

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Special Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2021

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

2) Agenda Item 2.0 Recognition of the Audience

There were no audience members asking to address the board.

3) Agenda Item 3.0 New Business

3.1 Consideration of Using ESSR Funds to Employ Social Worker at HHS

High School Principal Heyen is recommending returning to two guidance counselors at the high school. The recommendation is one counselor will focus on career paths, testing, schedules, scholarships. The second counselor will work with students who need social/emotional support. ESSR Funds will support funding this position. Assistant Principal Stritzel, School Psychologist Amanda Cunningham and high school teachers Amber Connor and Mark Garmon all spoke on the great need for these positions at the high school level.

3.2 Presentation and Discussion of HHS Summer School Plan

High School Principal Heyen presented the HHS summer school plan. They will be offering free credit recovery through Illinois Virtual School. Although the school is virtual, in-person attendance is required. HHS staff members will be available and providing instructional support to students in the classroom.

3.3 Discussion of HHS Graduation

High School Principal Heyen and Superintendent Powell are recommending repeating a drive-up style graduation. The 2020 graduation received great feedback from the community. The board is in agreement.

3.4 Consideration of Hillsboro High School Building Project

3.4.1 Presentation of Recommended Project Scope by Maintenance Director Fred Butler

Maintenance Director Fred Butler stated district wide remodeling projects are almost all complete, it's time to start on the high school main building. He is suggesting replacing the main building with a new 70,000 square foot building that will connect to both the gym and library building.

3.4.2 Presentation of Funding Scenarios by Superintendent David Powell

Superintendent Powell is anticipating the project costing \$20 million. He presented the predicted funding scenarios which were made using bonds funded

by the school facility safety sales tax and general obligation property tax bonds with anticipated bond rates. Currently there is existing debt that will expire in 3 years which would allow the district to keep the same tax rate or possibly a decreased rate.

3.4.3 Presentation of Architectural Services and Experience by Hurst-Rosche Team

Superintendent Powell introduced Jim Roth the President of Hurst-Rosche. Mr. Roth introduced Jeremy Connor who would be the Principal of the Project. Tim Downen will be the lead architect and Mark Ritter, the lead mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineer. The team presented the audience with a slideshow featuring new construction, additions and renovations that have been completed by the firm.

3.4.4 Consideration of Engaging Hurst-Rosche as the Architect of Record for a High School Building Project

Motion by Earl Meier, seconded by Dan Wilson to engage Hurst-Rosche as the Architect of Record for the High School Building Project.

Motion by Bryce Rupert, seconded by Dan Tester to table Agenda Item 3.4.4. On roll call the following voted yes: Bryce Rupert and Dan Tester. Barb Adams, Matt Lentz, Earl Meier, Dan Wilson and Nathan Kirby voted no. Motion failed 2-5.

President Adams called for a vote on original motion to engage Hurst-Rosche as the Architect or Record for the High School Building Project made by Earl Meier and seconded by Dan Wilson. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, Matt Lentz, Earl Meier, Dan Wilson and Nathan Kirby. Bryce Rupert and Dan Tester voted no. Motion carried 5-2.

4) Agenda Item 4.0 Executive Session

Motion made by Matt Lentz and seconded by Dan Wilson to move into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Earl Meier and seconded by Matt Lentz to move out of Executive session at 9:25 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

5) Agenda Item 10.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

5.1 Employment of Special Education Teacher(s)
No action taken.

5.2 Employment of High School Physical Education Teacher

Motion by Matt Lentz, seconded by Dan Wilson to approve the employment of Ashley Rose as High School Physical Education Teacher. On roll call the following

voted yes: Barb Adams, Matt Lentz, Earl Meier, Bryce Rupert, Dan Wilson, Dan Tester and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

5.3 Resignation of High School Cheerleading Coach

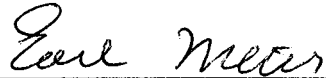
Motion by Matt Lentz, seconded by Earl Meier to approve the resignation of High School Cheerleading Coach Kelly Kenny. Voice vote. Motion carried.

6.0) Agenda Item 6.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Bryce Rupert, seconded by Dan Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.



Barbara Adams, President
Board of Education



Earl Meier, Secretary
Board of Education

April 13, 2021

Date