

Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 16, 2020

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, December 16, 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, Sikes, Starr, and Summers. Seven board members were present.

Others present: Joe Yurko, Shelli Jennings, Eric Bryan, Carol Mullens, Kelly Celandia, Dennis Koch, Laura Plowman and Chelsea Radel.

Opportunity for Citizens to Speak

No one spoke to the board.

Executive Session

6:33 pm

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Monroe 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; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Return to Open Session

7:44 pm

A motion was made by Sikes and seconded by Kazukauskas to return to open session. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Monroe to approve the consent agenda: a. payroll and bills, b. approve minutes from regular meeting on November 18, 2020. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Superintendent's Report

Dennis Koch Presentation (Audit)

Dennis Koch presented the district audit to the board members.

Return to In-Person Learning

The superintendent discussed the plan for the return to in-person learning for students. The administrators are planning for students to return on January 11, 2021.

Building Project Update

The superintendent reported that there is lots of progress at the elementary site and is waiting to get the final sign-off and punch list completions at the high school.

Tentative Tax levy

The 2020 tax levy is included in the board packet. The superintendent reviewed the tax levy and recommends approval.

Principals' Reports

Elementary: Mr. Bryan reported that the teachers continue to work hard to do their best to provide instruction remotely. They are available to their students daily. We continue to deliver meals and work packets daily. We have also provided hot spots for internet service to homes who do not have the internet. This week, teachers have posted videos on You Tube, where they are reading Christmas books. He wants to thank the following people and organizations for their generous contributions to some of the families of our students: The Warsaw Gun Club, Employees of Two Rivers Bank and Trust, Kiwanis and Kate Della Vedova. The major contributions of gifts, gift cards and certificates for food were greatly appreciated going into the holiday season. This impacted a lot of families.

Jr.-Sr. High: Mrs. Jennings reported that the Jr.-Sr. High School has continued to try to meet all of the continuing needs of the students and families during this time of remote instruction. We have been delivering food, work, novels, art supplies, computers, hot spots and technical support as needed. Parents and students have been receiving weekly updates from her in addition to weekly grade reports via email and mailed letters. Parents have also been receiving text messages every class period when their child is marked as absent.

Action Items

Set 2020-2021 Graduation Date

A motion was made by Hopp and seconded by Monroe to set the 2020-2021 graduation date for Saturday, May 15, 2021. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Approve 2020 Tax Levy

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Hopp to approve the 2020 tax levy. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Close Interest-Bearing Account for Bond Sale Proceeds at Fortress Bank

A motion was made by Sikes and seconded by Summers to close Interest-Bearing Account for Bond Sale Proceeds at Fortress Bank. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Hire Unit Office Administrative Assistant

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Summers to hire Chelsea Radel as the Unit Office Administrative Assistant. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Approve Resolution Limiting Education Fund Tax Rate

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Capaldo to approve the Resolution Limiting Education Fund Tax Rate. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Approve Board Policy Updates 3:40, 3:40-E, 4:150, 4:80, 4:90, 6:20, 6:310, 6:320, 6:340, 7:100, 7:140 and 7:300

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Sikes to approve board policy updates 3:40, 3:40-E, 4:150, 4:80, 4:90, 6:20, 6:310, 6:320, 6:340, 7:100, 7:140 and 7:300. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Review Board Policies 5:270 and 6:315

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Capaldo to review board policies 5:270 and 6:315. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Correspondence

Secretary Capaldo read a thank you card from the congregation of Bethlehem United Church of Christ of Sutter.

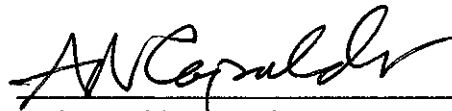
Adjourn

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Sikes to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Capaldo, yes; Hopp, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Monroe, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

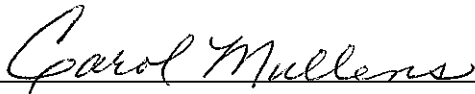
President Starr declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.



Matthew Starr, Board President



Nick Capaldo, Board Secretary



Carol Mullens, Temporary Recording Secretary