

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

- 1) A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Matt Lentz, at the Hillsboro Unit Office at 7:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby.

Motion by John Lentz, seconded by Nathan Kirby to move Agenda item 5.1 to Agenda Item 2.1 and to add Agenda Item 5.4 Consideration of Property Tax Abatement Ordinance. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

- 2) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Reports

Superintendent Powell reported that as long as no more emergency days are used the end of year dates are as follows:

Seniors last day-May 17th
Final Exams-May 21st, May 22nd (half day)
Graduation-May 24th 8:00 p.m.

Science Olympiad Coach Erin Hammann along with some of her Junior High team members demonstrated some of their winning projects for the board. The team recently attended the Southern Illinois Regional Competition and placed 4th. Their fourth-place win qualified the team to attend state in Champaign on April 20th.

2.1 Request from Jr. High Science Olympiad Students to Take Overnight Trip to State Competition

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the overnight trip to Champaign for the Science Olympiad competitors. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

- 3) Agenda Item 3.0 Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Regular Session Minutes from February 13, 2024

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.

3.2 Approval of Executive Session Minutes from February 13, 2024

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the February 13, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. There were none.

3.3 Renewal of IHSA Membership

President Lentz asked for questions or comments. There were none.

3.4 Review and Approval of Payables

President Lentz asked for questions or comments. There were none.

3.5 Financial Report

President Lentz asked for questions or comments. There were none.

Consent Agenda Vote.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the consent agenda as presented. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

4) Agenda Item 4.0 Old Business

4.1 Consideration of Jr. High Social Studies Curriculum Changes

Hope McBrain was present to answer any additional questions on the HMH Social Studies curriculum that was presented at the February meeting. The board would like to start out with a one-year term agreement.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the HMH Curriculum at the junior high for one year. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

4.2 Second Reading and Consideration of Proposed Revisions

Discussion on policy revisions continued from last month.

Motion made by Brian Patton, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve PRESS Policy Issue 113 revisions with the exception of policy 6:230 Library Media Program. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Powell stated that in regards to policy 6:230 Library Media Program the options are to either adopt the policy and receive approximately \$1,200 in a library grant or reject the policy and lose the grant.

Motion made by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by Mike Cerutti to approve PRESS Policy 6:230 Library Media Program revision as recommended in Issue 113. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Brian Patton and John Lentz voted no. Motion carried 5-2.

5) Agenda Item 5.0 New Business

5.1 Request from Jr. High Science Olympiad Students to Take Overnight Trip to State Competition

See Agenda Item 2.1.

5.2 Presentation of Education Career Pathway for Students

Curriculum Director Hope McBrain gave an update on the Education Career Pathway currently offered to students. The pathway will give students two options. Option one is an Early Childhood pathway which would lead to careers of a teaching assistant, daycare or college degree for a teaching license. Option two is an Elementary/Secondary pathway which would lead to careers of a teaching assistant or a college degree.

5.3 School Resource Officer Report

School Resource Officer Kenny presented the board with an impact report which detailed the most recent activity within the district. Officer Kenny stated things are going well and thanked building administrators for all their assistance.

5.4 Consideration of Property Tax Abatement Ordinance

Superintendent Powell stated he met with county administrators to discuss an enterprise zone in Schram City. There is a business that is set to be added to the enterprise zone this winter. The business is requesting to be on the same abatement schedule as if they were already in the enterprise zone. Mr. Powell will have a recommendation for the board next month.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 Recognition of Audience

No cards submitted.

7) Agenda Item 7.0 Communication

There was none.

8) Agenda Item 8.0 Executive Session

Motion made by Nathan Kirby and seconded by John Lentz to move into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and superintendents' evaluation. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Nathan Kirby and seconded by John Lentz to move out of Executive session at 8:47 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

9.1 Acceptance of Resignation of Licensed Teachers

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the resignation of licensed teachers Alana Eaker and Kelly Hoehn at the conclusion of the school year. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

9.2 Employment of Special Education Teacher

No action taken.

9.3 Resignation of High School Cheerleading Coach

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the resignation of Cheerleading Coach Kelly Kenny. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

9.4 Employment of a Custodian

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the employment of Custodian Colton Fuller. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

9.5 Employment of Elementary Teacher

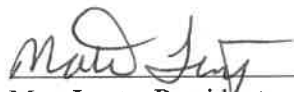
Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the employment of Elementary Teacher Taylor Weiss pending the successful completion of both state and local requirements. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the employment of Elementary Teacher Ciara Hay pending the successful completion of both state and local requirements. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the employment of Elementary Teacher Carly Boden pending the successful completion of both state and local requirements. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

10) Agenda Item 10.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.



Matt Lentz, President
Board of Education



John Lentz, Secretary

April 9, 2024

Date