

**HAMILTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.328
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 in the J./Sr. High School library.

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: Bliss, Dorethy, Gregory, Huls, Schilson, Starr, and Summers. Seven members were present.

Others present were: Mr. Joe Yurko, Eric Bryan, Ron Gilbert, Shelli Jennings, Carol Mullens, Amanda Mason, parents and community members, Kim Schilson (Illini West Superintendent), Mr. Holtsclaw and Mr. Burling (Illini West Board members), Vern Bloyd (KOKX Radio), and Megan Spees (Daily Gate City).

Mr. Yurko introduced Shelli Jennings as our Special Education Coordinator.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS/VISITORS TO SPEAK

Debbie Summers spoke on behalf of the Wrestling Club. She asked the board members if the organization could use the space above the junior high gym for wresting practice. They are now using the gym. The space above the gym is being used for storage of all our sports equipment.

Illini West Superintendent, Kim Schilson, spoke to the board members about building a new school for Illini West students and told our board that Hamilton was welcome to join their school district. She reported that the school would be 68% funded and that they will need to get local funding set up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Summers to enter into executive session. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

A motion was made by Bliss and seconded by Summers to exit executive session. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

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; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

CORRESPONDENCE

Matthew Starr read a thank you letter from the Wrestling Club.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Bliss to approve the consent agenda: a. approve payroll and bills; b. approve minutes from regular meeting on October 19, 2011; c. approve minutes from Board Retreat meeting on November 3, 2011; d. approve minutes from Board Retreat meeting on November 9, 2011. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

IASB CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

Mr. Yurko went over last details of the IASB Conference.

DISTRICT GOAL SETTING MEETING UPDATE

Mr. Yurko commends all the Board members for their participation in the Goal Setting Meeting. He explained that the Board will probably need to meet one more time to finish up. They set a date for the next Board Retreat meeting for Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the Jr./Sr. High School library area.

BUS LEASE UPDATE

Mr. Yurko discussed the bus lease agreement with the Board members. Our current bus lease will end at the end of this year. He is looking at purchasing off-lease buses. He believes that this will be more cost effective for the district.

BIDS FOR SNOW REMOVAL

We received one bid from Reneau Construction for snow removal.

GLOBAL CONNECT

This is a mass phone call system for unlimited emergencies. It would be a nice addition for the district communication component that we have talked about.

TAX LEVY

Mr. Yurko talked to Kerry Asbridge and he feels that everything will stay flat except the farm ground which he foresees an increase by 10%. He is in agreement that the levy request based on an aggregate increase of 5% is a good course of action.

FMLA LEAVE REQUEST

We have an FMLA leave request from Wanda Goldsmith. Mr. Yurko recommends that we grant her the FMLA leave to care for her husband.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES 2:250, 3:60, 4:80, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:240, 6:60, 6:150, 6:320, 7:305

Along with the policy updates, we have one new policy dealing with concussions and students. We are required to adopt the concussion policy. Mr. Yurko recommends adoption of these policy updates.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary School: Mr. Bryan reported that the elementary Speech Team ended their season at the State Speech Competition in Griggsville last week. A group of 5th & 6th graders received the Judges Choice Award in Chorale Reading. Several 6th graders and their groups scored very well which they competed against 7th & 8th graders. He told the board that Trisha Kinnary works with the students. He is very proud of them. Craig Huls said he would like to recognize the teachers and everyone who helps with this. Girls Basketball Teams ended their season last week and the boys will begin practice November 28 with their first game on December 13. He reported that the elementary is working hard to track their discipline behavior data. Two-thirds of the K-6th grades have not received a referral. The Veterans Day Activity was very well attended. There were approximately 80 veterans who were there. He said it is very well received and would like for this to continue. Mrs. Carlisle and the students do a wonderful job.

Jr./Sr. High School: Mr. Gilbert recognized the Speech students for 7th & 8th grades. They did very well. The freshman/sophomore groups will be doing the explore plan test which will help us determine curriculum/academic strengths and weaknesses. Junior High Girls Basketball Team is doing well. ISAT Rewards Program- He will be taking the students who met standards to Scotties Fun Center. Mr. Buelt attended the Phase II meeting in Champaign, IL. and he submitted the Needs Proposal for the Carl Sandburg College Grant for the vocational class. He discussed the West Central Conference.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE BIDS FOR SNOW REMOVAL

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Gregory to approve the bid from Reneau Construction, for snow removal, for the 2011-2012 season. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

GLOBAL CONNECT

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Dorethy to approve the contract with Global Connect. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

HIRE ASSISTANT HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Summers to hire Jim Short as an assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach for the 2011-2012 season. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

APPROVE FMLA LEAVE REQUEST

A motion was made by Bliss and seconded by Starr to approve the FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) request for Wanda Goldsmith. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

APPROVE BOARD POLICY UPDATES

A motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Dorethy to approve the Board Policy updates: 2:250, 3:60, 4:80, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:240, 6:60, 6:150, 6:320 and 7:305. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Bliss to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 7-0

President Huls declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Craig Huls, Board President

Matthew Starr, Board Secretary

Carol Mullens, Recording Secretary

