

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

**Date Posted:** November 10, 2021

**Meeting Date:** November 15, 2021

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

**Location:** Hamilton Community Media Center

**\*MEMORANDUM OF MEETING**

**Those present representing the Hamilton Community Schools Board of School Trustees:** President, Jeremy Hill; Vice President, Stacy Shull; Secretary, Jamy Merritt; and Members: April Holden and Lee Stoy.

**Absent:**

**Representing the administration:** Superintendent, Anthony Cassel; Treasurer, Brittany Taylor; K-5 Principal, Kristyn Watkins; and 6-12 Principal, Greg Piatt

**Visitors in attendance:**

| <u>Motion made by</u> | <u>Second</u> | <u>Vote</u> |   |
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|                       |               |             | 1. Welcome and call to Order – Mr. Jeremy Hill at 6:30 p.m.   |
|                       |               |             | 2. Student of the Month: Rylan Steele (KG), Bentley Lanning (1 <sup>st</sup> ), Quintyn Sitts (2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Arya Garrison (1 <sup>st</sup> ), and Mabel Schiek(1 <sup>st</sup> ).   |
|                       |               |             | 3. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Anthony Cassel  |
| LS                    | SS            | 5-0         | 4. Approval of the Consent Agenda – <i>MOTION NEEDED</i>  |
|                       |               |             | 5. Patron Participation – Mr. Hill, Vice President<br>none  |
| SS                    | JM            | 5-0         | 6. Consent Agenda– <i>MOTION NEEDED</i><br>a. Claims Docket<br>b. Approval Minutes<br>i. Regular Board Meeting, October 18, 2021<br>c. Personnel Report<br><u>Extra-Curricular Hire:</u><br>David Moyer, JH Girls Basketball Effective 11/8/2021<br><u>New Hire:</u><br>Shelly Baker, Full Time Cook, 11/8/2021<br>d. Receipt of Funds:<br>Hamilton Garden Club \$500 for FFA Jacket and supplies<br>Lion’s Club \$500 for FFA Jackets and supplies |

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|    |    |     | <p>Lion’s Club \$150 for FFA Horse Drawn Parade Entry<br/> Olive B Cole Foundation \$1000 for Science Central Elementary Entry<br/> Steuben County Community Foundation \$750 for Gingerbread Event</p>   |
| SS | AH | 5-0 | <p>7. New Business – <i>ACTION ITEMS Motions Needed</i></p> <p>a. Consideration/Approval of LED Lighting Project:<br/> It is recommended the Board approve the LED project with Energy Harness. In a continued effort to be fiscally responsible and reduce cost for the corporation.</p> <p>b. Consideration/Approval of Tennis Court Lights: Considering a 5 year lease to purchase to begin 1 year after the purchase agreement</p> <p>c. It is recommended the Board approve moving forward with the Tennis Courts Lights through Musco Lighting. Musco Lighting is a national company that does lighting projects all over United States.</p> <p>d. Consideration/Approval for the Purchase of Land:<br/> This purchase would allow for appropriate and accessible land for a solar array project and additional land for FFA usage and future expansion. This project will not only benefit the FFA and school with future expansion, but also allow for additional financial savings with the addition of a solar array.<br/> It is recommended the Board enter into contract with Frank and Marilyn Presley to purchase 8 acres of land which lies adjacent to the western border of the school property.</p> <p>e. Consideration/Approval of Solar Array Project:<br/> Pending approval of the purchase of land, and review of all legal papers by the office of Warrick and Boyne, it is recommended that the Board would approve moving forward with a solar array project with En-Trust, LLC. It would be located to the western border of the school property. The solar array is at no cost to the school corporation and would allow the school to accrue additional savings in electrical cost by paying a lower per kilowatt price for the solar energy.</p> |
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|    |    |     | <p>8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Mr. Anthony Cassel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This past month has been spent researching the LED Lighting Project, Solar Array Project, and purchase of land adjacent to western border of the school property.</li> <li>• Signage will be post for “The Solar Array Project and FFA land made possible through the generosity of the Presley family. Frank and Marilyn are longtime supporters of Hamilton Marines.</li> <li>• School enrollment is still on the rise since the beginning of the school year.</li> </ul>   |

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|    |    |     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Release Days on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month have been postponed until January to get back more instructional time.</li> <li>• COVID cases have been intermittently during this flu season.</li> <li>• Area superintendents took an informational tour of the Vocational Sites where our student attend. Recommend the school board members take the Vocational tour.</li> </ul>   |
|    |    |     | <p>9. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT</p> <p>Mrs. Watkins reported that elementary teachers are focusing on high level questions, PTO earned \$565 hosting the PTO Boutique on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, all students in grades 1 through 5 are going to Science Central paid for by a grant from Olive B. Cole Foundation, Mrs. Etzler is back from maternity leave, and Parent/Teacher conferences had a 95% attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Piatt shared Ms. Martin and her Environmental Science class are build a recycling program which will present savings for the corporation and Mrs. Brown has finished with ASFAB testing.</p> |
|    |    |     | <p>10. TREASURER'S REPORT – Mrs. Brittany Taylor</p> <p>Nothing to add to the Supernatant's comments.</p>  |
|    |    |     | <p>11. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS</p> <p>Mr. Hill happy to hear that some of the land purchased will be used for the FFA classes.</p>  |
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**Monday December 13, 2021 Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Hamilton Community Schools  
Board of School Trustees

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