

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2023

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, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Kassie Greenwood was absent.

2) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Reports

Hope McBrain announced the 708 Board approved and increased our grant that supports mental health programming from \$63,000 to \$67,000. Mrs. McBrain thanked teachers Andrea Kumlin and Kristin Gregory for their assistance in making the holiday open house for staff such a success.

3) Agenda Item 3.0 Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Regular Session Minutes from November 7, 2023

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the November 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.

3.2 Approval of Executive Session Minutes from November 7, 2023

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the November 7, 2023, Executive Session Meeting Minutes. There were none.

3.3 Approval of Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2023

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the December 6, 2023 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes. 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, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

FY 23 Audit

Andrea Suhre of Scheffel Boyle gave the preliminary audit presentation with a clean opinion. The final report will be approved at the regular scheduled meeting next month.

4) Agenda Item 4.0 Presentation and Adoption of 2023 Tax Levy

Superintendent Powell stated there is a notable increase in the EAV estimate that was presented last month. The increase will allow the district to pay off bonds earlier than anticipated.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the 2023 Tax Levy. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

5) Agenda Item 5.0 New Business

5.1 Resolution providing for the issue of approximately \$13,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2024, of the District for the purpose of paying certain costs of those capital projects approved by referendum at the November 8, 2022, general election, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, St. Louis, Missouri.

Bond agent Kevin Heid of Stifel, Nicholas & Company presented the resolution to issue bonds for the new high school.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the resolution providing for the issue of approximately \$13,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2024, of the District for the purpose of paying certain costs of those capital projects approved by referendum at the November 8, 2022, general election, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, St. Louis, Missouri. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

5.2 Resolution Authorizing the Engagement of a Licensed Real Estate Broker for the Sale and Conveyance of a Building Trades House

Superintendent Powell stated there are two ways a district can sell real estate; either through a sealed bid process or by engaging a realtor. The board is in agreement to seek proposals from local realtors on the building trades house located on Vandalia St. No resolution to approve at this time.

5.3 Consideration of Hillsboro Junior High School Improvement Plan

Curriculum Director Hope McBrain presented the school improvement plan to the board. The plan will help cover a portion of the math interventionist salary.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the consideration of Hillsboro Junior High School Improvement Plan. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 Recognition of Audience

No cards submitted.

7) 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 7:32 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Board Member John Lentz exited the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Motion by Nathan Kirby and seconded by Brian Patton to move out of Executive session at 8:30 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

9.1 Resignation of Teacher's Aide/Bus Aide

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to approve the resignation of Cathy Johnsey effective 1/2/2024. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 5-0.

9.2 Acceptance of Retirement from Secretary

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to approve the retirement of Janet Wilkinson effective immediately. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 5-0.

9.3 Employment of Teachers' Aides

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to approve the employment of Kyra Halleman. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 5-0.

9.4 Employment of Special Education Teacher

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to approve the employment of Hailey Newton . On roll call the following voted yes:. Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 5-0.

9.5 Employment of Part-time Nurse

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to approve the employment of Amanda Cloe. On roll call the following voted yes:. Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 5-0.

10) Agenda Item 10.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.



Matt Lentz, President
Board of Education



John Lentz, Secretary

January 9, 2024

Date