

**Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328**  
**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**  
**January 15, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 in the Jr.-Sr. High School 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, Hopp, Kazukauskas, Monroe, and Starr. Five members were present. Dupree and Summers were absent.

Others present were: Joe Yurko, Shelli Jennings, Carol Mullens, Kelly Celandia, Jessica Kohlmorgan, Mark West, Mark Cox (Journal Pilot) and community members.

**Recognition of State Scholars**

Mrs. Jennings proudly introduced the four Illinois State Scholars and presented them with certificates. This is a program from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission that publicly and personally identifies graduating high school seniors who possess superior academic potential. It is awarded to high school seniors based on ACT or SAT test scores and class rank. The Illinois State Scholars are: Jil Brevick, daughter of Philip and Jennifer Brevick; Emily Scheu, daughter of Joe and Buffy Scheu; Patrick Speegle, son of Ken and Rebecca Speegle; Madi Walters, daughter of Nick and Amy Walters.

**Opportunity for Citizens/Visitors to Speak**

One community member spoke to the board.

**Executive Session**

6:37 pm

A motion was made by Capaldo 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; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried 5-0

**Return to Open Session**

6:55 pm

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Hopp to return to open session. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried 5-0

## **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Hopp and seconded by Kazukauskas to approve the consent agenda: a. payroll and bills; b. approve minutes from regular meeting on December 18, 2019; c. approve and make public executive session minutes from June 17, 2019 through December 18, 2019. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried 5-0

## **Superintendent's Report**

### **5Essentials**

The superintendent reported that the Illinois State Board of Education will implement this survey across the state. Students (grades 4-12), parents and teachers will participate in the 5Essentials survey to measure culture and climate of the schools for help in developing school improvement plans.

### **Principals' Reports**

Elementary: Mrs. Jennings read Mr. Bryan's report. She reported that the elementary held a Winter Reading Challenge over Christmas break. If the students read a certain number of minutes, they would be eligible for an ice cream sundae party and prizes. Out of 302 students (K-6), 175 students participated. Hamilton Elementary School proudly recognized 151 students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> for making honor roll during the first semester. This figure makes up 80% of those grade levels. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball started last week. They currently have 11 fifth grade girls and 21 sixth grade girls participating.

Jr.-Sr. High: Mrs. Jennings reported that 51.4% of students made honor roll for the first semester. The Talent Show is January 31. Travis Cook, Athletic Director, had an invitation to join the Prairieland Conference for football. It will start 2021 school year for 2 years (2021-2022 & 2022-2023).

## **Action Items**

### **Accept Resignation**

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Hopp to accept the resignation from Nathan Robbins as Boys' Golf Coach. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried 5-0

### **Accept Resignation**

A motion was made by Hopp and seconded by Kazukauskas to accept the retirement resignation from Carol Mullens as District Secretary and Board Recording Secretary, effective June 30, 2020. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried 5-0

### **Hire Custodian**

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Kazukauskas to hire Nick Walters as Custodian. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried 5-0

### **Approve Overnight Trip**

A motion was made by Hopp and seconded by Capaldo to approve the overnight trip for the Dance Team. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried 5-0

**Correspondence**

There is no correspondence.

**Executive Session**

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**Return to Open Session**

A motion was made by Hopp and seconded by Kazukauskas to return to open session. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried 5-0

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Kazukauskas to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried 5-0

President Starr declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.



Matthew Starr, Board President



Nick Capaldo, Board Secretary



Carol Mullens, Recording Secretary