

Board of Education Minutes
Harrisburg Community Unit School District No. 3
Harrisburg Middle School, Media Center, 312 Bulldog Boulevard, Harrisburg, IL
Secretary Minutes for Regular Meeting of February 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Harrisburg Community Unit School District #3, Saline County, Illinois, was held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, as announced by posted public notice and by mail. The following members of the Board were present: Mr. Chris Penrod, Mr. Kevin Dowdy, Mr. Ryan Lambert, Mr. Jonathan Russell, Mr. Billy Smith, Mr. Brandon Henshaw and Mr. Chris Street.

The following administrators were present: Dr. Amy Dixon, Scott Dewar, Kim Williams, Natalie Fry, Debbie McGowan, John Crabb, Eric McCollum, Alesha Allen, Lana Bell, Amanda Stone, Pam Rizkallah, and Andy Fehrenbacher. The following Unit #3 staff members were present: Keri Holland, Russell Hunt, David Morris, Jennifer Irvin, and Joy Butler. The following members of the public were present: Easton Witges.

With a quorum of the members of the Board being present, President Penrod called the meeting to order and declared the Board to be in session for the transaction of business.

President Penrod led the Board, staff and attendees in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Mr. Lambert moved and Mr. Dowdy seconded the motion to **amend the agenda to have the presentation from 413 Solutions**. Upon a call of the President for a voice vote to be taken, it was determined the results of said motion carried.

Mr. Street moved and Mr. Henshaw seconded the motion to **enter into Executive Session to discuss**
A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, or specific volunteers of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee. Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
B. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).
C. Security procedures, school building safety and security. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8).

Upon a call of the President for a vote to be taken, it was determined the results of said motion carried.

Board entered into Closed Session at 5:23 p.m.

Mr. Lambert moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **reconvene in open session** at 6:05 p.m. Upon a call of the President for a voice vote to be taken, it was determined the results of said motion carried.

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Street seconded the motion to **approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting**. On a call of the roll, Mr. Smith, Mr. Russell, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Street, Mr. Dowdy, and Mr. Penrod voted **yea**. Mr. Henshaw **abstained**. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Dowdy seconded the motion to **approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023 Special Board Meeting**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Lambert seconded the motion to **approve the Bills Due and Payable**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Russell seconded the motion to **approve the Treasurer's Report**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

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Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Russell seconded the motion to **approve the Expenditure and Revenue Reports**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

The Board of Education reviewed the monthly Activity Fund Summaries from each building.

ADMINISTRATOR/COORDINATOR REPORTS

Superintendent – Dr. Amy Dixon

- Discussed Collaboration opportunities with Southeastern Illinois College.

BELA – Principal Alesha Allen

- Spring screenings are scheduled for March 20 – 24th.

West Side Primary - Principal Mallory Wilson

- Teachers have been meeting with parents for at-risk conferences.

East Side Intermediate - Principal Eric McCollum

Harrisburg Middle School - Principal Debbie McGowan

- Easton Witges spoke to the Board regarding his experience at the Middle School.

Harrisburg High School - Principal Scott Dewar

Special Education - Kim Williams

Technology, Media, Grants, Curriculum – Natalie Fry

Transportation – Andy Fehrenbacher

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Henshaw seconded the motion to **approve the Annual Financial Report FY 21**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

Mr. Street moved and Mr. Lambert seconded the motion for **the Superintendent and Board Attorney to negotiate and enter into a Development Agreement with The P3 Group, Inc. for the development of solar generating facilities for the benefit of the district**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

Mr. Lambert moved and Mr. Dowdy seconded the motion to **approve the first reading of Press Plus Policy updates and reviews**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

Mr. Lambert moved and Mr. Henshaw seconded the motion to **approve the Review of the past six months Executive Session minutes. All will remain closed**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **approve the school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Dowdy seconded the motion to **approve the Executive Session minutes of the January 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

Mr. Russell moved and Mr. Dowdy seconded the motion to **approve the Executive Session minutes of the February 1, 2023 Special Board Meeting**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Lambert seconded the motion to **approve the resignation of Jerry Beal as Middle School Basketball Coach**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

Mr. Russell moved and Mr. Henshaw seconded the motion to **approve the retirement agreement of Patricia Smithpeters, HHS Teacher. 3% additional pay retroactive for the 22-23 school year with 6% increases to follow for 23-24 and 24-25**. On a call of the roll, Mr. Russell, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Street, Mr. Henshaw, Mr. Dowdy and Mr. Penrod voted **yea**. Mr. Smith **abstained**. Motion carried.

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Mr. Lambert moved and Mr. Russell seconded the motion to **approve the maternity leave of Alicyn Dowdy from March 13, 2023 through May 22, 2023.** On a call of the roll, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Street, Mr. Henshaw, Mr. Smith, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Penrod voted **yea.** Mr. Dowdy **abstained.** Motion carried.

Mr. Russell moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **approve the discontinuation of services from Michael Baysinger of Baysinger Architects PLLC as district's architect.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Russell seconded the motion to **employ Vivian Nilsen as a 6 hour cook at the Middle School.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Lambert seconded the motion to **approve Taryn Dewar, Kristen Allen, and Stephanie Winkler as High School prom sponsors.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Lambert seconded the motion to **approve the services of Michael Ewald of Michael L. Ewald, Architect LLC as the District's Architect.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **approve the bid of Brian Ervin for the custodian/mowing position.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Russell moved and Mr. Lambert seconded the motion to **approve the bid of Clarence Farmer for High School D Building Custodian.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Lambert seconded the motion to **approve Emmett Foster for the High School B Building Custodian position.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Lambert seconded the motion to **employ Terry Blackman as full-time temporary COVID custodian to end on June 30, 2023.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Henshaw moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **adjourn the meeting.** Upon a call of the President for a voice vote to be taken, it was determined the result of said motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Mr. Jonathan Russell, Secretary

Mr. Chris Penrod, President