

**Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328**  
**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**  
**December 21, 2016**

The regular board meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 6:38 pm in the Jr.-Sr. High School Commons, immediately following the Truth in Taxation Hearing.

**Call to Order**

President Starr called the meeting to order at 6:38 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, students, parents, and Megan McNeill (Daily Gate City).

**Illinois State Scholars Recognized**

Shelli Jennings, Jr.-Sr. High School Principal, recognized Clara Wilhelm and Will Fox as Illinois State Scholars. She congratulated them and their parents for their accomplishments. President Starr and the Board of Education extended their congratulations to them.

**Opportunity for Citizens/Visitors to Speak**

Drew Plowman spoke to the board about himself, Noah George and Bryson Sanderson graduating early and still wanting to attend high school extracurricular activities after they graduate in December. The board will discuss this and get back to them with their decision.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Dupree and seconded by Hempen to enter into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 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 Summers and seconded by Hartweg to approve the consent agenda: a. payroll and bills; b. approve minutes from regular meeting on November 16, 2016. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

## **Superintendent's Report**

### **IASB Conference**

Matthew Starr and Doug Summers shared their experiences and thoughts about the IASB Conference in Chicago.

### **Leadership Team Meeting**

Matthew Starr and Nick Capaldo attended the second Leadership Team Meeting and they shared their thoughts with the board members.

### **Tax Levy**

The superintendent reviewed the tax levy.

### **Board Policy Updates**

We have several board policy updates.

### **Graduation Date**

The superintendent suggested setting the graduation date for May 13, 2017.

### **Washington DC Trip**

The board will provide transportation to and from St. Louis Airport.

### **Principals' Reports**

**Elementary:** Mr. Bryan reported that it has been a great 1<sup>st</sup> semester. He is proud of his students and staff. The elementary has started a Christmas Challenge. They are focusing on demonstrating respectful habits. Students who earn 15 Cardinals and have no office referrals for being disrespectful will be treated to a hot chocolate party in the cafeteria and a classroom movie on the last day of the semester. The elementary collected over 2,400 non-perishable food items over a five-day period during the month of November. This was all donated to the Hamilton Food Pantry. He thanks Mrs. Celania, Mrs. Bell, and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class for organizing the event. The elementary added a winter Pre-K screening in December and has 8 more students added to the Pre-K waiting list. Mrs. Kinnamon and the Pre-K teachers came up with the idea to keep better track of our 3 and 4 year olds in our community.

**Jr.-Sr. High:** Mrs. Jennings congratulated Clara Wilhelm and Will Fox on being named Illinois State Scholars. Congratulations to Coach Fenton and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team. They won the IESA regional at Mendon. They lost a tough game to Lewistown, last year's state champion, in the sectional. Fine Arts Day was December 11, 2016. It is a great time for parents and family members to see the results of all the hard work students have put into their art, choir and band classes. McKenzie Hall signed her National Letter of Intent to play softball at John Wood Community College on December 14. Semester final exams are December 19 and 20. She updated the board about the football conference.

### **Action Items**

#### **Approve 2016 Tax Levy**

A motion was made by Hempen and seconded by Summers to approve the 2016 Tax Levy. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

#### **Approve Resolution for One Cent County Wide School Facilities Sales Tax**

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Dupree to approve the Resolution for One Cent County Wide School Facilities Sales Tax. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

**Approve Posting for Anticipated High School Opening**

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Capaldo to approve posting for anticipated high school opening. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

**Hire Elementary Instructor**

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Hartweg to hire Kalyn Young as an elementary instructor. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

**Set Graduation Date**

A motion was made by Hempen and seconded by Dupree to set graduation date for Saturday, May 13, 2017. Roll call: Capaldo, no; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 5-1

**Approve Board Policy Updates: 2:120, 2:125, 2:125-E1, 2:125-E2, 2:200, 2:220, 2:220-E1, 2:220-E2, 2:220-E4, 2:220-E5, 2:220-E6, 2:220-E7, 2:220-E8, 4:60, 4:110, 4:175, 5:10, 5:60, 5:60-E1, 5:60-E2, 5:100, 5:125, 5:185, 5:190, 5:250, 5:260, 5:280, 5:330, 6:15, 6:50, 6:60, 6:145, 6:160, 6:170, 6:340, 7:50, 7:60, 7:70, 7:250, 7:260, 7:305, 7:310, 7:315, 8:30 and 8:70**

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Capaldo to approve board policy updates: 2:120, 2:125, 2:125-E1, 2:125-E2, 2:200, 2:220, 2:220-E1, 2:220-E2, 2:220-E4, 2:220-E5, 2:220-E6, 2:220-E7, 2:220-E8, 4:60, 4:110, 4:175, 5:10, 5:60, 5:60-E1, 5:60-E2, 5:100, 5:125, 5:185, 5:190, 5:250, 5:260, 5:280, 5:330, 6:15, 6:50, 6:60, 6:145, 6:160, 6:170, 6:340, 7:50, 7:60, 7:70, 7:250, 7:260, 7:305, 7:310, 7:315, 8:30 and 8:70. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

**Correspondence**

Board Secretary, Nick Capaldo, read a thank you letter from Dana Hendricks' class for a field trip to Keokuk Union Depot.

**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 9:07 pm.

  
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Matthew Starr, Board President

  
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Nick Capaldo, Board Secretary

  
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Carol Mullens, Recording Secretary