

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 9, 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, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Kassie Greenwood was absent.
  
- 2) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Report
  - Beckemeyer Principal Mr. Frailey announced 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher Laura Lessman ran a marathon in Indianapolis last weekend and was able to qualify for the Boston Marathon. Mrs. Manaso and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class will be performing a Veterans Day concert tomorrow.
  - High School Principal Mrs. Heyen stated student Maddie Eickhoff performed at the ILMEA Jazz Festival which no student from HHS has attended in over 15 years. The Sources of Strength group has started back up, there are 46 peer leaders and 10 advisors. Today, 13 students in the Building Trades class along with Mr. Fred Butler and class instructor Aaron Shultz attended a career day in Springfield. 18 FFA Members attended the National Convention last week and had a wonderful experience.
  
- 3) Agenda Item 3.0 FY Audit Presentation
  - Andrea Suhre of Scheffel Boyle gave the preliminary audit presentation with a clean opinion. The final report will be approved at the regular scheduled meeting next month.
  
- 4) Agenda Item 4.0. Consent Agenda
  - 4.1 Approval of Regular Session Minutes from October 13, 2021
    - President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the October 13, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.
  
  - 4.2 Approval of Executive Session Minutes from October 13, 2021
    - President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the October 13, 2021, Executive Session Meeting Minutes. There were none.
  
  - 4.3 Review and Approval of Payables
    - President Lentz asked for comments. There were none.
  
  - 4.4 Financial Report
    - President Lentz asked for comments. There were none.

#### 4.5 Consideration of Resolution Certifying Pedestrian Safety Hazard Areas Establishing Bus Transport Eligibility

Supt Powell reported there have been no changes made from last year's resolution.

#### 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: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 6-0.

#### 5) Agenda Item 5.0 Presentation of Preliminary 2021 Tax Levy

Supt Powell presented the Preliminary 2021 Tax Levy of \$8.6 million. Final recommendation will be at the regular scheduled meeting next month.

#### 6) Agenda Item 6.0 Recognition of the Audience

First to address the board was Jason Burke. As a parent, he feels he should be speaking on behalf of the children in the district that cannot speak for themselves, they need to be protected. Shawna Ellis informed the board that after coming off of quarantine her son was tested at the Elementary School without her consent. Superintendent Powell stated he will look into the incident. Mr. Don Karban is in support of mask wearing and complimented Superintendent Powell for doing what is best for the students. Nina Flowers stated her daughter in Kindergarten is terrified to go to school after being told her mask was not safe and did not protect her. When masks were optional she was much better. Mark Sellers has a grandson in 1<sup>st</sup> grade that has been in and out of the hospital, multiple tests have been ran. It is presumed to be the after effects of the coronavirus. Ellen Stone spoke on behalf of daughter Amelia Fuller. She would like to see students remain in masks. It will better allow students to stay in school and in extracurricular activities. Lynn Caselton would like to see some data. She would like a contact tracing study and a mask study. Mary Myers stated masks have been working for decades and have been proven effective. Jen Vitale wanted to state her sons Kindergarten class was quarantined by the Health Department. However, if everyone would continue masking, students would be missing school less and parents wouldn't be missing work so much.

#### 7) Agenda Item 7.0 Old Business

##### 7.1 Consideration of District Masking Requirement

Beckemeyer School Nurse Ali Luckett presented some Covid data to the board. During the 2020-2021 school year there were only 2 student who contracted the virus from and exposure at school. This year there have been 23 students who have contracted the virus from exposures at school. Board members Bryce Rupert and John Lentz would like masks to be optional.

Motion made by John Lentz, seconded by Bryce Rupert to make masks optional for the staff and students of the Hillsboro School District. On roll call the following voted yes: Bryce Rupert, Dan Tester and John Lentz. Barbara Adams, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz all voted no. Motion fails 3-3.

8) Agenda Item 8.0 New Business

8.1 Report on Vocational and Career and Tech Ed. Opportunities for District Students

Curriculum Director Hope McBrain gave an update on the career and technical education programs available at HHS. Classes are being offered in the following fields: business and technology, agriculture, architecture, manufacturing and construction, health sciences, education, human services and hospitality and automotive.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Communication

There was none.

10) Agenda Item 10.0 Executive Session

Motion made by Barbara Adams and seconded by John Lentz to move into Executive Session at 8:15 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 Nathan Kirby to move out of Executive session at 9:01 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

11) Agenda Item 11.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

11.1 Employment of Freshman Girls Basketball Coach

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Barbara Adams to approve Sidney Webster as Freshman Girls Basketball Coach. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 6-0.

11.2 Approval of Volunteer Coach

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Barbara Adams to approve Lauryn Tuetken as a Volunteer High School Girls Basketball Coach. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. John Lentz and Bryce Rupert voted no. Motion carried 4-2.

11.3 Resignation of Part-Time Nurse

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Barbara Adams to approve the resignation of Part-time Nurse at Coffeen Early Childhood Center, Nikki Lipe. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 6-0.

11.4 Employment of Part-time Nurse for Coffeen Early Childhood Center

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Barbara Adams to approve the employment of Part-time Nurse at Coffeen Early Childhood Center, Sami Eisentraut. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 6-0.

11.5 Employment of Teachers Aide

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Barbara Adams to approve the employment of Teachers Aide at Beckemeyer Elementary. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 6-0.

12) Agenda Item 12.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Barbara Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.



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Matt Lentz, President  
Board of Education



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Dan Tester, Secretary  
Board of Education

December 14, 2021

Date