

**HAMILTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.328
MINUTES OF 2011-2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011**

The 2011-2012 Budget Hearing of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the Jr./Sr. High School library.

CALL TO ORDER

President Huls called the Hearing to order.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following Board members answered present: Dorethy, Gregory, Huls, Schilson, Starr, Summers. Six members were present. Bliss was absent.

Others present: Mr. Joe Yurko, Carol Mullens, Eric Bryan, Ron Gilbert, Dave Artman, Storm Hanks, Mr. & Mrs. Dietrich, Cassie Dietrich, Megan Spees (Daily Gate City), Vern Bloyd (KOKX Radio).

REVIEW OF 2011-2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mr. Yurko reviewed the 2011-2012 tentative budget.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO COMMENT ON THE TENTATIVE BUDGET

No one commented on the tentative budget.

ADJOURN

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

Craig Huls, Board President

Matthew Starr, Board Secretary

Carol Mullens, Recording Secretary

**HAMILTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.328
MINUTES OF 2011-2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 Board of Education was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 6:45 pm, in the Jr./Sr. High School library, immediately following the Budget Hearing.

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, Gregory, Huls, Schilson, Starr, Summers. Six members were present. Bliss was absent.

Others present: Mr. Joe Yurko, Carol Mullens, Eric Bryan, Ron Gilbert, Dave Artman, Storm Hanks, Mr. & Mrs. Dietrich, Cassie Dietrich, Megan Spees (Daily Gate City), Vern Bloyd (KOKX Radio).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Gregory 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: Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Schilson to approve the consent agenda as presented: a. Payroll and bills b. Approve minutes from regular meeting on August 17, 2011. Roll call: Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

IASB CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

Mr. Yurko reported to the Board that all reservations and train tickets are taken care of for the IASB Conference in Chicago.

WATERWAY PROJECT

Mr. Yurko reported about concerns on the waterway project on the school farm ground. The project has been completed through the farm services office and our tenants.

FMLA LEAVE REQUEST

Jill Dobbins has requested FMLA leave for a maternity leave. Mr. Yurko recommends approval for her request.

APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS

The Application for Recognition of Schools needs to be approved by the Board.

PHONE SYSTEM UPDATE

The phone system is up and running. We are close to switching over to the new system as soon as the copper 911 lines are migrated before turning off the old system. This should be in the next 2 weeks.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

The district enrollment is collected on September 5 every year. 605 students are enrolled for the 2011-2012 school year. We are down 31 students. There is a significant drop in the Jr./Sr. enrollment numbers.

JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK AMENDMENT

Mr. Gilbert is requesting that we amend the Student Handbook to correct the Jr. High grading scale to reflect the same as the Sr. High grading scale, which was an oversight at approval of the Handbook at the July Board meeting.

LETTERS OF INTENT TO RETIRE

Mr. Yurko reported to the Board that we have three individuals who have submitted their irrevocable letters of intent to retire in order to take advantage of the retirement incentive. They are Edith Ewing, Janet Steinman, and Tom Hansen. He recommends that we accept each of the letters.

IMRF AGENCY AUTHORIZATION

Mr. Yurko is requesting that the Board appoint him as an authorized agent and give power to cast a ballot in an executive trustee election of IMRF.

CARL SANDBURG VOCATIONAL GRANT

Mr. Yurko reported to the Board that we have received a \$20,000 vocational grant through Carl Sandburg College this year for the auto program. We have partnered with Carson Ford as our technical advisor.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Elementary School: Eric Bryan reported that the attendance at the Open House on September 13th was outstanding. 72% of our students were represented that night by a parent, guardian or other relative. He reported that AIMSweb benchmarking for the fall is almost complete. He reported the percentage of students whose scores either meet or exceed on the ISAT from last spring. September 22nd from 5:00–7:00, the PTO will be conducting a Playground Clean-up Night behind the elementary school.

Jr./Sr. High School: Mr. Gilbert reported that on September 17th, the Hamilton High School Marching Band competed in the Ft. Madison Marching Band Classic and the Mt. Pleasant Marching Band Competition. Hamilton won first place in Class 1A/2A for 2 separate events. Hamilton also won individual awards for the most outstanding Horn Line, and most outstanding Color Guard at both events. Mr. Gilbert presented the trophies for the Board to see. Congratulations to Mr. McDermott and the Band students. He would like to thank Coach Hackett and the Jr. High Boys Baseball team for another great season. Academically, the Jr./Sr. High School is off to a good start this year. Open House was held on September 13th and we had an excellent turn out. Homecoming week is September 26-30.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Starr read a sympathy card from Warsaw Board of Education members concerning the loss of one of our students.

ACTION ITEMS

ADOPT 2011-2012 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Summers to adopt the 2011-2012 School District Tentative Budget. Roll call: Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE FMLA LEAVE REQUEST

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Dorethy to approve the FMLA leave request for Jill Dobbins for a maternity leave. Roll call: Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Gregory to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools. Roll call: Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Dorethy to approve the Junior High/High School Handbook Amendment to align the Junior High grading scale with the High School grading scale. Roll call: Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

ACCEPT LETTERS OF INTENT TO RETIRE

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Starr to accept the irrevocable retirement resignation of Janet Steinman as a Kindergarten teacher at the end of the 2013-2014 school year as per section 9.3 in the Contract Between Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 and the Hamilton Education Association Local 3757. Roll call: Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Summers to accept the irrevocable retirement resignation of Tom Hansen as a Fourth Grade teacher at the end of the 2013-2014 school year as per section 9.3 in the Contract Between Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 and the Hamilton Education Association Local 3757. Roll call: Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Dorethy to accept the irrevocable retirement resignation of Edith Ewing as a Kindergarten teacher at the end of the 2013-2014 school year as per section 9.3 in the Contract Between Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 and the Hamilton Education Association Local 3757. Roll call: Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE IMRF AGENCY

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Gregory to appoint Joe Yurko as Authorized Agent and give power to cast a ballot in an executive trustee election of IMRF. Roll call: Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVE BOARD POLICY UPDATES

A motion was made by Summers and seconded by Dorethy to approve IASB Board policy updates 1:10, 2:10, 2:125, 3:10, 3:70, and 5:125. Roll call: Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

Board policy 5:125 is a new policy. It deals with the use of personal technology and social networking. Mr. Yurko is pleased to see this addition.

HIRE HEAD JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Dorethy to hire Andrew Becker as Junior High Girls Head Basketball Coach for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll call: Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

HIRE ASSISTANT JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Summers to hire Haleigh Hemen as the Junior High Girls Assistant Basketball Coach for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll call: Dorethy, yes; Gregory, yes; Huls, yes; Schilson, yes; Starr, yes; Summers, yes. Motion carried: 6-0

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS/VISITORS TO SPEAK

Mr. Artman spoke to the Board about the Washington D.C. Trip. The date of the trip is January 18-23, 2013. They have 8 students and 3 parents who are planning on attending so far. They need 35 people to get the guaranteed price of \$2,069. He will keep the Board updated.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Schilson and seconded by Starr to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Dorethy, yes; Gregory, 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

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