

**Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328**  
**Minutes of Truth in Taxation Hearing**  
**December 20, 2017**

The Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328 Board of Education held a Truth in Taxation Hearing On Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Jr.-Sr. High School commons area.

Doug Summers acted as President Pro-tem.

**Call to Order**

President Pro-tem, Doug Summers, called the hearing to order at 6:30 pm.

**Roll Call**

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

Others present were: Joe Yurko, Eric Bryan, Shelli Jennings, Edith Ewing, Carol Mullens, Kelly Celandia, Paula French, and Cassandra Dietrich.

**2017 Tax Levy**

The Superintendent reviewed the 2017 tax levy.

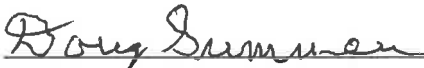
**Opportunity for Citizens/Visitors to Speak**

There were no comments about the tax levy.

**Adjourn**

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

President Pro-tem, Doug Summers declared the hearing adjourned at 6:38 pm.

  
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Doug Summers, Board President Pro-tem

  
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Nick Capaldo, Board Secretary

  
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Carol Mullens, Recording Secretary

**Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328  
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting  
December 20, 2017**

The regular board meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 6:39 pm in the Jr.-Sr. High School commons, immediately following the Truth in Taxation Hearing.

Doug Summers acted as President Pro-tem.

**Call to Order**

President Pro-tem, Doug Summers, called the meeting to order at 6:39 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, Hopp, and Summers. Six members were present. Starr was absent.

Others present were: Joe Yurko, Eric Bryan, Shelli Jennings, Edith Ewing, Carol Mullens, Kelly Celania, Paula French, and Cassandra Dietrich.

**Opportunity for Citizens/Visitors to Speak**

Paula French had a couple of questions for the board members.

Edith Ewing summarized her job duties as the Liaison for Curriculum, Professional Development, Mentoring and Induction. The board members thanked Mrs. Ewing for all she does for the district.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Hempen and seconded by Hopp 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; Hopp, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

**Return to Open Session**

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

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Hopp and seconded by Hempen to approve the consent agenda: a. payroll and bills; b. approve minutes from regular meeting on November 15, 2017. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Hopp, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

**Superintendent's Report**

**IASB Conference**

Doug Summers discussed his experience at the IASB Annual Conference.

**Graduation Date**

The superintendent would like for the graduation date to be set for Saturday, May 12, 2018.

### **BLDD Update**

The superintendent has spoken with Todd, from BLDD, and gave a brief update and will continue to work on the building plans.

### **Gym Scoreboard Thanks**

The superintendent would like to thank Pepsi for donating the scoreboards and also thank Tim Croy, Mark West and Mike Coultas for their help with installing the scoreboards.

### **Thanks to Hancock, McDonough and Lee County Sheriff's Offices, Hamilton and Warsaw Police and the Illinois State Police**

The superintendent thanked the Hancock County, McDonough and Lee County Sheriff's Offices, Hamilton and Warsaw Police and the Illinois State Police that made Friday's K-9 visit a success and for keeping our schools safe.

### **Principals' Reports**

Elementary: Mr. Bryan reported that in December, the elementary started two Respect Challenges, focusing on demonstrating respectful habits throughout the day. Students who had no office referrals the first half of December were treated to cookies/milk and board games. Students with no referrals the second half of December will be able to participate in Christmas parties. The elementary school students collected over 3,000 non-perishable food items over a ten day period through the month of November. This was delivered to the Hamilton food pantry. He thanked Mrs. Celandia, Mrs. Bell, and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class for organizing this event. The elementary added a winter Pre-K screening in December. There are 9 students on the waiting list and they will be enrolled for the 2018-2019 school year.

Jr.-Sr. High School: Congratulations to the 2018-2019 Illinois State Scholars: AJ Koblas, John McIlmoil, Ellie Munson and Kailee Pfeiferling. We will honor them and their parents when official certificates are mailed. Congratulations to Dana Hendricks. She was awarded a \$700.00 grant from Target to put towards the cost of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Chicago. The high school has implemented an Introduction of Academic Success Plans for struggling students and are looking to extend this to junior high students. Students completed final exams December 18 and 19.

### **Action Items**

#### **Approve 2017 Tax Levy**

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Hartweg to approve the 2017 tax levy. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempten, yes; Hopp, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

#### **Accept Resignation**

A motion was made by Dupree and seconded by Hempten to accept the retirement resignation from Linda Hardy as the Jr.-Sr. High School Art Teacher. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempten, yes; Hopp, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

The board thanked Mrs. Hardy for her long-term service to Hamilton CCSD #328.

#### **Accept Resignation**

A motion was made by Hopp and seconded by Capaldo to accept the resignation from Darrin Bozzola as the Jr.-Sr. High School Driver's Education Instructor. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempten, yes; Hopp, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

The board thanked Mr. Bozzola for his long-term service to Hamilton CCSD #328.

#### **Hire Junior High Volleyball Coach**

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Hartweg to hire Caitlin Wear as the Junior High Volleyball Coach. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempten, yes; Hopp, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

**Set Graduation Date**

A motion was made by Hempen and seconded by Hopp to set graduation date for Saturday, May 12, 2018. Roll call: Capaldo, no; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Hopp, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 5-1

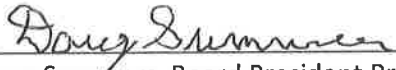
**Correspondence**

Board Secretary, Nick Capaldo read a thank you card from the WCISEC, Bright Stars and Carthage Cruisers Programs, thanking Hamilton for providing transportation to their event. The superintendent thanked Tricia Kinnamon for getting this organized.

**Adjourn**

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

President Pro-tem, Doug Summers, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.



Doug Summers, Board President Pro-tem



Nick Capaldo, Board Secretary



Carol Mullens, Recording Secretary