

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2023

- 1) A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Vice-President Nathan Kirby, at the Hillsboro Unit Office at 7:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Kassie Greenwood, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. President Lentz was absent.

- 2) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Reports

Principal Heyen announced many of our students will be participating in the ILMEA music festival this year. HHS will be sending 27 choir members and 4 band members. The FFA Ag Team also placed 3rd in district competition and have advanced to the State competition on November 18th. Lily Churchwell and Marianna Lowe won the National Public Radio Essay Contest and will be reading their essay live on the radio. Principal Heyen also announced the following Illinois State Scholars at HHS: Jesse Balla, Melissa Bell, Kyleigh Currie, Samantha Frailey, Benjamin Hoehn, Mitchell Lowe, Chloe Martincic and Annabelle Wright.

- 3) Agenda Item 3.0 Consent Agenda
 - 3.1 Approval of Regular Session Minutes from October 10, 2023

Vice President Kirby asked for additions or corrections to the October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.

 - 3.2 Approval of Executive Session Minutes from October 10, 2023

Vice President Kirby asked for additions or corrections to the October 10, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes. There were none.

 - 3.3 Review and Approval of Payables

Vice President Kirby asked for questions or comments. Superintendent Powell stated check #88015 was voided.

 - 3.4 Financial Report

Vice President Kirby asked for questions or comments. There were none.

 - 3.5 Consideration of Resolution Certifying Pedestrian Safety Hazard Areas Establishing Bus Transport Eligibility

Superintendent Powell reported there have been no changes from the previous resolution, annual approval is required.

Consent Agenda Vote.

Motion made by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by John Lentz to approve the consent agenda as presented. On roll call the following voted yes: Kassie Greenwood, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

4) Agenda Item 4.0 Presentation of the Preliminary 2023 Tax Levy

Superintendent Powell presented the preliminary 2023 Tax Levy of 9.3 million. Final recommendation will be at the regular scheduled meeting next month.

5) Agenda Item 5.0 Recognition of the Audience

Sara Duff addressed the board in regards to reports of drinking in a restroom on the high school campus. Superintendent Powell stated there is an ongoing investigation and building administration are constantly working on these issues. Mrs. Duff will speak with the board in closed session.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 Old Business

6.1 Second Reading and Adoption of Policy Revision Recommendations

Superintendent Powell recommended the following policies be adopted in PRESS Issue 111: 2:110, 3:40, 5:30, 5:90, 5:125, 5:150, 5:260, 6:230 (only items 1-6 not #7) and 6:135. The following policies to be adopted in PRESS Issue 112 are :4:45, 4:100, 5:230, 7:275 and 7:305.

Motion made by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by John Lentz to approve the Policy Revisions recommendations from PRESS Issue 111 & 112 as presented. On roll call the following voted yes: Kassie Greenwood, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

7) 7.0 New Business

7.1 Presentation of District and School Report Cards

Curriculum Director Hope McBrain presented the highlights and lowlights of the School Report Card.

7.2 Consideration of FY24 School Maintenance Grant Application

Superintendent Powell stated this maintenance grant is a 50/50 matching grant. The tentative plan is to use the funds towards HVAC work at the high school.

Motion made by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by John Lentz to approve the School Maintenance Grant Application. On roll call the following voted yes: Kassie Greenwood, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

8) Agenda Item 8.0 Communication

There was none.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Executive Session

Motion made by Kassie Greenwood and seconded by John Lentz to move into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Kassie Greenwood and seconded by John Lentz to move out of Executive session at 8:35 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

10) Agenda Item 10.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

10.1 Retirement of Bus Drivers

Motion made by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by John Lentz to approve the retirement of bus drivers Dennis Toberman (effective 11/21/23) and Debbie Beeler (effective 11/6/23). Voice vote. Motion carried.

10.2 Retirement of Licensed Teacher

Motion made by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by John Lentz to approve the retirement of licensed teacher Shannon Daniels at the conclusion of the 2027/2028 SY. Voice vote. Motion carried.

10.3 Resignation of Teaching Assistants

Motion made by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by John Lentz to approve the resignation of Eva Bartony and Krista Huber effective immediately. Voice vote. Motion carried.

10.4 Resignation of HHS Student Council Sponsors

Motion made by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by John Lentz to approve the resignation of Student Council Sponsors Mark Garmon and Kristy Andrews. Voice vote. Motion carried.

10.5 Employment of Teachers' Aides

Motion made by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by John Lentz to approve the employment of teacher's aides Trersa Hollingshead and Chris Holman. On roll call the following voted yes: Kassie Greenwood, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

10.6 Employment of Bus Driver

Motion made by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by John Lentz to approve the employment of bus driver Veronica Groom. On roll call the following voted yes: Kassie Greenwood, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

10.7 Employment of Bus Aide

Motion made by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by John Lentz to approve the employment of bus aide Deneta Schmedeke. On roll call the following voted yes: Kassie Greenwood, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

10.8 Employment of Assistant Wrestling Coach

Motion made by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by John Lentz to approve the employment of assistant wrestling coach Aaron Shultz. On roll call the following voted yes: Kassie Greenwood, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

10.9 Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Laborers Local 1084 (Cooks)

Motion made by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by John Lentz to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Laborers Local 1084. On roll call the following voted yes: Kassie Greenwood, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

10) Agenda Item 10.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by John Lentz to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.



Matt Lentz, President
Board of Education



John Lentz, Secretary

December 12, 2023

Date