

**Board of School Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes  
Hamilton Community Schools  
903 South Wayne Street  
Hamilton, IN 46742**

**Date Posted:** December 3, 2020

**Meeting Date:** December 14, 2020

**Meeting Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Board Room, Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School

**\*MEMORANDUM OF MEETING**

**Those present representing the Hamilton Community Schools Board of School Trustees:**  
President, Jeremy Hill; Vice President, Stacy Shull; and Member Lee Stoy.

**Absent:** Secretary, Jamy Merritt and Member April Holden

**Representing the administration:** Superintendent, Anthony Cassel and Pre-K-5 Principal, Kristyn Watkins.

**Visitors in attendance:** Kathryn Bassett, KPC News

<u>Motion made by</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Vote</u>	
			1. Welcome and call to Order – Mr. Jeremy Hill at 6:30 p.m.
			2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Anthony Cassel
SS	LS	3-0	3. Approval of the Consent Agenda – <i>MOTION NEEDED</i>
			4. Patron Participation – Mr. Jeremy Hill, President none
SS	LS	3-0	5. Consent Agenda– <i>MOTION NEEDED</i> a. Claims Docket b. Approval Minutes i. Regular Board Meeting, November 16, 2020 c. Personnel Report <u>ECA Resignations:</u> Brad Hennessey, Athletic Coordinator effective 06/30/2021  <u>Superintendent Recommendation:</u> It is recommended to remove the “Co-Principal” title from Anthony Cassel. Mr. Greg Piatt currently runs the Jr. /Sr. High School. This move would allow Mr. Cassel to focus full energy on leading the district, and removes him from

			<p>potential issues that could be in conflict with his role as superintendent in the event of appeals, expulsions, etc.</p> <p>d. Receipt of Funds: None</p>
SS	LS	3-0	<p>6. New Business – <i>ACTION ITEMS Motions Needed</i></p> <p>a. Teacher Appreciation Grant Awards It is recommended the board allow the superintendent to award Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) dollars receive from the Indiana Department of Education to the teachers. There are 20 teachers eligible for this award. Each teacher will receive \$598.52, less benefits, on the 12/5/2020 paycheck.</p> <p>b. Year End Payroll and Claims/Cash Transfers As the calendar year comes to a close, it will be necessary to process claims and payroll in order to complete tasks for the year-end processes. Additionally, these tasks will also need to be completed prior to the next board meeting on January, 11, 2021. It is recommended that permission be granted in order to process the payroll and claims necessary to close the year.</p> <p>c. It is recommended the board approve a Resolution for Transfer of funds for Education to Operation Fund 2021.</p> <p>d. It is recommended the board approve a Resolution for Transfer of Funds to Rainy Day Fund.</p>
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			<p>7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Mr. Anthony Cassel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home basketball games will be limited to 4 fans per family of players, coaches, and manager/s; no visiting team’s fans; and we will be streaming home events.</li> <li>• COVID update, commended nurse, staff, teachers, administration and families for working together.</li> <li>• Current fire alarm is setting off false alarms weekly. Korsen will put together a proposal to replace the panel board and all the heads to smart heads. This will help to pin point the cause of the false alarm.</li> <li>• Vision and Dental Plans will begin on January 1, 2021 with vision coverage for 34 staff members and dental coverage for 27 staff members.</li> <li>• Governor and Teacher Compensation Committee shared information on teacher funding and amount teachers should get paid and how to achieve the goal of \$40,000 starting salary by 2022-2023 school year.</li> <li>• Congratulation to Mr. Iddings and Mrs. McConnell for entering a project to design an attachment for the NASA rover to retrieve core sample the size of a test tube.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Hennessey will resign from the Athletic director position at the end of the current school year and is working on finding a replacement.</li> </ul>
			8. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT - Mrs. Kristyn Watkins shared elearners' are doing well turning in assignments, last week Pride Club celebrated with a pizza and extra recess, this week is Spirit week including special activities for teachers. Staff was treated to massages from the Wellness Committee on Friday. Three new students will start in January, currently 90 gingerbread houses have been reserved for pick-up Saturday, Dec 19, and the PTO Santa Shoppe was very successful last week.
			9. TREASURER'S REPORT – Mrs. Brittany Taylor Mrs. Brittany nothing to report.
			10. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS No comments,
			11. ADJOURNMENT by Mr. Jeremy Hill at 6:49 p.m.

**Monday, January 11, 2021 Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Hamilton Community Schools  
Board of School Trustees

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Jeremy Hill, President

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Stacy Shull, Vice President

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Jamy Merritt, Secretary

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