

**Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**March 15, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 in the Elementary Multi-Purpose Room.

**Call to Order**

President Starr called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Roll Call**

On roll call, the following board members answered present: Huls, Kazukauskas, Sikes, Monroe, Starr, and Capaldo. Six board members were present.

Absent Members: Summers.

Others present: Joe Yurko, Erin Kelly, Shelli Jennings, Kelly Celania, and Chelsea Radel.

**Opportunity for Citizens/Visitors to Speak**

Community members spoke to the board.

**Executive Session**

6:43 pm

A motion was made by Huls and seconded by Sikes 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: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

**Return to Open Session**

7:45 pm

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Huls to return to open session. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Monroe to approve the consent agenda: a. payroll and bills, b. approve minutes from regular meeting on February 15, 2023. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

**Superintendent's Report**

**Mowing and Trimming Bids**

The superintendent reported we received two mowing and trimming bids.

**School Calendar Update**

Superintendent said no changes need to be made to school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

**IHSA Renewal**

Superintendent reported it's time for the annual membership renewal.

## **Project Bids**

Superintendent reported John advised that we will have bid specs early next week.

## **Principals' Reports**

Elementary: Mrs. Kelly reported the PBIS celebrations have really taken off-especially with our older students. State testing season is starting. Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> will be given the IAR on March 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> on March 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.

High School: Mrs. Jennings reported the HHS chapter of National Honor Society inducted 7 new members. FFA did a fantastic job with FFA week February 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Stuckert took some of the HS band to Rushville on Saturday for solo and ensemble contest. March 10<sup>th</sup> marked the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Parent teacher conferences are March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. HHS hosted our spring Red Cross Blood Drive on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Freshman orientation is scheduled for Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the end of parent teacher conference that evening. SAT/PSAT testing day is April 12<sup>th</sup>. Seniors will be out of the building on their class trip.

## **Action Items**

### **Accept Mowing and Trimming Bids**

A motion was made by Huls and seconded by Kazukauskas to accept the bid from First Class Grass for the school year 2023 mowing season. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

### **Approve Volunteer Assistant Junior High Track Coach**

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Kazukauskas to approve Megan Marlin as Volunteer Assistant Junior High Track Coach. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

### **Approve Resolution for Participation in the ISDLAF Fund**

A motion was made by Huls and seconded by Monroe to approve resolution for participation in the ISDLAF fund. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

### **Accept Resignation**

A motion was made by Sikes and seconded by Monroe to accept resignation from Shelli Jennings as High School Principal. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

### **Accept Resignation**

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Capaldo to accept resignation from Tricia Kinnamon as Special Education Coordinator. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

### **Accept Resignation**

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Huls to accept resignation from Alicia Grothaus as Junior High Girls Basketball Coach. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

### **Hire Part-Time Ballfield Groundsman**

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Sikes to hire part-time ballfield groundsman Joel Schlatter. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

### **Approve IHSA Membership Renewal**

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Huls to approve IHSA Membership Renewal. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

### **Let Bid for High School Gym Floor Project**

A motion was made by Sikes and seconded by Capaldo to let bid for High School Gym Floor Project. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

### **Let Bid for High School HVAC Project**

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Huls to let bid for High School HVAC Project. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

### **Post Vacant Positions**

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Sikes to post vacant positions. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

### **For the Good of the District**

Starr: Playground-I do agree that it needs to be a safe and fun place to play. Who do we need to call to check out the playground

Yurko: We do have people come yearly and inspect playground. It's always suggested but never required.

Starr: Can we get someone in here to tell us if it NEEDS to be updated. I want us to have safe equipment. Who are the expert that tells us that certain items may or may not be deemed safe?

Yurko: I can explore if there is someone out there to inspect.

Huls: Is there someone that monitors playground

Yurko: Not to my knowledge

Huls: I feel like this should be looked into. We talked about putting money toward the playground but decided to put that money toward the health and safety of the high school students.

Starr: I know it needs to be safe and fun but we had a special meeting to discuss how to spend Esser III funds and chose to put it toward the high school. Bid for playground was around \$330,000. We need to look back into ground coverage.

Kazukauskas: Are we having issues with kids getting hurt on the playground.

Kelly: It has not increased from normal play incidents.

Kazukauskas: Mrs. Kelly have you been out to look at it?

Kelly: Yes, it could use some improvement.

Huls: We needed to make some improvement to the high school first. What do we do in the meantime with money to redo the entire playground?

Starr: I want someone to tell us what to do in the mean time until we can get the funds.

Capaldo: Me too. We need to do it and do it the right way but there are plenty of hoops and procedures that need to take place.

Huls: We need to look at the district as a whole.

Starr: We just need to get someone in to guide us in the right direction. Ground coverage program was through the ROE.

Yurko: That is a grant from the Pre-K program.

Sikes: is that only for the Pre-K programs?

Yurko: You can only get it by semi load, and it will be enough to do both

**Correspondence**

No correspondence.

**Executive Session**

8:22 pm

A motion was made by Kazukauskas 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: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

**Return to Open Session**

9:54 pm

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Kazukauskas to return to open session. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Sikes and seconded by Monroe to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Sikes, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

President Starr declared the meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm.



Matthew Starr, Board President



Nick Capaldo, Board Secretary



Chelsea Radel, Recording Secretary