

HAMILTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.328
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2011

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 in the Jr./Sr. High School library area.

CALL TO ORDER

President Huls called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following Board members answered present: Dorethy, Huls, Schilson, Starr, and Summers. Five members were present.

Others present were: Joe Yurko, Eric Bryan, Ron Gilbert, Carol Mullens, Amanda Mason, Megan Spees (Daily Gate City), and Vern Bloyd (KOKX Radio).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Dorethy to enter into executive session. Roll call: Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 5-0

Rebecca Bliss entered the meeting at 6:55 pm.

A motion was made by Starr and seconded by Schilson to exit executive session. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Schilson to return to open session. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Dorethy to approve the consent agenda: a. Payroll and Bills; b. Approve minutes from regular meeting on November 16, 2011; c. Approve minutes from Board Planning Session on December 7, 2011. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DISTRICT GOAL SETTING MEETING

Mr. Yurko updated the Board members about the District Goal Setting meeting.

AMERICAN FIDELITY SECTION 125 AND 403 (b)

Mr. Yurko asked the Board to approve American Fidelity as our plan manager for the flex spending and 403(b) retirement plans.

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Mr. Yurko asked the Board members to set a date and time for interviewing potential candidates for the open Board seat.

REPAYMENT OF LOAN AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR INTEREST PAYMENT

Mr. Yurko reported to the Board that this is a part of an annual process for repaying and covering payments for our bonds on the science room upgrades.

2011 TAX LEVY

The final levy request is the same as the worksheet from the November Board Meeting.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary: Mr. Brian reported that Mrs. Berquam and Mrs. Heisler held their annual Christmas program December 8. There were approximately 150 visitors. December 21, elementary students will be performing a Christmas Sing-Along in the gym in the morning, with classroom parties to follow. The Girls Scouts of Central Illinois will be here on January 5 & 6, bringing their HERO (Helping Everyone to Respect Others) program to our school. They will be in each individual classroom with a 45 minute presentation focusing on bullying. He reported that the elementary has started a Social Skills class with 6th grade. He meets with them in small groups 2-3 times a month to discuss topics regarding respect, conflict resolution, and bullying. He hopes to start it school-wide next year.

Jr./Sr. High School: Mr. Gilbert reported that the Winter Band/Chorus Concert and Fine Arts Department Show was held on December 11. Thank you to Mrs. Carlisle, Mr. McDermott, and Mrs. Hardy. Thanks to the Junior High students and Mrs. Hardy for their participation in making Holiday Cards to send to our wounded troops who are overseas. The \$20,000 grant has been approved for our Vo-tech program and he would like to thank Carl Sandburg College, Carson Ford, Mr. Yurko, Mr. Buel, and Carl Thomas.

1st Semester report cards will be mailed out January 5, 2011. He reported that the IL. Class 1A IHSA Girls Basketball Tournament will be held here at Hamilton High School, February 6, 7 & 9, 2012.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE AMERICAN FIDELITY AS SECTION 125 AND 403(B) SERVICE PROVIDER

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Bliss to approve American Fidelity as section 125 and 403(b) service provider. Roll call: Bliss yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

ACCEPT BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 6, 2011

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Bliss to accept the resignation of Board member, August Dion Gregory, effective December 6, 2011. Roll call: Bliss yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

SET TIME & DATE FOR PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEWS

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Schilson to set the time and date for prospective Board member interviews for Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Bliss yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE REPAYMENT OF LOAN FROM WORKING CASH FUND TO BOND AND INTEREST FUND FOR \$65,881.25

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Schilson to approve repayment of loan from working cash fund to bond and interest fund for \$65,88.25. Roll call: Bliss yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE LOAN FROM WORKING CASH FUND TO BOND AND INTEREST FUND FOR \$7,507.44

A motion was made by Bliss and seconded by Dorethy to approve loan from working cash fund to bond and interest fund for \$7,507.44. Roll call: Bliss yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE 2011 TAX LEVY

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Schilson to approve the 2011 tax levy as presented. Roll call: Bliss yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS/VISITORS TO SPEAK

Tom Schilson reported to the Board that the Kids Wrestling Club has cancelled the tournament for December 31 because of rule changes.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Bliss and seconded by Summers to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Bliss yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

President Huls declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Craig Huls, Board President

Matthew Starr, Board Secretary

Carol Mullens, Recording Secretary

