

Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328

Minutes of Regular Meeting

July 15, 2026

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

Absent Member: Harmon

Others present: Jason Church, Chelsea Radel, Bradley Gooding, Erin Kelly, Ashley Huffman and Hannah Whitaker.

Opportunity for Citizens/Visitors to Speak

No one spoke to board.

Executive Session

6:31 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; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Return to Open Session

7:12 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; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Add Action Item

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Hawes to add action item M to accept resignation. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

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 and budget hearing meeting on June 17, 2026. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Superintendent's Report

Maintenance Project Updates

Superintendent reported trees have been trimmed and new fall surface has been done.

Technology Updates

Dylan spoke to the board about all the projects he has done this past year & this summer.

Football Game Supervision

Superintendent reported how they are trying to come up with a statement talking about expectations.

Dual Sports Update

Superintendent reported they are trying to come up with a program that will allow students to participate in dual sports for fall and spring.

Principals' Reports

Elementary: Mrs. Kelly reported custodial staff has continued to make great progress on deep cleaning as well as painting in the building. Transition to Skyward has continued through the summer with additional setup and trainings scheduled through September. Dylan has been instrumental in supporting that migration as well as other technology projects. State reporting for last year and prep for upcoming year is well underway. Summer's hiring season has been especially busy.

High School: Mr. Gooding reported Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Cook are excited about the transition to Skyward. CPR training/recertification for teachers and coaches is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29 at 9 am. Custodians have made great progress with the classrooms, hallways, locker rooms and restrooms this summer. The National Honor Society "Welcome Back to School Night" is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 12 from 6 pm to 7 pm. Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19 from 5-6 pm.

For the Good of the District

Board discussed Chicago School Board Conference.

Action Items

Approve Event Calendar Dates

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Hawes to approve event calendar dates. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Approve the Release of Executive Session Minutes January 2025-June 2025

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Monroe to approve the release of executive session minutes January 2025-June 2025. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Hire Assistant Football Coach Andy Bird

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Hawes to hire assistant football coach Andy Bird. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Hire Girl's Golf Coach

A motion was made by Hawes and seconded by Kazukauskas to hire Girl's Golf Coach Mary VanArsdale. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Hire Elementary Teacher

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Monroe to hire Elementary Teacher Erika Bailey. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Hire Elementary Teacher

A motion was made by Hawes and seconded by Capaldo to hire Elementary Teacher April Bennett. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Hire Elementary Teacher

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Capaldo to hire Elementary Teacher Nick Vorhies. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Accept Resignation

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Kazukauskas to accept resignation from Val Dittmer effective end of FY26. Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Hire Paraprofessional

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Monroe to hire Elementary Para Laney Miller. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Approve Dual Sports Policy

A motion was made by Capaldo and seconded by Kazukauskas to approve dual sports policy. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Approve Press Plus Draft Updates: 2:230, 5:40, 5:70, 5:240, 6:70, 6:80, 6:190, 7:130, 8:70

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Capaldo to approve Press Plus Draft Updates: 2:230, 5:40, 5:70, 5:240, 6:70, 6:80, 6:190, 7:130, 8:70. Roll Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Approve Press Plus Drafts Update-Rewritten: 7:330

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Kazukauskas to approve Press Plus Drafts Update-Rewritten: 7:330. Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Approve Press Plus Review and Monitoring: 2:30, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 3:70, 4:120, 4:175, 5:110, 5:140, 5:185, 7:30, 7:80, 7:345, 8:100

A motion was made by Kazukauskas and seconded by Capaldo to approve Press Plus Review and Monitoring: 2:30, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 3:70, 4:120, 4:175, 5:110, 5:140, 5:185, 7:30, 7:80, 7:345, 8:100. Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Accept Resignation

A motion was made by Monroe and seconded by Kazukauskas to accept resignation from Amy Bergmann. Call: Huls, yes; Capaldo, yes; Monroe, yes; Kazukauskas, yes; Hymes, yes; Hawes, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Adjourn

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

President Huls declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.


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