

Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 in the Elementary Multi-Purpose Room.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Absent Members: Hymes

Others present: Jason Church, Erin Kelly, Chelsea Radel and Laura Hardy.

Opportunity for Citizens/Visitors to Speak

No member spoke to board.

Program Review

Mrs. Bergmann talked about how her new FACS/Home Ec. Class is going.

Executive Session

6:47 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; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hawes, yes; Harmon, yes; Capaldo, yes.

Motion carried: 6-0

Return to Open Session

7:31 pm

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

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Hawes to approve the consent agenda: a. payroll and bills, b. approve minutes from regular meeting and Truth and Taxation meeting on December 17, 2025.

Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hawes, yes; Harmon, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Superintendent's Report

Update on TIF Collaboration

Superintendent reported city is working with legal council to overcome hurdles on allocating TIF funds.

Update on PA and HS Gym Improvements

Superintendent talked about ways to possibly update the ceiling tiles in the High School Gym.

High School Custodial Update

Superintendent reported we are currently using other staff to cover cleaning the building until we can find someone.

High School Basketball Scoreboard Discussion

Superintendent reported we need to add shot clocks for next school year to comply with IHSA rules.

Principals' Reports

Elementary: Mrs. Kelly reported we are thrilled to be adding Scholastic Bowl to our extracurricular offering at HEJHS. A washer and dryer unit was installed here at HEJHS in December. This has been a welcome addition to help serve kids. We had a generous donation to put toward negative lunch balances for 11 students. 4th-8th graders have completed their classroom spelling bees to determine our contestants for our school wide spelling bee.

High School: Mr. Gooding reported congratulations to all the students on the honor roll. Keep up the good work the remainder of the year. Honor Roll Breakfast will be Wednesday, January 29th. The next "Thank You Release" at Hamilton High School will be Friday, February 6th. All students passing all 2nd semester classes will be allowed to leave at 2:51. National Honor Society is starting the process of selecting students for membership. NHS Induction Ceremony is Thursday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m.

For the Good of the District

Board asked how much the donation was to cover negative balances. The donation was for \$1,000.

Action Items

Make Public Executive Session Minutes from July 2024-December 2024

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Hawes to make public Executive Session Minutes from July 2024- December 2024 Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hawes, yes; Harmon, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Accept Resignation

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Capaldo to accept resignation from Brittany Hoppe as Football Cheerleading Coach. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hawes, yes; Harmon, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Accept Resignation

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Capaldo to accept resignation from Chelsea Hopp as Football Cheerleading Coach. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hawes, yes; Harmon, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Accept Resignation

A motion was made by Hawes and seconded by Kazukauskas to accept resignation from Kyler Stuckert as Band Director. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hawes, yes; Harmon, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Hire Elementary Food Service Handler

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Kazukauskas to approve the hire of Elementary Food Service Handler Marichu Reinig. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hawes, yes; Harmon, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Hire Elementary Paraprofessional

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Kazukauskas to hire Elementary Paraprofessional Annalise Smith. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hawes, yes; Harmon, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Correspondence

Secretary Kazukauskas read a Thank You from Marine Bank.

Adjourn

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

President Huls declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.



Josey Huls, Board President



Kayla Kazukauskas, Board Secretary



Chelsea Radel, Recording Secretary