board of Education

Date minutes approved

