

Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
October 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Jr.-Sr. High commons.

Call to Order

President Starr called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

On roll call, the following board members answered present: Capaldo, Dupree, Hartweg, Hempen, Starr and Summers. Six members were present. Hopp was absent.

Others present were: Joe Yurko, Eric Bryan, Shelli Jennings, Carol Mullens, Jessica Kohlmorgan, Clara Wilhelm, Stanley Wilhelm and Yenni Wilhelm and Megan McNeill (Journal Pilot).

Recognition of Achievement

The board members and Mrs. Jennings recognized Clara Wilhelm, who received the National Merit Scholar Letter of Commendation.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Dupree and seconded by Capaldo to move into executive session. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Return to Open Session

A motion was made by Hempen and seconded by Summers to return to open session. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Summers to approve the consent agenda as presented: a. payroll and bills; b. approve minutes from regular meeting and budget hearing on September 21, 2016 and special meeting on October 12, 2016. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Superintendent's Report

District Audit

Dennis Koch, auditor, is at a conference this week. We will attempt to Skype with him at the November board meeting. The audit went well this year.

Facilities Planning

The superintendent reviewed work from the last planning meeting and Matthew Starr reviewed steps in the process of moving projects forward.

Bid for Snow Removal

It is time to let bids for snow removal.

Principals' Reports

Elementary: Mr. Bryan reported that the focus for October is being respectful. Representatives from the Girl Scouts came to the elementary for 2 days to put on a program in the classrooms focusing on being a good friend and treating people the way you want to be treated. Students who consistently demonstrate respectful habits will be able to attend either a football clinic or a dance/cheer clinic on October 20, led by the Hamilton High School students who are members of the West Hancock football team and dance cheer/team. He thanks everyone who is involved. October 7 was Teacher's Institute Day. A trainer from the WCISEC came to the elementary and conducted a half-day CPI training. The 2nd half of the day, the teachers worked with grade level colleagues on the math curriculum, making sure they are meeting the needs of the students. Representatives from the Hamilton Fire Department brought the Smokehouse for the students in Pre-K through 3rd grade on October 14 to be retrained on fire safety. He thanks the members of the Hamilton Fire Department for their time. Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated October 24 – 27, with a door decorating contest, coloring contest, and daily dress-up themes. Parent-Teacher Conferences are October 20 from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm and October 21 from 8:00 am – 11:30 am.

Jr.-Sr. High: Mrs. Jennings reported that October 7 was Teacher's Institute Day. They spent the morning going over curriculum and making goals. The focus continues to be on the following areas: Student well-being, high expectations for student success and leading students to become productive citizens and instilling an appreciation for lifetime learning. The 2nd half of the day was spent with a representative from the WCISEC, who held a refresher course on how to de-escalate student behavior. Parent-Teacher Conferences are October 20 from 4:00pm – 8:00 pm and October 21 from 8:00 am – 11:30 am. Red Ribbon Week is October 24 – October 28. The theme this year is: "I Elect to Be Drug Free" and "Dark and Stormy Reading Night" on October 26 led by Mrs. Hendricks. The Jr.-Sr. High School continues to enroll new students.

The superintendent and board members recognized Eric Bryan and Shelli Jennings, as it is National Principals Month. They all appreciate the time each of the principals devote to the district. President Starr presented a gift of appreciation to both.

Action Items

Approve FY16 School District Audit

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Dupree to approve the FY16 School District Audit. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Repay Loan from Working Cash to Education Fund

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Hartweg to repay loan from working cash to education fund in the amount of \$425,000. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Repay Loan from Working Cash to Tort

A motion was made by Hempen and seconded by Summers to repay loan from working cash to tort in the amount of \$25,000. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Hire Junior High Boys Basketball Coach

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Dupree to hire Andy Becker as the Junior High Boys Basketball Coach. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, no; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 5-1

Hire Assistant Junior High Boys Basketball Coach

A motion was made by Hempen and seconded by Capaldo to hire Andrew Orton as the Assistant Junior High Basketball Coach. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Approve FMLA

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Hempen to approve the FMLA request for Laura Hardy. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Approve FMLA

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Dupree to approve the FMLA request for Julie Burdette. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Let Bids for Snow Removal

A motion was made by Hempen and seconded by Capaldo to let bids for snow removal. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Set Date for Facilities Planning Meeting

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Summers to set the date for the Facilities Planning-Team Leadership Meeting for Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Jr.-Sr. High School commons. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Correspondence

Nick Capaldo read a thank you card from the family of Mike Harmon (Jenny Harmon's husband), and a thank you letter from the Jim Repplinger Football Field Committee for the donation.

Joe Yurko thanked Shawn Whitaker and the group of people, with the Evangelical Free Church of Keokuk, who helped with general cleanup around our school buildings.

Opportunity for Citizens/Visitors to Speak

No one spoke to the board.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Hempen and seconded by Hartweg to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

President Starr declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Matthew Starr, Board President

Nick Capaldo, Board Secretary

Carol Mullens, Recording Secretary