

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

Date Posted: August 11, 2022

Meeting Date: August 15, 2022

Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Board Room, Hamilton Community Schools

***MEMORANDUM OF MEETING**

Those present representing the Hamilton Community Schools Board of School Trustees:

President, Jeremy Hill; Vice President, Jamy Merritt; Stacy Shull; Secretary and Members: April Holden and Lee Stoy

Absent:

Representing the administration: Superintendent, Anthony Cassel; K-12 School Principal, Kristyn Watkins; 6-12 School Principal Greg Piatt

Visitors in attendance

<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	5-0	3. Approval of the Revised Consent Agenda – <i>MOTION NEEDED</i>
			4. Patron Participation – Mr. Jeremy Hill, Board President School patron asked the question, “Where do excess funds come from?” Mr. Cassel was glad to explain, the corporation receives a basic grant per student. With our enrollment increasing over the past few years and not purchasing any new textbooks there is excess textbook funds. These funds were used to purchase new Math and English books for K-2 students. The school portion of the property taxes collected are put towards the operational fund. These excess fund will be used to repair and improve the baseball and softball fields. Excess funds can also be created by being financially responsible, which the corporation has been over the past few years.
SS	JM	5-0	5. Revised Consent Agenda– <i>MOTION NEEDED</i> a. Claims Docket b. Approval Minutes i. Regular Board Meeting July 18, 2022

			<p>c. Personnel Report</p> <p><u>New Hires:</u> Heather Ellis, 1st Grade Teacher, effective August 8, 2022 Lorri Nash, 2nd Grade Teacher, effective August 8, 2022 Elizabeth Brown, 4th Grade Teacher, effective August 8, 2022 Holly Mack, Instructional Assistant, effective August 8, 2022</p> <p><u>ECA</u> Chloe Pike, 7/8 Volleyball Coach, effective August 8, 2022 Minde Raney, 5/6 Volleyball Coach, effective August 8, 2022 Chrystal Hurraw, Bus Driver, effective August 8, 2022</p> <p>d. Receipt of Funds: <i>RP Khatana Family Foundation Inc.</i> to the \$600 for athletic program. <i>Dawn Feeney</i>, \$31.00 to the HS Cross Country Program Donation are for the Elementary and JH Boys Basketball Program: <i>Lonsbury Garage</i> \$700.00 <i>Lockwood Welding</i> \$400.00 <i>Steel Dynamics Inc.</i> \$250.00 <i>Kaufman Well Drilling</i>, \$200.00 <i>Cassel Family</i> \$100.00</p> <p>Recommend the Board approve the school donations as presented.</p>
SS	JM	5-0	<p>6. New Business</p> <p>a. Approval of Strahm Group, Inc. for Flooring Project: New carpeting is needed throughout the schools in the walk-in areas, three offices, band room, and library. Only three vendors sent in bids for this project and Strahm Group, Inc. Flooring came in with the lowest bid of \$102,460 dollars. Recommend the Board accept the quote from Strahm Group, Inc. to replace carpeted areas as presented.</p>
SS	LS	5-0	<p>b. Approval for Marchand Field service additional work: Recommend the Board accept the additional work on the Hamilton Jr/Sr. High School baseball field. Work would require removing existing infield grass and repairing the sprinkler system to assure proper field grade. There is currently a 13” drop from the infield grass to the outfield grass. This an additional expense of \$40,000 dollars.</p>
SS	JM	5-0	<p>c. Gibson Heating and Air for Elementary Office Project</p>

			<p>Recommend the Board to approve Gibson and Air for the HVAC work in the elementary office. The cost of removing the existing air conditioner unit and installation of a new unit is quoted at \$12,318 dollars.</p>
SS	JM	5-0	<p>d. Proposed Bus Rates 2022-2023: Recommend the Board approve the proposed bus rates for 2022-2023 as presented to increase bus drivers' pay schedule to equal pay schedule in several surrounding districts.</p>
SS	JM	5-0	<p>e. Lunch Prices 2022-2023: Recommend the Board approve the increase of Hamilton Schools' student meal pricing to the required pricing by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to ensure sufficient funds.</p>
SS	AH	5-0	<p>f. National FFA Convention: Recommend the Board approve the request from the Hamilton FFA club to attend an overnight trip to Indianapolis for the National FFA Convention to be held on October 26-29, 2022. Students would only miss two days of school.</p>
SS	JM	5-0	<p>g. 2022-2023 Textbook Rental: Recommend the Board approve the 2022-2023 textbook rental and fees as presented. The overall cost to parents will decrease due to the fact that it has been previously approved the corporation would pay for cost of textbook rentals for the new Math and English books for the next 6 years.</p>
			<p>7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Anthony Cassel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three days of school have passed with enrollment up a little from last year. • Fall 2022 sports are underway with volleyball and cross country. • Waiting for the Tennis courts lights to be connected and courts have been open to the public. • Tennis Camp for students will run from August 30 through October 11th, Tuesday evenings from 6:45pm to 8:15pm. • Told principals to stay home tonight and be ready for full week with students. • More projects upcoming, library shelving, and running track needs resurfacing. Looking at the budget and preparing for the future. • Elementary kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and fourth grade have over 30 students per grade. • Our Hamilton Community has worked hard to make our school better and people outside of Hamilton are beginning to notice.

			8. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT Principals were given the night off.
			9. TREASURER'S REPORT – Mrs. Brittany Taylor Budget, budget, budget!
			10. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
SS	JM	5-0	ADJOURNMENT by Mr. Hill at 7:04pm

Next meeting, Monday, September 19, 2022 Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hamilton Community Schools
Board of School Trustees

Jeremy Hill, President

Stacy Shull, Vice President

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