

**HAMILTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.328
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2010**

The regular Board meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January, 20, 2010 in the Safford Auditorium. Executive session began at 6:30 p.m. and the regular meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President Menn called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members answered present: Bliss, Huls, Leffler, Menn, Schilson, Starr and Summers. Seven members were present.

Others present were: Dr. Steven Breckon, Dave Snowden, Ron Gilbert, Carol Mullens, Steve Schlatter, Joel Schlatter, Amanda Mason, Joy Swearingen (Hancock County Journal Pilot) and community members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Summers to enter into executive session. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Schilson to exit executive session and return to open session. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2009 TAX LEVY HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING AND THE DECEMBER 21, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Schilson to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2009 Tax Levy Hearing and regular meeting and the minutes of the December 21, 2009 special meeting. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Huls, yes; Leffler, yes; Menn, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK

Amanda Mason and Joel Schlatter asked the Board members to consider smaller class sizes in the lower grades to enable our students to continue with positive ISAT test scores.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Breckon discussed the Western Division Dinner Meeting invitation which will be held on March 18, 2010 at Colchester. President Menn suggested that Hamilton School District sponsor a Dinner Meeting and Dr. Breckon thought maybe it would be possible next fall.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Payroll and Bills B. Release of Executive Session Minutes for Public Review (July 2009-December 2009) C. Approve Second Reading and Adopt Board Policies: 2.20; 2.40; 2.70-E; 2.110; 3.40; 4.30; 4.40; 4.100; 4.110; 4.140; 5.30; 5.90; 5.100; 5.120; 5.250; 5.280; 5.330; 6.110; 6.300; 6.310; 6.320; 6.340; 7.190; 7.240; 7.300; and 8.100

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Bliss to approve the consent agenda as presented and to keep the Executive Session minutes closed. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Huls, yes; Leffler, yes; Menn, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

UPDATE ON THE SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE AT ELEMENTARY

Dr. Breckon reported on the water drainage at the elementary. Craig Huls and Matt Starr volunteered to work with the City of Hamilton and the Conservation Office on this project.

REPLACEMENT OF THE ELEMENTARY FIRE ALARM

Dr. Breckon reported on the fire alarm system at the elementary. He called the architect and we will be able to use Life Safety Funds for this project.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Dr. Breckon explained the financial information to the Board. We are in good financial condition at this time.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary – Mr. Snowden reported that a tragedy occurred over winter break. A first grade student, Emina Smajlovic, was killed in an automobile accident. The faculty and staff did an excellent job of caring for the students during this difficult time. There was a moment of silence in her memory.

Mr. Snowden reported that the LEXIA program has been installed on the computers in the library. This program is designed to support the core reading curriculum.

Jr./Sr. High – Mr. Gilbert reported that JI Case donated 3 diesel engines and hydraulic components to our Heavy Equipment class. We would like to thank them for their donation. We should have our Virtual Reality Simulators up and running at the end of this month. December newsletter has been mailed. The boys were the consolation champs in the Western Holiday Tournament. The girls finished 4th place in the Lady Tigers Classic. The Jr. High Spelling Bee was held in the Safford Auditorium on January 13, 2010. Austin Berquam and Grace Sullivan will advance as the winners. He gave an update on the Reader Plus Program. The Response to Intervention Program is mandated by the State and has to be in place by next year. Mr. Snowden and Mr. Gilbert reported on the 2008-2009 AYP (Average Yearly Progress). Mr. Snowden reported that the Hamilton Elementary is in the top 10% of all schools in the State of Illinois and they meet AYP. Mr. Gilbert is pleased with his students' scores. Junior High and High School met AYP. Both principals thank their faculty, students, parents, and community for their support. The Board of Education wants to thank everyone for all their hard work and they commend the faculty and staff.

ACTION ITEMS

POSSIBLE UPGRADE IN DISTRICT BUILDING INSURANCE COVERAGE

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Bliss to increase the value of the buildings for insurance through June 30, 2010, not to exceed \$2,023.00. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Huls, yes; Leffler, yes; Menn, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

APPROVE USE OF BUSES FOR AFTER-PROM ACTIVITY

A motion was made by Huls and seconded by Schilson to approve the after-prom committee to use two (2) buses to transport students to an after-prom activity. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Huls, yes; Leffler, yes; Menn, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

PERSONNEL

There are no actions for personnel.

STATE AND FEDERAL SURPLUS PURCHASING

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Huls to designate Dr. Steven Breckon, Interim Superintendent, as the person authorized to purchase items from State and Federal Surplus for Hamilton CCSD #328. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Huls, yes; Leffler, yes; Menn, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Schilson to enter into second executive session. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Leffler to exit executive session. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN MEETING

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Schilson to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

President Menn declared the meeting adjourned.