

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

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 in the Jr.-Sr. High School commons, immediately following the 2017-2018 budget hearing.

Call to Order

President Starr called the meeting to order at 6:48 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, Carol Mullens, Kelly Celania, Todd & Michael with BLDD, Emma VanArsdale (Daily Gate City).

Opportunity for Citizens/Visitors to Speak

No one spoke to the board.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Hempen and seconded by Dupree 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 Capaldo 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 Dupree to approve the consent agenda: a. payroll and bills; b. approve minutes from regular meeting on August 16, 2017. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Superintendent's Report

BLDD Visit

Todd and Michael, with BLDD, reviewed our facilities work. The board discussed setting an informational meeting with the community.

IASB Meeting Schedule/Pre-conference Schedule/Fall Dinner

The IASB Joint Annual Conference is November 17-19, 2017, the Pre-conference schedule is included and the Western Division Fall Dinner is October 24, 2017 at LaHarpe School District #347.

Fall Enrollment

The fall enrollment from September 5, 2017 is included in the board packet. Student enrollment has increased.

District Picnic Thanks

The superintendent thanked Matthew and Doug and all who helped with the picnic. It was well attended.

Thanks to Pepsi, Ayerco, Kiwanis and Additional Donor

The superintendent would like to publically thank Pepsi, Ayerco, Kiwanis and an additional donor. They made it possible for us to purchase 60 chromebooks and 2 chromebook carts.

Application for Recognition of Schools

With the new ESSA guideline, it is no longer necessary for the Application for Recognition of Schools to have board approval.

State Funding Update

The superintendent reviewed information regarding state funding for this year.

Principals' Reports

Elementary: Mr. Bryan reported that on Sept. 1, the elementary rewarded 90 students, who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge, with a cookout, popsicles and prizes. The PALS Program started on Sept. 11 with 9 volunteers who are working with several of our 2nd grade students in the afternoon, 1 hour, 2 times per week, focusing on literacy. On Sept. 7 & 8, representatives from the Girl Scouts of West Central Illinois, came & presented their HERO Program to every K-6 classroom. It focuses on treating people the right way, showing respect and being a good friend. On Sept. 14, all K-6 students were treated to the NED Show. This assembly had the message of never giving up, encouraging others and doing your best. The assembly was free based on a "Pay It Forward" process, where students could purchase a yo-yo, with the proceeds going towards the cost of the next show at another district.

Jr.-Sr. High: Homecoming week was Sept. 11-16. Special thanks to Jessica Kohlmorgan, Kelsey Hoyt and Hannah Whitaker for planning activities for the students. The Blood drive is Sept. 22. The STAR Program has 15 students signed up. Mr. Lawson is working on College Night which is Oct. 3.

Action Items

Approve 2017-2018 School District Budget

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Hempen to approve the 2017-2018 school district budget. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Accept Resignation of Spelling Bee Sponsor

A motion was made by Hartweg and seconded by Capaldo to accept the resignation of Linda Hardy as Spelling Bee Sponsor. The board thanked Mrs. Hardy for her 17 years of service as the Spelling Bee Sponsor. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Hire High School Boys Baseball Coach

A motion was made by Hempen and seconded by Summers to hire Luke Hackett as the High School Boys' Baseball Coach. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Approve Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach

A motion was made by Dupree and seconded by Summers to approve Scott Pfieferling as a volunteer assistant golf coach. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Let Bids for Snow Removal Service

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

Set Date for Community Facilities Meeting

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Capaldo to set the date for the Community Facilities Meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2017. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Dupree, yes; Hartweg, yes; Hempen, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Correspondence

There is no correspondence.

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; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

President Starr declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.



Matthew Starr, Board President



Nick Capaldo, Board Secretary



Carol Mullens, Recording Secretary