

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2021

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

- 2) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Reports

Supt. Powell reported he had received an email from HHS Special Education Teacher Paula Schwartzkopf. Mrs. Schwartzkopf wanted to give a shout out to Marci Gutierrez and Kaitlin Govaia with the First Steps Program. Both ladies helped a student go from failing to passing, putting her back on track to graduate this year. Mrs. Heyen also added teachers Kelly Powell and Aaron Duff went above and beyond to assist this student.

HHS Principal Heyen also received a very nice letter from a student's parents praising the HHS office staff and guidance office staff for handling a situation with their child with efficiency and sensitivity. They praised each of their child's teachers for the attentiveness, flexibility and responsive manner to which they supported their child over some difficult days.

Mrs. Heyen also presented the Illinois State Scholars. Students recognized and presented with Certificates of Achievements were: Nathan Bellaver, Vanessa Compton, Allyson DeVore, Maria Hernandez, Sarah Huber, Catherine Leible, Rylee Morford, Brooke Ozier, Kylee Pastrovich and Ella Pfiefer.

- 3) Agenda Item 3.0 Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Approval of Regular Session Minutes from April 13, 2021

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.

- 3.2 Approval of Executive Session Minutes from April 13, 2021

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the April 13, 2021, Executive Session Meeting Minutes. There were none.

- 3.3 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from May 4, 2021

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the May 4, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. There were none.

- 3.4 Approval of Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2021

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2021. There were none.

- 3.5 Renewal of IHSA Membership

Annual renewal, President Lentz asked for questions/comments. Board member Bryce Rupert asked what the cost was. Supt Powell stated in the past there has been no cost

but due to Covid19 they are charging over the next three years to make up for a loss of revenue. The 2021/2022 membership fee is \$1,250.

3.6 Renewal of IESA Membership

Annual renewal, President Lentz asked for questions/comments. There were none.

3.7 Review and Approval of Payables

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

3.8 Financial Report

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

Consent Agenda Vote.

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

4) Agenda Item 4.0 Recognition of the Audience

Mr. Tom Devore requested to address the board in regards to Agenda Item 5.3 Discussion of Masks Requirement and in regards to staff crossing certain boundaries with students. He hopes the board will take action and be sure staff isn't engaging in any activity to encourage or discourage students to engage in any experimental vaccine.

Mr. Devore moved onto the discussion of masks requirements. He would like to see the mask requirement in schools be ended. Children are not significantly at risk of the coronavirus, they are not needed.

5) Agenda Item 5.0 Old Business

5.1 Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement with Macoupin and Montgomery County School Districts for Sharing Center Career and Technical Education Services

Supt Powell stated this agreement would be approving to cooperatively plan and implement career and vocational training options for students.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Macoupin and Montgomery County School Districts for Sharing Center Career and Technical Education Services. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

5.2 Summer School Report

Curriculum Director Hope McBrain stated there are 240 students committed to summer school. There are approximately 70 district staff members that will be working summer school. Information packets will be mailed out to parents next week. Looking forward to a very successful program.

5.3 Discussion of Masks Requirement

Supt Powell is not recommending a change at this time. He suggests finishing out the school year with masks as planned and is optimistic of opening next school year without a mask requirement. Board member John Lentz stated while running for a seat on the board he

had many complaints about the mask requirement and would like to see the students finish the year without masks. Board member Bryce Rupert asked Supt Powell if he could share the percentage of vaccinated staff. Mr. Powell estimated approximately 80% of certified staff and 60% of non-certified staff have been vaccinated. Mr. Rupert wanted to make a motion and take action. However, this item was not identified as an action item and therefore could not be voted on.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 New Business

6.1 Preliminary FY 2021 Budget Amendment Hearing

Supt Powell stated the FY 2021 budget needs amended. There have been some unplanned federal revenues from Title allocations, ESSER funds and the Digital Equity Grant. There also needs to be an adjustment made to the Capital Improvement Fund. Preliminary hearing held, action will be taken at the June regular meeting.

6.2 Consideration of Building Partitioning Walls in Current Beckemeyer Title Classroom

Supt Powell stated this has been discussed with the Building and Grounds Committee. The recommendation is to add a block wall down the center of the current title classroom and make 2 classrooms.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Bryce Rupert to build a partitioning wall in the current Beckemeyer title classroom. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

6.3 Consideration of Building Partitioning Walls in HHS Gymnasium Basement to Create a New Art Room.

Supt Powell stated this has been discussed with the Building and Grounds Committee as well. The recommendation is to build partitioning walls to create a new art room.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Dan Tester to build partitioning walls in the HHS gym basement to create a new art room. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

6.4 Consideration of 2021-2022 School Day Schedule

Curriculum Director Hope McBrain presented the proposed school day schedule. Staff would like to see a 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. schedule. Student start time would be 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (BEC) 2:55 p.m. (HHS) and 3:10 p.m. (HJHS).

Motion by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the 2021-2022 school day schedule as presented. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. John Lentz abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

6.5 Consideration of 2021-2022 School Fees

Supt Powell stated there are no significant changes for the 2021-2022 school fees.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Dan Tester to approve the 2021-2022 school fees. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

6.6 Consideration of 2021-2022 Student Handbooks

Supt Powell stated there are no significant changes for the 2021-2022 student handbooks.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Bryce Rupert to approve the 2021-2022 student handbook. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

7) Agenda Item 7.0 Communication

There was none.

8) Agenda Item 8.0 Executive Session

Motion made by Barb Adams and seconded by Dan Tester to move into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Barb Adams and seconded by Bryce Rupert to move out of Executive session at 9:06 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

9.1 Acceptance of Letters of Intent to Retire

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the Letter of Intent to Retire from Bev Kenny. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Dan Tester to approve the Letter of Intent to Retire from Kathy Baker effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Bryce Rupert to approve the Letter of Intent to Retire from Jerry Woods effective at the end of the school year. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the Letter of Intent to Retire from Laura Mills effective at the end of the school year. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Bryce Rupert to approve the Letter of Intent to Retire from Patsy Beasley effective at the end of the school year. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

9.2 Acceptance of Letters of Resignation

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the resignation of Head Football Coach Aaron Duff. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John

Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Dan Tester to approve the resignation of Assistant Football Coach Andy Stritzel. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the resignation of Teachers Aide Ashley Steed. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the resignation of Teachers Aide Coral Christian. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Dan Tester to approve the resignation of Beckemeyer Elementary Teacher Megan Cady. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the resignation of Junior High Special Education Teacher Ruth McCario. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

9.3 Employment of Part-time Culinary Arts Teacher

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the employment of Part-time Culinary Arts Teacher Kristin Gregory. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

9.4 Acceptance of Part-time Child-Care Teacher

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the employment of Part-time Child Care Teacher Marci Gutierrez. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

9.5 Employment of Jr. High Special Education Teacher

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

9.6 Employment of Custodian

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the employment of Custodian Kevin Wiltshire. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz,

Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0

10) Agenda Item 10.0 Adjournment.

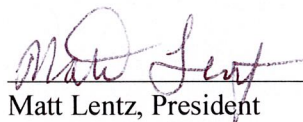
Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Audience member Sara Duff asked to address the board.

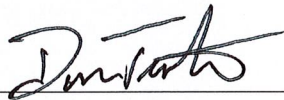
Motion by Matt Lentz, seconded by John Lentz to re-adjourn to open session at 9:14 p.m. for Agenda Item 4.0 Recognition of the Audience. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Parent Sara Duff expressed her concerns with a student being exposed to pornography while on the bus. She would like action to be taken to stop this from occurring. Student safety must be a priority.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.



Matt Lentz, President
Board of Education



Dan Tester, Secretary
Board of Education

June 8, 2021

Date