

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2019

1) A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Greg Bellaver, at the Hillsboro Unit Office at 7:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Barb Adams, Matt Lentz, Earl Meier, Bryce Rupert, Dan Tester, Dan Wilson, and Greg Bellaver.

2) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Report

Elementary Principal Zach Frailey reported that recently through a grant Beckemeyer was able to purchase two Chromebook labs. The fifth graders are now 1-1 for Chromebooks.

High School Principal Patti Heyen has received many comments on how much the band has improved and how the interest has risen thanks to Director Jeremy Stevens. Kerber, Eck & Braeckel, LLP sent gift cards to those students that won the SIUC accounting competition. Mrs. Heyen also received an email from a Vandalia community member that had an encounter with the Hiltopper boys' baseball team at a restaurant. The boys allowed them to go through the line first and were well behaved during dinner.

3) Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Regular Session Minutes from March 12, 2019

President Bellaver asked for additions or corrections to March 12, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.

3.2 Approval of Executive Session Minutes from March 12, 2019

President Bellaver asked for additions or corrections to the March 12, 2019, Executive Session Meeting Minutes. There were none.

3.3 Review and Approval of Payables

President Bellaver asked for comments. There were none.

3.4 Financial Report

President Bellaver asked for comments. There were none.

3.5 Renewal of Illinois Elementary School Association Membership for 2019-2020

Annual renewal for IESA, President Bellaver asked for comments. There were none.

Consent Agenda Vote.

Motion made by Barb Adams, seconded by Matt Lentz to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, Matt Lentz, Earl Meier, Bryce Rupert, Dan Wilson, Dan Tester and Greg Bellaver. Motion carried 7-0.

4) Agenda Item 4.0 Recognition of the Audience

No cards were submitted.

5) Agenda Item 5.0 Old Business

5.1 Update on Mid-State Special Education Cooperative Reorganization

All Mid-State teachers have received reduction in force notices. Christian Region negotiations have finished up; they are working on a transfer agreement. Montgomery County/Carlinville Region is still in negotiations with a meeting date of April 15th. Hopefully a transfer agreement will soon follow.

5.2 Discussion of High School Gym Bleacher and Handrail Project

There has been very positive feedback from the community on this project. Supt Powell would love to see this project happen over the summer. There is a meeting this Thursday with some concrete contractors and metal fabricators.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 New Business

6.1 Consideration of New Language Arts Curriculum for K-5

Elementary Teachers Hope McBrain, Beth Harnetiaux, Shelli Neely and Ann Tester all presented to the board. They have chosen the McGraw Hill Wonders ELA Core Curriculum. The quote on the new material is \$159,000. The board would like more time to do some research before making a decision on this curriculum.

6.2 Recommended Changes for Pre K Program for 2019-2020

Pre K Director Marci Gutierrez spoke in regards to the following changes she would like to see for the 2019-2020 school year.

- Creating a full day class in Coffeen to accommodate the neediest kindergarten bound students.
- Adding an afternoon Pre K session at HCCDC. This will require the HCCDC Pre K teacher and aide to go from part-time to full-time.
- Move Early Childhood Special Education services to both morning and afternoon sessions at HFMC

Motion made by Barb Adams, seconded by Matt Lentz to approve all items as presented. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, Matt Lentz, Earl Meier, Bryce Rupert, Dan Wilson, Dan Tester and Greg Bellaver. Motion carried 7-0.

6.3 Vocational Teaching Position

Zero applications were received for the vocational teaching position. Supt Powell proposed the idea of having a non-certified teacher, someone with alternative certification teach the course. He would like to post the position to the public and see what interest there is in the community. The board is in agreement with Mr. Powell proceeding with this.

6.4 2020 HHS Choir Trip

Choir Director Amy Lemons is proposing two locations for the fall 2020 HHS Choir Trip. The first option is New York and the second is Orlando. The trip to New York is \$1,000-\$1,100 per student and Orlando is \$1,100-\$1,200 per student. The proposed date would be November 10th –November 15th. Bob Rogers Travel will be coordinating the trip.

7) Agenda Item 7.0 Communication

There was none.

8) Agenda Item 8.0 Executive Session:

Motion made by Barb Adams and seconded by Matt Lentz to move into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, superintendent's evaluation. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Barb Adams and seconded by Matt Lentz to move out of Executive session at 9:40 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

9.1 Employment of Junior High Math Teacher

No action taken.

9.2 Employment of Junior High English Teacher

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Bryce Rupert to reassign Amy Hacke to 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher at the Junior High. Voice vote. Motion carried.

9.3 Employment of 3 Elementary Teachers

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Earl Meier to reassign Emily Zimmerman to 5th Grade Teacher at Beckemeyer Elementary. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Bryce Rupert to approve Carly Brown as the new 3rd Grade Teacher at Beckemeyer Elementary pending completion of all state and

local requirements. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, Matt Lentz, Earl Meier, Bryce Rupert, Dan Wilson, Dan Tester and Greg Bellaver. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Earl Meier to approve Hannah Wiggins as the new 3rd Grade Teacher at Beckemeyer Elementary. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, Matt Lentz, Earl Meier, Bryce Rupert, Dan Wilson, Dan Tester and Greg Bellaver. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Matt Lentz to approve Brooke Gorowski as the new Kindergarten Teacher at Beckemeyer Elementary. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, Matt Lentz, Earl Meier, Bryce Rupert, Dan Wilson, Dan Tester and Greg Bellaver. Motion carried 7-0.

9.4 Acceptance of Resignation of Athletic Director

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Earl Meier to approve the resignation of Joe Vanzo as Athletic Director. Voice vote. Motion carried.

9.5 Approval of Letter of Intent to Retire from Teacher's Aide


Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Matt Lentz to approve the retirement of Barb Darnell effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Voice vote. Motion carried.

9.6 Approval of half time to full time position

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Matt Lentz to approve HCCDC Pre K Teacher Shelby Martincic increasing from a half time to a full time position. Voice vote. Motion carried.

10) Agenda Item 10.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Bryce Rupert to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.



Greg Bellaver, President
Board of Education



Earl Meier, Secretary
Board of Education

May 14, 2019
Date