

# Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

## Regular Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024

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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: Matt Lentz, John Lentz, Brian Patton, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Kassie Greenwood was absent.

2) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Reports

Principal Heyen congratulated junior student Jaide-Olivia Sloan-Williams. Her art show entry was accepted to the 2024 Annual High School Art Exhibition hosted by SIUE Department of Art and Design. With over 200 entries her artwork was one of 85 chosen pieces from surrounding high schools in Missouri and Illinois.

Mrs. McBrain announced the district art teachers are collaborating with the Hillsboro Library and the Heartland Art Gallery to host a reception on May 9<sup>th</sup>. District students PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade will have their artwork on display in the basement of the library. The top winners will be on display at the Heartland Gallery for the remaining month of May. Mrs. McBrain also stated that on February 15<sup>th</sup> the district will be hosting its first Science Olympiad for elementary students led by fourth grade teacher Erin Hammann. The junior high students will be attending a regional Science Olympiad held in Belleville on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The district recently received a Farm to Table Grant from the USDA and ISBE. The grant allows the district to partner with a local farmer to bring fresh ground beef to the students.

3) Agenda Item 3.0 Committee Reports

3.1 Building and Grounds Committee

Building and Grounds Committee met on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The committee was updated on developments at the High School building project. Proposals from local realtors on the sale of the building trades house were discussed.

3.2 Finance Committee

Finance Committee met on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. along with 2 members from the Bank of Hillsboro. Information and suggestions for investing the District's cash reserves and bond proceeds were discussed.

### 3.3 Curriculum Committee

Curriculum Committee met on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Director McBrain presented information on a new social studies series at the junior high. Changes at the high school included possibly adding Business Management and Criminal Justice courses. K-5 does not plan to renew Inquiry Journey curriculum.

#### 4) Agenda Item 4.0 Consent Agenda

##### 4.1 Approval of Regular Session Minutes from January 9, 2024

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.

##### 4.2 Approval of Executive Session Minutes from January 9, 2024

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the January 9, 2024, Executive Session Meeting Minutes. There were none.

##### 4.3 Approval of Minutes from Building and Grounds Committee Meeting on January 9, 2024

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the January 9, 2024 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes. There were none.

##### 4.4 Approval of Minutes from Finance Committee Meeting on January 9, 2024

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the January 9, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes. There were none.

##### 4.5 Approval of Minutes from Curriculum Committee Meeting on February 8, 2024

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the February 8, 2024 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes. There were none.

##### 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 Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE3 for Alternative High Schools

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

##### 4.9 Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE3 for Regional Safe School Program

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

##### Consent Agenda Vote.

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

5) Agenda Item 5.0 New Business

5.1 Review and Discussion of Student Athlete Code of Conduct

Superintendent Powell reported this year there have been a total of 7 athletic code violations. There were 5 alcohol related incidents and 2 vaping incidents. Of the 7 violations, 6 athletes have completed or are in the process of completing the evaluation and counseling option through the health department to shorten their suspension. The health department reports the students have done great and the process is going well.

5.2 Discussion and Possible Consideration of K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Changes

Director McBrain is recommending a non-renewal the Inquiry Journey series at Beckemeyer Elementary. The staff will use some of the resources from Journey to develop a map of units, standards and resources. A new digital social studies series for the junior high being recommended. As information is added and history occurs it will be updated, no more textbooks. No action taken. The board would like more time to review.

5.3 Consideration of New Business Course at HHS

Principal Heyen presented a recommendation for a new Business Management Course at HHS for juniors and seniors. This course will introduce students to business concepts and be a great gateway course for the CEO program.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the new Business Course at HHS. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

5.4 Consideration of New Criminal Justice Course at HHS

Principal Heyen presented a recommendation for a new Criminal Justice Course at HHS for juniors and seniors. The course will introduce students to the foundations, policies and processes of today's criminal justice system.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the new Criminal Justice Course at HHS. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

5.5 First Reading of Proposed Policy Revisions

Superintendent Powell reviewed PRESS Policy revisions from Issue 113, most notable policy being 6:230 Library Media Program. Board will review policies, action will be taken at the March board meeting.

5.6 Consideration of 2024-2025 School Calendar

Curriculum Director Hope McBrain presented the 2024-2025 School Calendar.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the 2024-2025 School calendar. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 Recognition of Audience

No cards were submitted.

7) Agenda Item 7.0 Communication

There was none.

8) Agenda Item 8.0 Executive Session

Motion made by Nathan Kirby and seconded by John Lentz to move into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, student discipline and superintendents' evaluation. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Nathan Kirby and seconded by John Lentz to move out of Executive session at 9:14 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

9.1 Resignation of Teaching Assistant

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the resignation of Teaching Assistant Kaili Hanner. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.2 Employment of Teaching Assistant

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the employment of Rachelle Dewerff as Teaching Assistant. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.3 Resignation of Custodian

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the resignation of custodian Ridge Snoddy. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.4 Retirement of Food Service Worker

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the retirement of food service worker Lynda Compton. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.5 Approval of Volunteer Fishing Coaches

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve volunteer fishing coaches Mike Kershaw (Head Coach), Jason Blankenship and Tracy White. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.6 Resignation of High School Girls Track Coach

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the resignation of high school girls track coach Joe Reed. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.7 Employment of High School Girls Track Coach

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Brian Patton to approve the employment of high school girls track coach Katie Homa. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.8 Employment of High School Student Council Sponsor

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the employment of student council sponsor Melissa Satterlee. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.9 Employment of 12-Month High School Secretary

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the employment of 12-month secretary Jennifer Weiss. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.10 Employment of 9-Month High School Secretary

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the employment of 9-month secretary Mindi Armbruster. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.11 Employment of Custodian


Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to approve the employment of custodian Anthony Cushing. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.


9.12 Student Discipline

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to uphold the athletic suspension of Student A. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, John Lentz, Blake Furness, Mike Cerutti, and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

10) Agenda Item 10.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by John Lentz to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

  
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Matt Lentz, President  
Board of Education

  
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John Lentz, Secretary

March 12, 2024

Date