

HAMILTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.328
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2011

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 6:30 pm, in the Jr./Sr. High School library.

CALL TO ORDER

President Craig 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, Huls, Schilson, Starr, and Summers. Six members were present. Gregory was absent.

Others present: Mr. Joe Yurko, Eric Bryan, Ron Gilbert, Carol Mullens, Amanda Mason, Dave Artman, Storm Hanks, Dan Buelt, Vern Bloyd (KOKX Radio), and Joy Swearingen, (Hancock County Journal Pilot).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Summers to enter into executive session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee(s). Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Dorethy 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

CORRESPONDENCE

Matthew Starr read a thank you card from the family of Ken McNew (Brooke Bender's father).

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Dorethy to approve the consent agenda: a. Payroll and bills; b. Approve minutes from regular meeting on September 21, 2011. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

IASB CONFERENCE

Everything is in order for the Annual IASB Conference in Chicago.

PHONE SYSTEM UPDATE

The phone system is up and running. We have upgraded our bandwidth to "business class", at an increase of \$200.00 monthly, which we will pay 80% of it with our E-Rate grant funds.

FOIA REQUEST

We have received and fulfilled a FOIA request for prevailing wage records from Schlipman Construction for work on the gym ceiling.

DISTRICT GOAL SETTING MEETING

Mr. Yurko asked the Board to set a date for the District Goal Setting Meeting.

BIDS FOR SNOW REMOVAL

Mr. Yurko reported to the Board that we need to let bids for snow removal service. He asked the Board members to consider exploring the option of reducing our fleet and adding a pickup truck with a snow blade to maintain our own lots, except in extreme weather cases.

SB7 CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. Yurko reported to the Board that he attended the SB7 Conference. This involves serious implications in terms of how districts conduct Reduction in Force activities. He will work with the union to make sure we are compliant with the law. The biggest change is a shift from seniority models to performance models in determining which individuals are subject to RIF.

IDOT SERIOUS SAFETY HAZARD APPLICATION

Mr. Yurko reported to the Board that it is time to certify the hazard zone around our schools. This is an annual application that we make to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

ANNUAL SCHOOL AUDIT (AFR)

Mr. Yurko reviewed a quick summary that he prepared of the last six years with the 2012 projection. It shows the trend from year to year. He is very proud of where we are this year.

DISTRICT CURRICULUM PROJECT

Mr. Yurko reported to the Board that the teachers put in a full day working on the Curriculum Project. He appreciates the time they spent with this project.

BASEBALL FIELD UPDATE

The grass seed at the baseball field is coming up.

IASB FALL MEETING UPDATE

Rebecca Bliss attended the IASB Fall Meeting in Knoxville.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary School: Eric Bryan reported that an assembly was held on September 30 to honor our teachers. WalMart donated \$1,000 worth of gift cards to our teachers so they can purchase supplies for their classrooms. The elementary is very appreciative. October 6, the elementary conducted a School Evacuation Drill with help from the Hamilton Police Department. Everything went very well. In less than 4 minutes, the school children were evacuated and relocated to the softball field to load on buses. Thanks to Mr. Gilbert for organizing the drill and thanks to the teachers for their management. Teacher Institute on October 7 went very well. October 14 is the end of the quarter and things are running smoothly. October 20 & 21 are the Parent-Teacher Conferences. November 4 is the PTO Fall Festival. November 10 is the Veteran's Day program at the Elementary at 9:00 am. Jr./Sr. High School: Ron Gilbert reported that the Jr./Sr. high has gained 7 new students. College Career Night is October 25 from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. There will be 32 colleges and Universities along with the Armed Services Representatives. October 14 is the end of the 1st quarter. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be in the Jr. High Gym on October 20 & 21. The WCC Conference is going under some uncertain directions. Thank you to all the teachers for their work with the Curriculum Program. Thank you to Boys and Girls Golf teams for a great season. Hamilton has been contacted by the IGSA for hosting the Girls Basketball Regional, February 6-10, 2012. Mr. Dion has submitted the acceptance application.

ACTION ITEMS

SET DATE FOR DISTRICT GOALS SETTING MEETING

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Bliss to set the District Goals Setting Meeting for Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 5:30 pm. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

LET BIDS FOR SNOW REMOVAL

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Schilson to let bids for snow removal. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE IDOT SERIOUS SAFETY HAZARD APPLICATION

A motion was made by Starr and seconded by Summers to approve IDOT Serious Safety Hazard Application. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE ANNUAL SCHOOL AUDIT (AFR)

A motion was made by Bliss and seconded by Starr to approve the Annual School Audit (AFR). Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

RELEASE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FOR MEETINGS OCCURRING JANUARY 2011-JUNE 2011

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Schilson to approve the release of Executive Session Minutes for meetings occurring January 2011- June 2011. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

SET HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE

A motion was made by Bliss and seconded by Dorethy to set high school graduation for Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 2:00 pm. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

HIRE JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Dorethy to hire Dan Buelt as the Junior High Boys Head Basketball Coach for the 2011-2012 season. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

HIRE ASSISTANT JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Starr to hire Luke Hackett as the Junior High Boys Assistant Basketball Coach for the 2011-2012 season. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

HIRE HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD SPONSOR

A motion was made by Bliss and seconded by Schilson to hire Deborah Moffitt as the High School Science Olympiad Sponsor for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

HIRE ASSISTANT SPEECH SPONSOR

A motion was made by Dorethy and seconded by Bliss to hire Trisha Kinnary as an Assistant Speech Sponsor for the 5th & 6th grade speech students for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

ACCEPT BUS AIDE RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Schilson to accept the resignation from Joyce Dunlap as a Bus Aide. Roll call: Bliss, yes; Dorethy, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS/VISITORS TO SPEAK

Mr. Artman reported that the Washington DC Inauguration trip has 33 students and 11 chaperones attending. They have started their fundraising. He reported that 7th – 12th grades did 100,000 jumping jacks in their Physical Education classes.

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 7:38 pm.

Craig Huls, Board President

Matthew Starr, Board Secretary

Carol Mullens, Recording Secretary