

HAMILTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.328
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 20, 2011

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School library.

CALL TO ORDER

President Huls called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following Board members answered present: Bliss, Dorethy, Gregory, Huls, Schilson, and Starr. Six members were present. Summers was absent.
Others present: Mr. Joe Yurko, Ron Gilbert, Eric Bryan, 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 Bliss to enter into executive session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s), negotiations or collective bargaining.. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Dorethy and seconded by Gregory to approve the consent agenda: a. Payroll and bills; b. Approve minutes from regular meeting on June 15, 2011; c. Approve minutes from amended budget hearing on June 15, 2011. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

IASB CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO, NOVEMBER 18-20, 2011

Mr. Yurko asked the Board member to let Carol know who will be attending the IASB Annual Conference in Chicago.

FOIA REQUEST

We received a FOIA request from MCIRCC regarding Schlipman Construction. The request has been addressed and they have received the information they requested.

STUDENT HANDBOOKS

We need to approve the student handbooks. We are separating the handbook into two separate handbooks. One for the junior high-high school and one for the elementary school. There are two proposed changes to the junior high-high school handbook. The first is a change in PE credit value and the second change is the grading scale. The change to the grading scale will unify the scale district-wide. Mr. Bryan will discuss his changes with the Board during his Principal's report.

DISTRICT CRISIS PLAN

Mr. Yurko asked the Board to approve the District Crisis Plan. It will remain the same except that we will add dynamic information as we move closer to the beginning of the school year.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES

Mr. Yurko recommends approving the included IASB policy updates.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT UPDATE

We received full funding for our pre-k program for the 2011-2012 school year. He would like to thank Candy Berquam for her help on this.

2011 SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL PROFILE

Mr. Yurko reported that Hamilton School District #328 received financial recognition status for the 2011 school year. We received a letter and a certificate from the State Superintendent of Education.

HEALTH LIFE SAFE VIOLATIONS AND RESPONSES

Mr. Yurko reported that the Health Life Safety Violations, cited by the Regional Superintendent of Schools, have been addressed. Mr. Yurko has responded with planned remedies.

BASEBALL FIELD DIRT WORK

Craig Huls and Doug Summers are working on the baseball field to get the rocks out of the playing surface. Bob Harmon has volunteered his labor and machinery to help. He will level the field, apply the surface that we already have and level the area in back of the diamond. Thanks to Bob Harmon for his help.

FOOTBALL FIELD DAMAGES

Mr. Yurko reported that the light on the southeast corner of the football field was damaged in the previous storm. He spoke to Paul Clough from the Hamilton Park District. The park district has submitted a claim for the loss. Paul will keep us posted on getting the lights back up and the Cardinal Foundation will help with money for the press box.

CATASTROPHIC STUDENT INSURANCE

Mr. Yurko reported that the district has traditionally provided catastrophic student insurance for students and athletes. The total cost of the insurance per year is \$1512.75, should the Board wish to continue the insurance.

IASB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Mr. Yurko recommends we renew the annual membership in IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards).

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

President Huls welcomed Eric Brian to Hamilton C.C. School District #328 as the elementary Principal.

Elementary: Eric Brian reported that he took the pieces from the handbook that pertained to the elementary students and created one single handbook for the elementary. He would like to create a handbook committee for next year to go over the handbook and get input from committee members for any changes. He reported that the ROE extended an offer to our elementary school to house a pre-k class at no cost to the district. The ROE will fund it. This will help about 15-20 children in our community that would not receive the services without this program.

Junior High-High School: Ron Gilbert reported that all students will register at the elementary school building this year. Thursday, August 4, from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm and Friday, August 5, from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. August 22, 2011 is the first day of class for students. August 11, 2011 will be 7th grade orientation at 6:00 pm in the Safford Auditorium and 9th grade orientation will follow at 7:00 pm. He reported about his handbook changes. Make PE a full credit (since it is state required and not an elective) and increase graduation credit requirements to 24 with the following schedule implemented:

Proposed Implementation Schedule- 2011-2012, 22.5; 2012-2013, 23.0; 2013-2014, 23.5; 2014-1015, 24.0. He proposed a grading scale that will unify the scale district wide.

ACTION ITEMS

APPOINT MR. YURKO AS SIGNATORY FOR FARM SERVICE AGENCY CONTRACT FOR WATERWAY PROJECT ON FARM GROUND

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Bliss to add action item and appoint Mr. Yurko as signatory for Farm Service Agency Contract for waterway on farm ground. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE 2011-2012 JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK

A motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Schilson to approve the 2011-2012 Junior High and High School student handbook. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE 2011-2012 ELEMENTARY STUDENT HANDBOOK

A motion was made by Starr and seconded by Gregory to approve the 2011-2012 Elementary Student Handbook. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE DISTRICT CRISIS PLAN

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Dorethy to approve the 2011-2012 District Crisis Plan. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

ADOPT BOARD POLICY UPDATES 2:140, 2:240-E1, 2:240-E2, 2:250, 3:50, 3:60, 4:15, 5:20, 5:40, 5:150, 5:200, 5:285, 5:300, 6:150, 6:160, 6:190, 7:260, 7:280, and 8:110

A motion was made by Bliss and seconded by Starr to adopt the IASB Board Policy updates 2:140, 2:240-E1, 2:240-E2, 2:250, 3:50, 3:60, 4:15, 5:20, 5:40, 5:150, 5:200, 5:285, 5:300, 6:150, 6:160, 6:190, 7:260, 7:280, and 8:110. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

NAME SCHOOL DEPOSITORIES (MARINE BANK & TRUST AND FIRST STATE BANK OF ILLINOIS)

A motion was made by Dorethy and seconded by Bliss to name the school depositories as Marine Bank & Trust and First State Bank of Illinois. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE CUSTODIANS OF ACTIVITIY FUNDS

A motion was made by Dorethy and seconded by Gregory to approve Ron Gilbert, Jr.-Sr. High School Principal, as a custodian of the junior high and high school activity funds. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Bliss to approve Eric Bryan, Elementary Principal, as a custodian of the elementary school activity funds. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

A motion was made by Starr and seconded by Gregory to approve Melissa Moore, Jr.-Sr. High School Secretary, as a custodian of the high school activity funds. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Bliss to approve Barb Dobbins, Elementary School Secretary, as a custodian of the elementary school activity funds. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

A motion was made by Dorethy and seconded by Bliss to approve Samantha Glasscock, Assistant Treasurer, as custodian of junior high and high school activity funds. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE RESOLUTION TO NAME KATHY LOX, TREASURER AND SAMANTHA GLASSCOCK, ASSISTANT TREASURER AS SIGNATORIES FOR DISTRICT ACCOUNTS AT MARINE BANK & TRUST AND FIRST STATE BANK OF ILLINOIS

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Bliss to approve the resolution to name Kathy Lox, Treasurer and Samantha Glasscock, Assistant Treasurer as signatories for district accounts at Marine Bank & Trust and First State Bank of Illinois. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF SCIENCE OLYMPIAD SPONSOR

A motion was made by Starr and seconded by Schilson to accept the resignation of Darwin Smith as the Science Olympiad Sponsor. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE CATASTROPHIC STUDENT INSURANCE

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Bliss to approve the catastrophic student insurance for the 2011-2012 school year.

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Bliss to amend the motion, and to postpone the approval of the catastrophic student insurance until next month pending more information from First Agency Insurance Company. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE RENEWAL OF IASB MEMBERSHIP

A motion was made by Bliss and seconded by Gregory to approve the renewal of the IASB membership. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS/VISITORS TO SPEAK

No one spoke to the Board.

ADJOURN

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

President Huls declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Craig Huls, Board President

Matthew Starr, Board Secretary

Carol Mullens, Recording Secretary

