

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2025

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- 1) A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Nathan Kirby, at the Hillsboro Unit Office at 7:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. President Matt Lentz and Kassie Greenwood were absent.
 - 2) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Reports
No good news to report.
 - 3) Agenda Item 3.0 Committee Reports
 - 3.1 Building and Grounds Committee
Building and Grounds Committee met at 11:00 a.m. on February 6th to tour the HCCDC facility. After the tour the committee discussed future facility options for HCCDC.
 - 3.2 Transportation Committee
Transportation Committee met at 4:00 p.m. on February 4th to discuss the possible purchase of 3 new buses.
 - 4) Agenda Item 4.0 Consent Agenda
 - 4.1 Approval of Regular Session Minutes from January 14, 2025
Vice President Kirby asked for additions or corrections to the January 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes. There were none.
 - 4.2 Approval of Executive Session Minutes from January 14, 2025
Vice President Kirby asked for additions or corrections to the January 14, 2025 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. There were none.
 - 4.3 Approval of Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2025
Vice President Kirby asked for additions or corrections to the February 6, 2025 Building and Ground Committee Meeting Minutes. There were none.
 - 4.4 Approval of Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2025
Vice President Kirby asked for additions or corrections to the February 4, 2025 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes. There were none.
 - 4.5 Review and Approval of Payables
Vice President Kirby asked for questions or comments. John Lentz questioned a bill for a masonry job that was recently completed. Fred Butler stated it was a block wall in the Ag building.

4.6 Financial Report

Vice President Kirby asked for questions or comments. There were none.

4.7 Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE3 for Alternative High Schools

Vice President Kirby asked for questions or comments. There were none.

4.8 Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE3 for Regional Safe Schools Program

Vice President Kirby asked for questions or comments. There were none.

Consent Agenda Vote.

Motion made by Brian Patton, seconded by John Lentz to approve consent agenda items as presented. On roll call the following voted yes: Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby.

5) Agenda Item 5.0 Old Business

5.1 Consideration of Certified Staffing Level at Beckemeyer

Continued discussion, no new information to present. The board is in agreement with adding another teacher at the elementary school.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 New Business

6.1 Presentation on Pending Teacher Retirement Legislation

HUEA President Matt Vaughn addressed the board to increase awareness on the proposed Fair Retirement and Recruitment Act.

6.2 Consideration of 2024-2025 Year-End Calendar

Superintendent Powell stated in the event we have to use any more emergency days we will need to petition the State Board to request those days be deemed "Act of God". If approved, those days would not need to be made up. In addition, it is proposed that April 16th will become be a regular attendance day. Spring break will begin April 17th. Doing so would remove the attendance day on May 27th and students last day of the year will become Friday, May 23rd.

Motion made by Brian Patton, seconded by John Lentz to approve the 2024-2025-year end calendar as presented. On roll call the following voted yes: Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby.

6.3 Consideration of 2025-2026 School Calendar

Curriculum Director Hope McBrain proposed two different calendar options. Option A has teachers reporting Thursday August 14th and students beginning Monday August 18th. Option B has teachers reporting Monday August 11th and students beginning Wednesday August 13th. With the high school building project wrapping up this summer additional time may be helpful going with a later start date.

Motion made by Brian Patton, seconded by John Lentz to approve Option A 2025-2026 School Calendar. On roll call the following voted yes: Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby.

6.4 Consideration of Request from HHS Cheer Team for Overnight Trip

The high school cheer team is requesting approval for an overnight trip to SIUE to attend cheer camp in June. The coach and assistant coach will be supervising.

Motion made by Brian Patton, seconded by John Lentz to approve the overnight cheer trip to SIUE for cheer camp. On roll call the following voted yes: Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby.

7) Agenda Item 7.0 Recognition of Audience

Mary Battuello addressed the board in regards to the current practice of hiring coaches every year. She asked the board to reconsider their current process and allow coaches once hired to remain in their positions.

8) Agenda Item 8.0 Communication. There was none.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Executive Session

Motion made by Brian Patton and seconded by John Lentz to move into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brian Patton and seconded by John Lentz to move out of Executive session at 9:14 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

10) Agenda Item 10.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

10.1 Employment of Junior High Science Teacher

Motion made by John Lentz, seconded by Mike Cerutti to approve the employment of Erin Caveny as Junior High Science Teacher. On roll call the following voted yes: Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 5-0.

10.2 Employment of Special Education Teacher

Motion made by John Lentz, seconded by Mike Cerutti to approve the employment of Coral Christian as a Special Education Teacher. On roll call the following voted yes: Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 5-0.

10.3 Employment of Teaching Assistant

Motion made by John Lentz, seconded by Mike Cerutti to approve the employment of Lauribeth Walter as a Teacher Assistant. On roll call the following voted yes: Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 5-0.

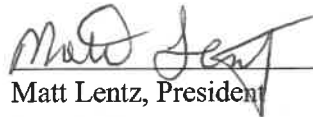
10.4 Employment of Curriculum Director

Motion made by John Lentz, seconded by Mike Cerutti to approve the employment of Autumn Amling as Curriculum Director. On roll call the following voted yes: Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 5-0.

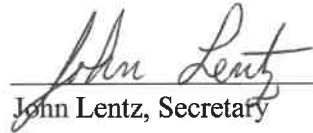
- 10.5 Employment of Jr. High Assistant Principal/Dean of Students
No action taken. Item tabled.

11) Agenda Item 11.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Brian Patton, seconded by John Lentz to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.



Matt Lentz, President
Board of Education



John Lentz, Secretary

February 11, 2025

Date