

Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328

Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 15, 2026

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, April 15, 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 and Kazukauskas. Four board members were present.

Absent Members: Capaldo, Hawes, Hymes

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

Program Review

Mrs. Huffman talked about Courageous Smiles and how it has grown with the number of students Hamilton takes to the event.

Opportunity for Citizens/Visitors to Speak

Community member spoke to board.

Executive Session

6:36 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; Harmon, yes; Kazukauskas, yes. Motion carried: 4-0

Capaldo entered meeting at 6:45 pm.

Return to Open Session

8:24 pm

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Kazukauskas to return to open session. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Harmon, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 5-0

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Kazukauskas to approve the consent agenda: a. payroll and bills, b. approve minutes from regular meeting on March 18, 2026. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Harmon, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 5-0

Superintendent's Report

Update of IDEA Flowthrough and Pre-K Grant

Superintendent talked about items the district has purchased with these funds.

FY27 Bid Letting

Superintendent reported we will be letting bids for the upcoming Fiscal Year.

Principals' Reports

Elementary: Mrs. Kelly reported we had 65 students make 3rd quarter honor roll in the Junior High. Mrs. Clark did a phenomenal job dreaming up, organizing and facilitating the Family Art Night on March 27th. IAR testing is finishing up this week. We had another great day with staff and students during our March 20th SIP day.

High School: Mr. Gooding reported testing for ACT's and PreACT's we conducted on Tuesday, March 24th. Thanks to Kate Mallory from the ROE for her presentation on Friday, March 27th in the 4th hour Health for Lunch and Learn. Ms. Johnson will be taking students to the Science Olympiad contest in Crystal Lake, IL on April 24th-25th.

For the Good of the District

Action Items

Approve 2026-2027 IESA Registration

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Monroe to approve the 2026-2027 IESA Registration. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Harmon, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 5-0

Approve Overnight Trip

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Monroe to approve overnight senior class trip to Louisville, KY on April 19th-21st. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Harmon, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 5-0

Approve Overnight Trip

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Monroe to approve overnight FFA trip to State Convention in Springfield on June 8th-11th. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Harmon, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 5-0

Approve Press Plus Draft Updates: 2:200, 2:220, 2:250, 2:260, 4:165, 5:30, 5:250, 5:330, 6:65, 6:100, 6:145, 6:170, 7:20, 7:50, 7:100, 7:185, 7:240, 7:260, 7:300, 8:90

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Kazukauskas to approve press plus draft updates: 2:200, 2:220, 2:250, 2:260, 4:165, 5:30, 5:250, 5:330, 6:65, 6:100, 6:145, 6:170, 7:20, 7:50, 7:100, 7:185, 7:240, 7:260, 7:300, 8:90. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Harmon, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 5-0

Approve Press Plus Policies for Review and Monitoring: 7:220, 7:230, 7:280

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Kazukauskas to approve press plus policies for review and monitoring: 7:220, 7:230, 7:280. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Harmon, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 5-0

Accept Resignation

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Harmon to accept resignation from Mary VanArsdal as High School Girls Golf Coach. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Harmon, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 5-0

Accept Resignation

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Kazukauskas to accept resignation from Travis Cox as Junior High Baseball Asst. Coach and 5/6th Boys Basketball Coach. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Harmon, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 5-0

Hire Elementary Paraprofessional

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Kazukauskas to hire Elementary Paraprofessional Terri Henson effective 08/12/2026. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Harmon, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 5-0

Hire Non-Certified Staff

A motion was made by Harmon and seconded by Kazukauskas to hire School Nurse Carla Fink for the 26-27 school year. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Harmon, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 5-0

Accept Resignation

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Harmon to accept resignation from Haleigh Hempen-Bell as 5th-8th AD effective 04/13/26. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Harmon, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 5-0

Let 2026-2027 Bids for Milk, Bread, Pest Control, Trash Services, and Fire Extinguisher

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Monroe to Let 2026-2027 Bids for Milk, Bread, Pest Control, Trash Services, and Fire Extinguisher. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Harmon, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 5-0

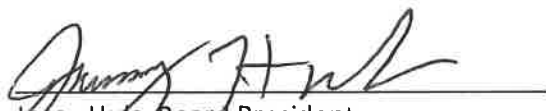
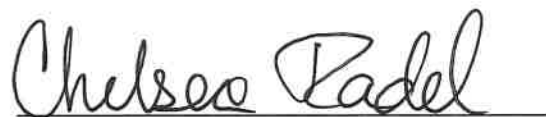
Correspondence

No correspondence.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Hymes to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Monroe, yes; Harmon, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Capaldo, yes. Motion carried: 5-0

President Huls declared the meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.


Josey Huls, Board President
Kayla Kazukauskas, Board Secretary
Chelsea Radel, Recording Secretary