

Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328

Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 in the Elementary Multi-Purpose Room.

Call to Order

President Starr called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Roll Call

On roll call, the following board members answered present: Huls, Starr, Summers, Capaldo, Hymes, Harmon, and Kazukauskas. All board members were present.

Others present: Joe Yurko, Erin Kelly, Bradley Gooding, Kelly Celandia, Hannah Whitaker and Chelsea Radel.

Opportunity for Citizens/Visitors to Speak

Community member spoke to board.

District Audit

Mr. Koch reported his finding to the board.

IASB Field Search

Mr. Zimmerman discussed with the board how IASB Field Search could help with hiring a new superintendent.

Executive Session

7:33 pm

A motion was made by Huls and seconded by Capaldo 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; Harmon, yes; Starr, yes; Hymes, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Summers, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Return to Open Session

8:26 pm

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

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Huls to approve the consent agenda: a. payroll and bills, b. approve minutes from regular meeting November 15, 2023. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Harmon, yes; Starr, yes; Hymes, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Summers, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Superintendent's Report

ISAB Joint Annual Conference

The superintendent invited the board to share what they learned at the conference.

Consultation with Architect

Superintendent reported additional details and projections from the architect regarding the playground.

2023 Tax Levy

Superintendent reported the 1 cent sales tax would allow the district to work on some other projects.

Policy 7:60 Student Residency

Superintendent reported there is a section that permits the enrollment of students of employees (out of district) tuition free.

Principals' Reports

Elementary: Mr. Yurko read on behalf of Mrs. Kelly. Quarter 2 ended on Friday, December 15th. PBIS team has events to celebrate great behavior for second quarter. Jr. High traveled to Fort Madison on 12/18 for a movie. Our younger kiddos had a Grinch party on 12/19. Winter Concert was a huge success. Thanks to Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Stuckert.

High School: Mr. Gooding congratulated Parker Quinlan and Cooper Shaw for being name Illinois State Scholars. FFA started a landscaping makeover on the north side of the High School. Great job Mr. Stuckert and students on an awesome Christmas Concert. First semester finals were given during the week of December 11th-15th.

For the Good of the District

Action Items

Approve 2023 Tax Levy

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Kazukauskas to approve 2023 Tax Levy. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Harmon, yes; Starr, yes; Hymes, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Summers, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Approve Resolution Temporarily Limiting the Maximum Education Fund Rate to 2.80%

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Hymes to approve Resolution Temporarily Limiting the Maximum Ed Fund Rate to 2.80%. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Harmon, yes; Starr, yes; Hymes, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Summers, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Approve resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for The County of Hancock, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals, for submission to the electors of said County at the consolidated election to be held on the 19th day of March, 2024

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Approve ISBE Targeted Assistance School Improvement Plan

A motion was made by Harmon and seconded by Kazukauskas to approve ISBE Targeted Assistance School Improvement Plan. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Harmon, yes; Starr, yes; Hymes, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Summers, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Approve Policy Update 7:60

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Harmon to Approve Policy Update 7:60. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Harmon, yes; Starr, yes; Hymes, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Summers, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

5-Year Review of Policy 4:120

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Hymes to approve 5-Year Review of Policy 4:120. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Harmon, yes; Starr, yes; Hymes, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Summers, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Set 2024 High School Graduation Date

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Summers to set graduation date for May 11, 2024 at 2 pm. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Harmon, yes; Starr, yes; Hymes, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Summers, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Accept Resignation

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Harmon to accept resignation from Joe Yurko as Superintendent. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Harmon, yes; Starr, yes; Hymes, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Summers, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Approve engagement of IASB Executive Search Services

A motion was made by Hymes and seconded by Capaldo to approve engagement of IASB Executive Search Services. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Harmon, yes; Starr, yes; Hymes, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Summers, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

Correspondence

Adjourn

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

President Starr declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm



Matthew Starr, Board President



Doug Summers, Board Secretary



Chelsea Radel, Recording Secretary