

MINUTES — REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 14, 2017

- 1) The regular meeting of the Hillsboro Community Unit School District No. 3 Board of Education was called to order by President Greg Bellaver, at the Hillsboro Unit Office, at 6:58 p.m.
- 2) The following members of the Hillsboro Board answered present to roll call: Barbara Adams, Matt Lentz, Earl Meier, Bryce Rupert, Dan Wilson, and Greg Bellaver. Dean Lee was absent.
- 4) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Report.
There was nothing to report at this time.
- 5) Agenda Item 3.0. Committee Reports. 3.1. Curriculum Committee
Committee Chairperson Dan Wilson reported the Curriculum Committee met March 8, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Supt. Powell, High School Principal Janet Ward, Junior High Principal Dr. Mark Fenske, Board Members Earl Meier, and himself. The possibility of expanding courses offered in the technology department at the High School, changing what is offered in fine arts at the Junior High with the possibility of adding Spanish, and infusing typing skills at the Fifth grade level were discussed. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.
- 6) Agenda Item 3.0. Committee Reports. 3.2. Building and Grounds Committee
Pres. Bellaver reported the Building and Grounds Committee met March 14, 2017, at 6:01 p.m. Those in attendance were Supt. Powell, Asst. Supt. Hacke, Director of Maintenance Butler and Board members Matt Lentz, Bryce Rupert, and himself. Dir. Butler reported on recently finished projects and presented a list of proposed summer projects. Supt. Powell presented a proposal from Agriculture teacher and FFA sponsor Kate Neimeier for a new greenhouse at High School. Mrs. Neimeier plans to finance this through FFA and FFA Alumni. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.
- 7) Agenda Item 4.0. Consent Agenda. 4.1. Approval of February 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
Pres. Bellaver asked for any additions or corrections. There was none.
- 8) Agenda Item 4.0. Consent Agenda. 4.2. Approval of February 14, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
Pres. Bellaver asked for any additions or corrections. There was none.
- 9) Agenda Item 4.0. Consent Agenda. 4.3. Approval of March 8, 2017 Curriculum Committee Minutes
Pres. Bellaver asked for any additions or corrections. There was none.
- 10) Agenda Item 4.0. Consent Agenda. 4.4. Approval of March 8, 2017 Building and Grounds Committee Minutes
Pres. Bellaver asked for any additions or corrections. There was none.
- 11) Agenda Item 4.0. Consent Agenda. 4.5. Approval of Summer School Math Programs
Supt. Powell reported this credit recovery program for math was started two summers ago, and there are no changes planned. Prin. Ward added it is well received and much needed. The minimum number of students is between twelve and fifteen. This program is open to Litchfield students with the same type of English program, at Litchfield, open to Hillsboro students.
- 12) Agenda Item 4.0. Consent Agenda. 4.6. Review and Approval of Payables

Pres. Bellaver asked for questions or comments. Supt. Powell brought it to the Boards attention the purchase of about \$40,000 worth of computer equipment. This purchase was possible due to E-Rate funding with twenty percent from the District and an eighty percent from E-Rate.

- 13) Agenda Item 4.0. Consent Agenda. 4.7. Financial Report
Pres. Bellaver asked for questions. There was none.
- 14) Agenda Item 4.0. Consent Agenda. 4.8. Renewal of Illinois High School Association Membership for 2017-2018
Supt. Powell reported there is no cost for this membership.
- 15) Agenda Item 4.0. Consent Agenda Vote.
Upon a motion by Vice Pres. Adams, seconded by Secy. Meier, approve the Consent Agenda as presented. On roll call, the following voted yes: Barbara Adams, Matt Lentz, Earl Meier, Bryce Rupert, Dan Wilson, and Greg Bellaver. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- 16) Agenda Item 5.0. Recognition of the Audience.
A representative of Mid West Bus sales out of Litchfield asked to address the Board during the portion of the meeting considering the purchase of busses.
- 17) Agenda Item 6.0. New Business 6.1. Discussion and Possible Adoption of the 2017-2018 School Calendar
Asst. Supt. Hacke reported on the 2017-2018 School Calendar. This calendar is very similar to last year's calendar, with two Teacher's Institutes to start the school year on August 14 and 15. There are eight School Improvement days with early dismissals at 11:45 p.m. The second semester also starts with a Teacher's Institute. Due to 2017-2018 not being a Regional Teacher's Institute year, a non-attendance day was placed in April to extend the Spring Break. There are eight emergency days worked into the calendar, which will be taken off if not used. It is the philosophy of District administrators to keep things very similar each year for the convenience of the parents. Upon a motion by Dan Wilson, seconded by Matt Lentz, approve the 2017-2018 School Calendar as presented. On roll call, the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Earl Meier, Bryce Rupert, Dan Wilson, Barbara Adams, and Greg Bellaver. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- 18) Agenda Item 6.0. New Business 6.2. Consideration of Curriculum Change at Hillsboro High School High School Prin. Ward explained there has been encouragement from the community to look into more advanced classes in coding. If approved, there will be two semester classes in coding. It will be taught by one of the teachers willing to go to professional development to develop this class. It will be offered to juniors and seniors. Upon a motion by Matt Lentz, seconded by Bryce Rupert approve the adding of the coding classes at Hillsboro High School. On roll call, the following voted yes: Earl Meier, Bryce Rupert, Dan Wilson, Barbara Adams, Matt Lentz, and Greg Bellaver. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- 19) Agenda Item 6.0. New Business 6.3 & 6.4. Consideration of Curriculum Change at Hillsboro Junior High School and Elementary
Junior High Prin. Dr. Fenske presented several possible curriculum changes to the encore courses. He would like to add two sections of Introductory Spanish, for eighth grade students. High School Spanish teacher Kristy Andrews would teach this. He would like to eliminate one section of the Computers I at the sixth grade level and allow Junior High teacher Kelli White to teach a weekly keyboarding class to all the fifth graders, in the District. Dr. Fenske would also like to eliminate Music Appreciation and separate the choir and band into a sixth grade choir and band. Supt. Powell

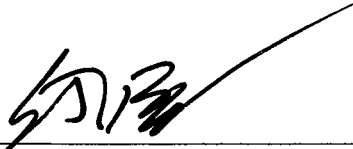
stated the Curriculum Committee had discussed this in length and was making the recommendation to proceed. Upon a motion by Matt Lentz seconded by Secy. Meier approve the adding of Spanish to the Junior High Curriculum, to add Keyboarding to fifth grade curriculum, to eliminate a sixth grade computer class, to eliminate the music appreciation class , and to divide choir and band. On roll call, the following voted yes: Bryce Rupert, Dan Wilson, Barbara Adams, Matt Lentz, Earl Meier, and Greg Bellaver. Motion carried 6 – 0.

- 20) Agenda Item 6.0. New Business 6.5. Consideration of the Purchase of Busses
Asst. Supt. Hacke reported the Transportation Committee met in February to discuss the condition of the bus fleet. Over half of this fleet, of thirty-four busses, has more than 100,000 miles. It was decided to let bids. After researching, the recommendation was for busses with gasoline engines. In part due to the cost per unit and the EPA restrictions on the diesel. The last annual payment has been made on the last bus purchase freeing up money. The payment on this purchase would be \$74,196. This would mean a \$7,000 decrease in the payment from the payment on previous busses. Bus Garage Supervisor Robert Coleman took questions in regards to busses being traded and the new busses. The representative of Midwest Bus Sales spoke in response to the discussion. He compared the diesel engines in his busses to the gasoline engines the committee is recommending. Bryce Rupert a member of the Transportation Committee reported the reasons the committee made this recommendation. Upon a motion by Dan Wilson, seconded by Matt Lentz approve the purchase of four busses from Central States Bus Sales as recommended. On roll call, the following voted yes: Dan Wilson, Barbara Adams, Matt Lentz, Earl Meier, Bryce Rupert, and Greg Bellaver. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- 21) Agenda Item 6.0. New Business 6.6. Discussion of Pre-Kindergarten Grant and Related Staffing Considerations
Supt. Powell reported on the PreK Grant changes. There are new rules, new guidelines, and a new application for the 2017-2018 grant. In the past, it has been the direction from the Board not to supplement the PreK program with District funds. The amount of the grant will not be known until June or July. There are two elementary retirements, at Beckemeyer, that will be replaced. It would be beneficial to delay the hiring for these positions until the amount of the grant is known. This would possibly prevent the RIFing of employees. Pres. Bellaver asked if this was a problem for Prin. Frailey, who responded it is not ideal but it has been done in the past.
- 22) Agenda Item. 7.0. Communication
There was none.
- 23) Agenda Item. 8.0. Executive Session.
Upon a motion by Vice Pres. Adams, seconded by Dan Wilson, move to go into executive session at 7:59 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, superintendent's evaluation, and pending litigation. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 24) Agenda Item 8.0. Executive Session.
Upon a motion by Vice Pres. Adams, seconded by Dan Wilson, move to go out of executive session at 9:45 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 25) Agenda Item 9.0. Action Items Resulting from Executive Session. 9.1. Letter of Intent to Retire
Upon a motion by Vice Pres. Adams, seconded by Matt Lentz, approve the letter of intent to retire from High School English Teacher Julie Pachesa, affective the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Voice vote. Motion carried.

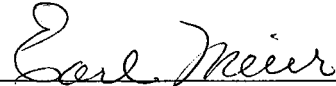
- 26) Agenda Item 9.0. Action Items Resulting from Executive Session. 9.1. Letter of Intent to Retire
Upon a motion by Vice Pres. Adams, seconded by Dan Wilson, approve the letter of intent to retire
from High School Math Teacher Leslie Boston, affective the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 27) Agenda Item 9.0. Action Items Resulting from Executive Session. 9.1. Letter of Intent to Retire
Upon a motion by Vice Pres. Adams, seconded by Matt Lentz, approve the letter of intent to retire
from Nurse Kim Matthews, affective July 12, 2017. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 28) Agenda Item 9.0. Action Items Resulting from Executive Session. 9.2. Approval of Volunteer
Coach
Upon a motion by Vice Pres. Adams, seconded by Matt Lentz, approve Corbin Govaia as volunteer
Football Coach pending all State and local requirements. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 29) Agenda Item 9.0. Action Items Resulting from Executive Session. 9.2. Approval of Volunteer
Coach
Upon a motion by Vice Pres. Adams, seconded by Matt Lentz, approve Charles Spaeth as volunteer
Track Coach pending all State and local requirements. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- 30) Agenda Item 10.0. Adjournment.
Upon a motion by Vice Pres. Adams, seconded by Dan Wilson, move to adjourn. Voice vote.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

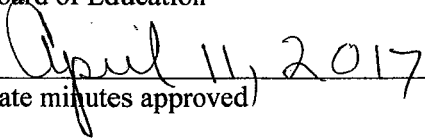
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Date minutes approved