

MINUTES — RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 13, 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: Greg Bellaver, Trina Britton, Lynne Hutchison, Bill Jurgena, Earl Meier, and Bill Clinard. Barbara Adams was absent.
- 3) Upon a motion by Secretary Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the amending of the agenda to include informational item 7.3, Update on High School Fighting Issue. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 4) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News.
Beckemeyer Principal Pam DeLong reported Dacia Brown, second grade teacher, received the Farm Bureau Family of the Year award for the State of Illinois. She and her family also were runners up in the national competition.
- 5) Prin. DeLong also reported the Fifth Grade Quest Team would be competing in the regional competition on January 27.
- 6) Supt. Powell read portions of a letter received from a tour guide at the Holocaust Museum, in St. Louis. This letter complemented the students from Mrs. Pachesa's and Mrs. Coleman's High School classes on their exceptionally, good behavior during their visit.
- 7) Agenda Item 3.0. Approval of Minutes.
President Clinard sought Board approval of the minutes for the December 14, 2010, regular meeting and executive session. Upon a motion by Secretary Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the minutes of the 12/14/2010 regular meeting and executive session. On roll call the following voted yes: Greg Bellaver, Trina Britton, Lynne Hutchison, Bill Jurgena, Earl Meier, and Bill Clinard. Motion carried 6-0.
- 8) Agenda Item 4.0. Financial and Business Transactions. 4.1. Approval of Bills.
Supt. Powell reported there were fewer bills in December and all were typical. Upon a motion by Secretary Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the bills as presented for the 7th month. On roll call the following voted yes: Trina Britton, Lynne Hutchison, Bill Jurgena, Earl Meier, Greg Bellaver, and Bill Clinard. Motion carried 6-0.
- 9) Agenda Item 5.0. Recognition of Audience.
There were no cards submitted by the audience asking to address the Board.
- 10) Agenda Item 6.0. Old Business. 6.1. Second Reading and Approval of PRESS Policy and Procedure Recommendations from Issue 74.
Assistant Superintendent Hacke asked for questions regarding PRESS Policy and Procedure #74, which was being presented for the second reading. There were no questions. Upon a motion by Secretary Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the policy and procedure recommendations as presented in PRESS Issue #74 with the following exceptions; Policy 4:150 should retain the total cost limit of \$5,000, and Policy 7:100 should retain the first day of school exclusion date. On roll call the following voted yes: Lynne Hutchison, Bill Jurgena, Earl Meier, Greg Bellaver, Trina Britton, and Bill Clinard. Motion carried 6-0.

- 11) Agenda Item 7.0. New Business. 7.1 Presentation and Approval of School Improvement Plan for Beckemeyer Elementary.
Beckemeyer Assistant Principal Zach Frailey reported on the Beckemeyer School Improvement Plan for 2010-2011. Beckemeyer Elementary did not make AYP due to the low-income subgroup. Asst. Prin. Frailey stated, "Beckemeyer will continue to implement the RtI process. The students that qualify for RtI services are getting up to an extra 180 minutes a week of reading and math help. The way the computer labs have been used has been changed, and we are going to more of an intervention computer lab. Beckemeyer is also in the process of moving to a school-wide Title program instead of a targeted assistance program." Prin. DeLong stated, "We are trying to be pro-active in planning for these needs." Supt. Powell added, "One of our programs that is taking a hit is the computer lab. We are not teaching a true computer class to the extent we were. We are still doing some of that, but that curriculum has shrunk significantly to free up time for the math and reading intervention. It is a matter of prioritizing." Upon a motion by Secretary Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the Beckemeyer School Improvement Plan as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 12) Agenda Item 7.0. New Business. 7.2. Consideration and Approval of Maintenance of Closure of Executive Session Minutes from July 2010 to December 2010.
Upon a motion by Secretary Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the resolution to keep the executive session minutes from July 2010 to December 2010 closed. On roll call the following voted yes: Bill Jurgena, Earl Meier, Greg Bellaver, Trina Britton, Lynne Hutchison, and Bill Clinard. Motion carried 6-0.
- 13) Agenda Item 7.0. New Business. 7.3. Update on High School Fighting Issue.
Supt. Powell addressed the issue of fighting at Hillsboro High School. Supt. Powell stated, "Some of what you have probably heard in the community is not accurate at all. It is my desire to clear that up tonight. What is happening, when the decision is made to fight the cell phones are going and you may have 20, 30, or more students there, and then it gets video taped. Instead of it being talked about for a few days, it is posted on the internet. What we have had is several of those types of events happening all within the last six weeks or so. We have invited the local law enforcement to be part of our solution to this. I have been at the High School working with Mrs. Ward and the sheriff's department to investigate what is going on. We found kids were being encouraged by peer pressure, but there was no underground fight club type arrangement. One of our concerns was that there was a certain sports team encouraging it. There was not. We interviewed a few dozen students. Every student interviewed with law enforcement had parents in on the interview except one, whose parent was out of town, and he was 18 years of age. We found of those involved there was not any one of our curricular or co-curricular athletic groups represented more significantly than any other. We interviewed others without the police and viewed the videos. The law enforcement folks and the administrative team came to the same decision. That is we are not going to endeavor to go back, reinvestigate these four or five instances over the past six weeks, and see if there are some kids we can suspend or kids that charges could be brought against. Our focus is to stop it. Mrs. Ward has written a letter to parents to inform them of what is going on and what we are doing. The students that have been involved were made to understand that neither the police nor the school would tolerate it. The administrative team is taking this very seriously and is being very pro-active. I feel confident we will be able to squelch this."
- 14) Agenda Item 8.0. Communications.
There were no communications for the month.

- 15) Agenda Item 9.0. Executive Session.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, move to go into executive session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss personnel and negotiations. On roll call the following voted yes: Earl Meier, Greg Bellaver, Trina Britton, Lynne Hutchison, Bill Jurgena, and Bill Clinard. Motion carried 6-0.
- 16) Agenda Item 9.0. Executive Session.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, move to go out of executive session at 8:08 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 17) Agenda Item 10.0. Personnel. 10.1. Acceptance of Letter of Intent to Retire.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the letter of intent to retire from Linda Bernhardt. On roll call the following voted yes: Greg Bellaver, Trina Britton, Lynne Hutchison, Bill Jurgena, Earl Meier, and Bill Clinard. Motion carried 6-0.
- 18) Agenda Item 10.0. Personnel. 10.2. Approval of Amended Labor Agreement with the Laborers' Local 773.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, approve the amended labor agreement with Laborers' Local 773. On roll call the following voted yes: Trina Britton, Lynne Hutchison, Bill Jurgena, Earl Meier, Greg Bellaver, and Bill Clinard. Motion carried 6-0.
- 19) Adjournment.
Upon a motion by Secy. Hutchison, seconded by Bill Jurgena, move to adjourn. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 20) Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Hillsboro, Illinois
January 13, 2011

Thomas William Clinard, President
Board of Education

Lynne Hutchison, Secretary
Board of Education

Date minutes approved