

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 8, 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, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Kassie Greenwood was absent.
- 2) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Reports

Superintendent McBrain announced plans are underway for a ribbon cutting ceremony and tours on August 1 at 3:00. Fred Butler and Jeremy White found a time capsule during demolition and the contents will be on display at the ceremony.

Also, the district has partnered with the hospital, library, Sertoma and Purdue Institute to host a STEM camp later this month.
- 3) Agenda Item 3.0 Consent Agenda
 - 3.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2025

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.
 - 3.2 Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2025

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the June 10, 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 McBrain reported notification has been received from ISBE announcing Title II and Title VI funds are not being released currently. If the funds are not allocated, Title II would result in a \$52,000 loss and Title VI a \$30,000 loss.

Consent Agenda Vote.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to approve the consent agenda as presented. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.
- 4) Agenda Item 4.0 Recognition of Audience

No cards submitted.
- 5) Agenda Item 5.0 New Business
 - 5.1 Hearing on Employee Out of District Tuition Waiver

President Lentz called the hearing to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were 6 members of the Hillsboro CUSD #3 Board of Education, the district Maintenance Director, one custodian, and Mr. Isaiah Atkins representing The Journal News, totaling 9 people. Superintendent McBrain

reported through the renewal of this waiver all non-resident pupils who are children of permanent district employees may attend Hillsboro School District tuition free. There were no verbal nor written comments made for or against the request.

5.2 Action on Employee Out of District Tuition Waiver

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to approve the Employee Out of District Tuition Waiver. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

5.3 Consideration of Student Handbook Changes

Superintendent McBrain highlighted some notable changes in the handbooks. Parking fees at HHS have been removed, guidelines added for booster clubs, language added for AI usage, students must attend half of their regularly scheduled classes to be eligible to attend practice or extracurricular events and the head lice policy will only exclude for active infestations.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to approve student handbook changes for the 2025/2026 school year. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

5.4 First Reading of Policy Revision Recommendations

Superintendent McBrain summarized PRESS Policy updates on Issues 117, 118 and 119. Board will review policies. Second reading and action will be taken at the August meeting.

5.5 Consideration of Title I School-Wide Plan

Superintendent McBrain reported Beckemeyer has been operating a schoolwide Title I Plan for years. ISBE is requiring districts to reapprove their schoolwide plan due to potential changes as a result of the pandemic.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to approve the Title I School Wide Plan. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 Communication

None to report.

7) Agenda Item 7.0 Executive Session

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to move into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and consideration of a resolution authorizing the purchase of certain real estate for use by the district. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to move out of Executive session at 8:56 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried 6-0.

8) Agenda Item 8.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

8.1 Resignation of Junior High Teaching Assistant

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to accept the resignation of Teaching Assistants Jennifer Carron and Amber Brown. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

8.2 Resignation of High School Chemistry Teacher and Junior High Social Studies Teacher

Motion by Nathan Kirby and seconded by Brian Patton to accept the resignation of High School Chemistry Teacher Chris Harms and Junior High Social Studies Teacher Ben Cunningham. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

8.3 Resignation of Junior High Boys Track Coach, Junior High Assistant Volleyball Coach and High School National Honor Society Sponsor

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to accept the resignation of Junior High Boys Track Coach Tom Lunz, Junior High Assistant Volleyball Coach Ben Cunningham and High School National Honor Society Sponsor Chris Harms. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

8.4 Employment of Custodian

No action.

8.5 Employment of Bus Driver

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to employ Bus Driver Phillip Grippi. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0

8.6 Employment of Bus Aide

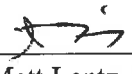
Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to employ Bus Aide Mary Martin. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

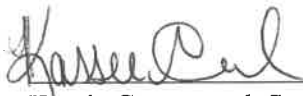
8.7 Action Upon a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Estate for Use by the District

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Certain Real Estate. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

 (Nathan Kirby, Acting President)
Matt Lentz, President
Board of Education


Kassie Greenwood, Secretary
Board of Education

August 12, 2025

Date