

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2021

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

- 2) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Reports

Junior High Assistant Principal Blake Lipe stated full time secretary Angela Holcomb served her last day today. The junior high is very grateful for the 15 years she has dedicated to the district.

Junior High Guidance Counselor Jen Anderson announced the 2021-2022 student council. Students submit applications and 5 are chosen from each grade level. They must have a C average, no suspensions, 2 teacher recommendations and parent approval. The 6th grade members are Sophia Watkins, Kaleb Dossett, Rylee Rogers, Claire Trader and Avery Maddaleno. The 7th grade members are Lucy Moxey, Aleigha Marburger, Avery Batty, Kamdyn Putnam and Luci VanGiesen. The 8th grade members are Colton Weiss, Claire Matthews, Alivia Willman, Sadie Houchlei and Skylar Durbin.

HHS Principal Heyen congratulated the Boys soccer team on becoming conference champions. She also wanted to share the major improvements that are taking place with the new guidance counselor and social worker. They are doing a fantastic job.

Supt Powell stated the 708 Board recently awarded the district \$54,000. Those funds support the Intervention Specialist at Beckemeyer Elementary, Stephanie Thomas.

- 3) Agenda Item 3.0 Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Approval of Regular Session Minutes from September 14, 2021

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

- 3.2 Approval of Executive Session Minutes from September 14, 2021

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the September 14, 2021, Executive Session Meeting Minutes. There were none.

- 3.3 Review and Approval of Payables

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

- 3.4 Financial Report

President Lentz 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: 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 Audience

First to address the board was DJ Morgan. He states it is still too soon, more trials need to be ran on the vaccine. It should not be forced, it should be a choice. He also questioned how Superintendent Powell is spending the ESSER funds. District employee Trina Moore told the board it is discrimination if this gets enforced. Larry Slightom, also a district employee, does not believe the shot is necessary and employees should not have to test unless they have symptoms. Mr. Don Walker stated he has been stuck on the word mandate, he gave all the members a handout of the definition of the word mandate. A mandate is court ordered.

5) Agenda Item 5.0 Old Business

5.1 Consideration of Employee COVID-19 Vaccination or Testing Mandate
Brief discussion held.

Motion by Barb Adams and seconded by Nathan Kirby to adopt the COVID-19 vaccination or testing program. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, Kassie Greenwood, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Dan Tester, Bryce Rupert and John Lentz voted no. Motion carried 4-3.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 New Business

6.1 Consideration of Maintenance Grant Application for HVAC Project at Beckemeyer Elementary

This is grant money in the amount of \$50,000 available to use to offset the cost of an HVAC project at Beckemeyer Elementary.

Motion made by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the Maintenance Grant Application for HVAC Project at Beckemeyer Elementary. 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

No communication.

8) Agenda Item 8.0 Executive Session

Motion made by Barb Adams and seconded by Nathan Kirby to move into Executive Session at 7:50 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 Barb Adams and seconded by Nathan Kirby to move out of Executive session at 8:42 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

9.1 Acceptance of Letter of Intent to Retire from Certified Teacher

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to accept the letter of intent to retire from Gayla Brauns at the conclusion of the 2025-26 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.

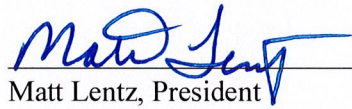
9.2 Employment of Junior High Secretary

Supt Powell stated letter of resignation from junior high secretary Angela Holcomb has been received.

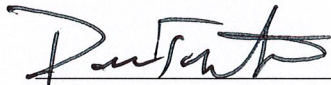
Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to employ Gwen Kuhns as the Junior High Secretary. On roll call the following voted yes: Barb Adams, John Lentz, Bryce Rupert, Kassie Greenwood, Dan Tester, Nathan Kirby and Matt Lentz. Motion carried 7-0.

10) Agenda Item 10.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Barb Adams, seconded by Nathan Kirby to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.



Matt Lentz, President
Board of Education



Dan Tester, Secretary
Board of Education

November 9, 2021

Date