

MINUTES — REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 8, 2011

- 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, Earl Meier, and Bill Clinard.
- 3) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News.
Beckemeyer Principal Pam DeLong reported on the school's participation in the St. Louis Cardinals' Doing It Right Program. They will also be part of the FOX Midwest Sports promotion of the Doing It Right Program.
- 4) Agenda Item 3.0. Approval of Minutes.
President Clinard sought Board approval of the minutes for the January 13, 2011, rescheduled regular meeting and executive session. Upon a motion by Secretary Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the minutes of the 01/13/2011 rescheduled 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.
- 5) Agenda Item 4.0. Financial and Business Transactions. 4.1. Approval of Bills.
Supt. Powell reported due to the snow days the individual school activity funds have not been received, but will be available at the next meeting. Supt. Powell asked for approval of the bills for the eighth month of FY 11. Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the bills as presented for the eighth month of FY 11. On roll call the following voted yes: Greg Bellaver, Trina Britton, Lynne Hutchison, Bill Jurgena, Earl Meier, and Bill Clinard. Motion carried 6-0. Barbara Adams abstained.
- 6) Agenda Item 4.0. Financial and Business Transactions. 4.2. Discussion of HLS Bond Sale.
Supt. Powell reported District #3 has not yet received notification from the State Board in regards to the District receiving the \$250,000 Energy Grant. This is to be used for the HLS work being done at Coffeen Elementary and Beckemeyer Elementary; therefore, the amount of bonds that need to be issued is not known. This notification will probably not be received in time to get the bond issue on this years tax roll. Supt. Powell stated, "This gives us two options; one, put the work off for a year, I don't recommend that; second, instead wait till April or May and work with the bonding broker to set up the bond issuance, so the interest for the first year is capitalized." This scenario would mean the District would pay more interest. Supt. Powell's recommendation would be, unless the District would receive notification on the Energy Grant in the next few days, to wait and do a bond sale in April or May. This would be depending upon the recommendation of the bond council. The work needed would be done this summer. Pres. Clinard stated, "I see no reason to be putting any of the work off for a year." Supt. Powell asked for questions. There were none.
- 7) Agenda Item 4.0. Financial and Business Transactions. 4.3. Report on FY11 Budget.
Supt. Powell reported General State Aide payments are being made on time. The State is current with the FY11 General State Aide payments through the end of January. Supt. Powell stated, "I am more hopeful than I once was that we will see all the General State Aide for this year. If all the General State Aide payments are made, that would be an additional \$593,000." All the federal money has been received including the Title I and II Funds and the Federal Jobs money, in the amount of \$497,000. All of these funds were in the budget.

- 8) The State Board is behind in their FY11 schedule of payments for the mandated categoricals, which is Transportation, Special Education, Pre-K, and other smaller grants. Supt. Powell stated, "The total is \$960,000 that the state owes us in mandated categorical payments for FY11. All indications are that the money will begin to flow."
- 9) District #3 did receive a Rural Education Achievement Program Grant. This is a federal grant, which is not competitive. It is because District #3 schools are rural and the students come from low-income families. The requirements are that all of the schools have to be under 600 enrollment or from a county with fewer than 10 people per square mile. This grant has no requirements as to what the funds must be used for.
- 10) There was no salary increase for certified staff included in the FY11 budget. Supt. Powell stated, "As a result of negotiations there was an increase in pay for the certified staff. The total of that increase was \$103,000. This is a cost that was not in the budget, but what was in the budget was an increase for health insurance. As we talked about before, our cycle for renewal and for budgeting is not well placed. We will try to fix that in the future and get our renewal in the summer months. The savings from our health insurance premium not increasing is about the same cost as the salary increases."
- 11) Supt. Powell reported he is hopeful the fund balances that have been projected will look better by the end of the year due to the action the state has taken. Supt. Powell stated, "All we can do is hold down the expenses and get all the revenue due us. The state funding, for education in Illinois, for the last two years has been reduced by \$450,000,000. The ISBE recommends that the state go back to 2009 levels of funding and then increase that by 3 ½ %. The governor will present his budget on February 16. I feel much better about where we are now than I did this time last year." Supt. Powell asked for questions in regards to the FY11 Budget. There were none.
- 12) Agenda Item 5.0. Recognition of Audience.
Asst. Supt. Kyle Hacke reported no cards were submitted by the audience asking to address the Board.
- 13) Agenda Item 6.0. New Business. 6.1. Appointment of Hillsboro Education Foundation Directors.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the re-appointment of Denise Kistner, Earl Meier, and Amy Hunt as Hillsboro Education Foundation Directors to serve through June 30, 2013. Voice vote. Motion carried. Earl Meier abstained.
- 14) Agenda Item 6.0. New Business. 6.2. Consideration and Approval of ChrisMont Safe Schools Agreement.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the ChrisMont Safe Schools Intergovernmental Agreement. 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.
- 15) Agenda Item 6.0. New Business. 6.3. Consideration of Human Resource Consultant Services.
Supt. Powell reported no action would be needed tonight in regards to the human resource consultant. However, he would like a consensus, from the Board, to pursue the services of Bushue Human Resources. Supt. Powell stated, "It is very positive the things they have been able

to do for districts. This is including problems they have been able to help districts avoid. We need to make sure our Risk Management Plan is dove tailed with job descriptions and the TORT utilization guide. We need to take a fresh look at payroll practices, and I would want someone like Bushue to make sure we get this nailed down tight. There is a lot of work to be done by our staff and myself. I also believe the money we would spend on Bushue is going to be well worth it. The retaining fee for Bushue can be paid for through the TORT Fund. I am looking forward to their assistance when it comes time to bid and shop for the various insurance packages. Those that have used Bushue claim they are also saving on their legal and background check fees. I would like the Board's approval in negotiating with them." Pres. Clinard stated, "I think you are getting the approval to go ahead."

- 16) Agenda Item 7.0. Communications.
There were no communications this month.
- 17) Agenda Item 8.0. Executive Session.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, move to go into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel and the superintendent's evaluation. 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.
- 18) Agenda Item 8.0. Executive Session.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jungena, move to go out of executive session at 7:59 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 19) Agenda Item 9.0. Action Items Resulting from Executive Session. 9.1. Resignations.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the letter of resignation from Kristy Andrews as Hillsboro High School Scholar Bowl Coach. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 20) Agenda Item 9.0. Action Items Resulting from Executive Session. 9.1. Resignations.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the letter of resignation from Beth Hertel as Junior High Math Teacher at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 21) Agenda Item 9.0. Action Items Resulting from Executive Session. 9.2. Employment.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Trina Britton, approve the employment of Zach Frailey as principal at Beckemeyer Elementary School. 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.
- 22) Agenda Item 9.0. Action Items Resulting from Executive Session. 9.2. Employment.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Trina Britton, approve the employment of Michelle Reeves as assistant principal at Beckemeyer Elementary 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.
- 23) Adjournment.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, move to adjourn. Voice vote. Motion carried.

24) Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Hillsboro, Illinois
February 8, 2011

Thomas William Clinard, President
Board of Education

Lynne Hutchison, Secretary
Board of Education

Date minutes approved

