

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2025

- 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, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby.

- 2) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Reports

Principal VanGiesen introduced the recent junior high state medalists. They had an extraordinary season, setting 11 school records and bringing home 8 state medals.

Hope McBrain announced the Blue Print for Success event held at HHS was a great opportunity for 17 eighth grade students. At the LLCC sponsored event, students learned to build a wall, run electrical and patch drywall.

Mrs. McBrain also announced students are making great progress in math. Testing increased from 15% at the start of the school year to 45% at the conclusion of the school year.

Principal Frailey stated that Beckemeyer had 909 less absences this year when compared to last school year. He thanked parents for their support.

New administrators Adam Haston and Dan Stewart were introduced.

- 3) Agenda Item 3.0 Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2025

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the May 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.

- 3.2 Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2025

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the May 13, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes. There were none.

- 3.3 Review and Approval of Payables

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

- 3.4 Financial Report

President Lentz asked for questions or comments. Superintendent Powell stated the district is in good financial shape. The total project cost at the high school is \$31,714,314. Of the total cost, \$13,000,000 is coming from local property tax and the rest is coming from other grant sources. The district will not need to use any working cash.

Consent Agenda Vote.

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

4) Agenda Item 4.0 Recognition of Audience

No cards submitted.

5) Agenda Item 5.0 New Business

5.1 Update on High School Building Project and Summer Maintenance and Construction Projects

Superintendent Powell reported things are very active at the high school. Everything will be cleaned out of the old building by the end of the week and the asbestos abatement is almost complete.

5.2 Consideration and Award of Commercial Insurance Renewal

Superintendent Powell stated there is an increase in the premium of 20%. The increase is attributed to the property values. He is recommending renewal of the coverage.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the commercial insurance renewal. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

5.3 Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement with Montgomery County for Student Resource Officer Services

Superintendent Powell stated the agreement allows School Resource Officer Kenny to provide services in Coffeen.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Montgomery County for Student Resource Officer Services. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

5.4 Discussion of Custodial Staffing Level

Superintendent Powell stated Maintenance Director Fred Butler is requesting the addition of a custodian. Beckemeyer is requiring extra hours and the new high school has more square footage. He would like to hire on a temporary basis with the potential to move to full time in the winter due to a retirement.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the addition of one temporary custodial staff member. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

5.5 Consideration of Purchase of 6-12 Social Studies Curriculum

Curriculum Director Hope McBrain is recommending multiyear approval for a new Junior High Social Studies Curriculum. Students will receive text books and workbooks for the classroom as well as a digital license for 6 years. The High School Social Studies Curriculum recommendation is a one-year digital license with classroom textbooks for all social studies classes.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the purchase of new Social Studies Curriculum for the Junior High and High School. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

5.6 Consideration of District Consolidated Grant Plan

Curriculum Director Hope McBrain presented the District Grant Plan. Specific grants covered were Title I, Title II, Title IV, IDEA and IDEA Preschool.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the FY26 District Consolidated Grant Plan. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 Communication

Superintendent Powell read a card from retired teacher Roger Reeves. He praised the new science labs at HHS stating they surpassed any labs he has visited while with the Illinois section of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

7) Agenda Item 7.0 Executive Session

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to move into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and litigation. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to move out of Executive session at 9:20 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

8) Agenda Item 8.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

8.1 Resignation of Bus Driver

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of Bus Driver Veronica Groom. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

8.2 Resignation of Varsity Baseball Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby and seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of Varsity Baseball Coach Kyle McBrain. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

8.3 Employment of Junior High Assistant Basketball Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Junior High Assistant Basketball Coach Chase Connor. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian

Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby.
Motion carried 7-0

8.4 Employment of Teachers Aides

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Teachers' Aides Reagan Devaisher, Tammy Bauman, Hannah King and Amber Brown. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0

8.5 Employment of Elementary Teacher

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Elementary Teacher Madison Hamby. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0

8.6 Employment of High School Girls Tennis Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ High School Girls Tennis Coach Joe Mattson. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

8.7 Employment of Special Education Teacher

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Special Education Teacher Cassidy Jones. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

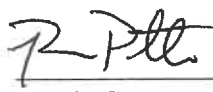
8.8 Compensation of Specific Employees

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the salaries and compensation of specific employees as presented. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.


Matt Lentz, President

 Acting SECRETARY
Kassie Greenwood, Secretary

July 8, 2025
Date