

Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 18, 2026

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 18, 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, Hymes, Kazukauskas, Hawes and Capaldo. Six board members were present.

Absent Members: Harmon

Others present: Jason Church, Erin Kelly and Brad Gooding.

Opportunity for Citizens/Visitors to Speak

No member spoke to board.

Program Review

FFA students and sponsors came and spoke to the board.

Executive Session

6:40 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; Hymes, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Return to Open Session

7:20 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; Hymes, 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 on January 21, 2026. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hawes, yes; Hymes, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Superintendent's Report

West Hancock Athletic Co-Op Update

Superintendent reported developing a policy with Warsaw.

2025-2026 School Calendar Update

Superintendent updated the calendar with end date for students May 21, 2026.

Basketball Scoreboards

Superintendent presented costs for two different set ups.

Principals' Reports

Elementary: Mrs. Kelly reported the school wide Spelling Bee was 01/21/26. Congratulations to our winner Abby Starr. Second semester has been riddled with weather and illness. 2nd quarter honor roll included 70 students in 6th-8th grade. Teacher institute on 02/13/26 was another great day of training and getting staff from both buildings together.

High School: Mr. Gooding reported congratulations to the dance team for qualifying for state. They placed 5th in lyrical at state. Ms. Allen and Mrs. Downing took 21 English students to WIU Writing Festival on Monday, February 2nd. Mr. Taylor is in the early stages of building a class schedule for the 26-27 school year.

For the Good of the District

Action Items

Let Bids for Mowing and Trimming

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Monroe to let bids for mowing and trimming. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hawes, yes; Hymes, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Accept Resignation

A motion was made by Hawes and seconded by Capaldo to accept resignation from Gus Orberg as Elementary Custodian. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hawes, yes; Hymes, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Approve JH Scholastic Bowl Sponsor

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Hymes to approve JH Scholastic Bowl Sponsor Erin Biery. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hawes, yes; Hymes, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Approve HS Baseball Volunteer Coach

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Hawes to approve HS Baseball Volunteer Coach Adam Harness. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hawes, yes; Hymes, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Hire High School Custodian

A motion was made by Hawes and seconded by Hymes to hire High School Custodian Robert Ferrell as of 02/27/26. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hawes, yes; Hymes, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Executive Session

7:46 pm

A motion was made by Hymes 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; Hymes, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Return to Open Session

9:19 pm

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

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; Hymes, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

President Huls declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.



Josey Huls, Board President



Nick Capaldo, Board Vice President



Chelsea Radel, Recording Secretary