

# Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

## Regular Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2021

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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: Barbara Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz.

2) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Reports

High School Principal Patti Heyen reported HHS Social Studies Teacher Scott Voyles applied for The Fritz Fischer Scholarship and won free admission to the National Council for History Educators Conference for himself as well as the rest of the history department at HHS. Also, former HHS head football Coach Aaron Duff as well as current assistant coach Bill Reed have both been inducted in the Illinois High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame. In the Performing Arts Department there are 9 students who will be participating in the All state programs and concerts. Student selected are Noah Atkinson, Morgan Jarrell, Alexander Sticha, Madelyn Eickhoff, Hunter Downen, Isaiah Gates, Saul Quiroz, Mia Sherer, Macy Shipman.

Superintendent Powell requested Agenda Item 8.1 and 8.2 be moved up in the meeting. Maintenance Director Fred Butler has another meeting to attend.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by John Lentz to move Agenda Item 8.1 Consideration of Adding Back One Custodial Position and Agenda Item 8.2 Report on Current and Planned Maintenance and Construction Projects. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 8.1 Consideration of Adding Back One Custodial Position

Mr. Butler would like to add another custodial position. He would like it to be a position that can float around between buildings and fill in where needed.

Agenda Item 8.2 Report on Current and Planned Maintenance and Construction Projects

Mr. Butler reported there is a metal building at HHS that needs relocated. The main parking lot at HHS needs resealed and repainted. The new art room project is underway, the next phase will be creating additional storage. The ag building at HHS needs to be expanded with the growing DIY classes. The weight room at HHS needs remodeled and equipment updated. The Junior High is in need of an outdoor pavilion. Beckemeyer Elementary has some shingles that need replaced. Mr. Butler would like to replace the shingles with metal.

3) Agenda Item 3.0 Committee Reports

3.1 Building and Grounds Committee

Matt Lentz reported the Building and Grounds Committee met on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Hillsboro Unit Office. Projects discussed were relocating a storage

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building at HHS, shingle replacement at Beckemeyer, building a pavilion at HJHS, Ag building addition at HHS and continued planning to replace the main building at HHS.

4) Agenda Item 4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Approval of Regular Session Minutes from November 9, 2021

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the November 9, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.

4.2 Approval of Executive Session Minutes from November 9, 2021

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the November 9, 2021, Executive Session Meeting Minutes. There were none.

4.3 Approval of Building and Grounds Committee Minutes from November 4, 2021

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the November 4, 2021, Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes. There were none.

4.4 Joint Agreement Resolution for OKAW Area Vocational Center

Supt. Powell reviewed the OKAW agreement with the board. There were no questions.

4.5 Approval of TRS Supplemental Savings Plan Resolution

Supt Powell stated this is a new program that allows teachers to be able to participate in a Teachers Retirement Systems savings plan along with their retirement plan at no cost to the district.

4.6 Review and Approval of Payables

President Lentz asked for questions or comments. There were none.

4.7 Financial Report

President Lentz asked for questions or comments. There were none.

4.8 FY21 Audit

Supt Powell asked for questions or comments. There were none.

Consent Agenda Vote.

Motion made by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented. On roll call the following voted yes: Barbara Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

5) Presentation and Adoption of 2021 Tax Levy

Supt. Powell presented the 2021 Tax Levy. Discussion held. The board would like to see a levy of 8.6 million.

Motion made by Barbara Adams, seconded by Bryce Rupert to approve the 2021 Tax Levy as presented. On roll call the following voted yes: Barbara Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 Recognition of the Audience

Lynn Caselton addressed the board and warned them to be prepared for the legal action that will come from the mental and physical issues children will be suffering from due to enforcing wearing masks.

7) Agenda Item 7.0 Old Business

7.1 Consideration of District COVID Policy

Board Member Rupert questioned Superintendent Powell in regards to the current testing policy, how numbers are reported, how many tests have been administered, what surrounding districts are doing and how much time staff is spending on COVID related issues. He presented each member with a copy of Vandalia School Districts current COVID policy. Vandalia School District is currently going against the state ordered mandate. Mr. Rupert would like to see the item placed on the agenda next month and would like the board to come up with a plan similar to Vandalia.

8) Agenda Item 8.0 New Business

8.1 Consideration of Adding Back One Custodial Position

Agenda Item 8.1 was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

8.2 Report on Current and Planned Maintenance and Construction Projects

Agenda Item 8.2 was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

8.3 Consideration of Starting Jr. High Baseball and Softball Programs

Superintendent Powell reported Principal VanGiesen submitted some information on each sport. There are approximately 40 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls that would be interested in playing softball. There are approximately 34 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys that would be interested in playing baseball. The item will be placed on the agenda next month as an action item.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Communication

There was none.

10) Agenda Item 10.0 Executive Session

Motion made by Barbara Adams and seconded by Bryce Rupert to move into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and pending litigation. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Barbara Adams and seconded by Dan Tester to move out of Executive session at 9:43 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

11) Agenda Item 11.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

11.1 Resignation of Teachers' Aides

Motion by Barbara Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the resignation of Beckemeyer Teachers' Aides Sydney Holcomb-Barnes and Lisa Forester. On roll call the following voted yes: Barbara Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

11.2 Resignation of Certified Teacher

Motion by Barbara Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the resignation of Junior High Computer Applications Teacher Kelli White. On roll call the following voted yes: Barbara Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

11.3 Retirement of Certified Teacher

Motion by Barbara Adams, seconded by Bryce Rupert to approve the retirement of Certified Teacher Mary Ellen Mathews. On roll call the following voted yes: Barbara Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

11.4 Resignation of Cook

Motion by Barbara Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the resignation of Cook Bev Slightom. On roll call the following voted yes: Barbara Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

11.5 Employment of Teachers' Aides

Motion by Barbara Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the employment of Teachers' Aides Miranda Fair and Elizabeth Davis. On roll call the following voted yes: Barbara Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

11.6 Employment of Special Education Teacher


Motion by Barbara Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the employment of Special Education Teacher Amber Stoecklin. On roll call the following voted yes: Barbara Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

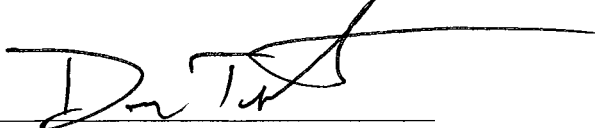
11.7 Approval of Volunteer Fishing Coach

Motion by Barbara Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve Volunteer Fishing Coach Tony White. On roll call the following voted yes: Barbara Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

12) Agenda Item 12.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Barbara Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

  
Matt Lentz, President

  
Dan Tester, Secretary

January 11, 2022  
Date