

Hamilton Central School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 12, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Jacobsen, Jennifer Jones, Amanda Phillips, Sung Choe, Cory Duclos, and Colin Olsen as Ex-Officio Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: William Dowsland
Jodi Shantal, District Clerk

VISITORS: Althea Brooks and Teddy Freeth

We apologize for the inconvenience, but due to a technical issue, the Board of Education meeting was not live-streamed or recorded. Thank you for your understanding.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order

1.1 The regular meeting of the Hamilton Central School District Board of Education was held in the Dave McKay Board of Education Room/Large Group Instruction Room, 47 West Kendrick Ave, Hamilton, New York. Michelle Jacobsen, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following items of business were conducted.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 PRELIMINARY ACTION

Preliminary Action

2.1 Amendments to the Agenda – agenda as submitted

Amendments to the Agenda

2.2 Approval of the Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the September 12, 2024, regular meeting be approved as submitted.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Jones

Seconded by: Duclos

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

2.3 Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the of the regular meeting on August 15, 2024 and the board workshop on August 29, 2024. be approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Phillips

Seconded by: Choe

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the consent agenda (3.1 through 3.3) as recommended by the Superintendent as follows:

Moved by: Jones

Seconded by: Duclos

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

Business Operations

3.1 Treasurer's Report

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

3.2 Consideration of Claims

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the consideration of claims and authorize the District Treasurer to pay the submitted warrants totaling \$392,296.88 for the general fund, \$1,561.00 for the HBus fund, and \$13,219.92 for the capital fund.

Consideration of Claims

3.3 Transportation Report

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the transportation report as submitted.

Transportation Report

4.0 OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of old business.

That concludes the consent agenda.

Old Business

5.0 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

5.1 General Public

There were no comments from the public.

Community Participation

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Personnel

A. Resignations

Sheila Dowsland

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Sheila Dowsland as Teacher Assistant, effective June 30, 2025, as recommended by the Director of PPS and the Superintendent. This is with sincere appreciation for services rendered to the district and well wishes for retirement.

Moved by: Jones
Seconded by: Choe
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

New Business

Personnel

Resignations

B. Appointments

Athletic Coordinator and Athletic Supervisor

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the positions and stipends for the Athletic Coordinator and Athletic Supervisor for the 2024-2025 school year, as detailed and revised from the June approval, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Moved by: Duclos
Seconded by: Phillips
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

Appointments

Substitute List

BE IT RESOLVED to approve Audrey Morton-Miller, Roselea Marsh, Adrienne Nardone, and Jessica Inman to the substitute list as recommended by the administrative team and Superintendent.

Moved by: Duclos
Seconded by: Jones
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

Coaches

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the list of coaches for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented, pending sufficient participation, and as recommended by the Athletic Supervisor, Athletic Coordinator, and Superintendent.

Moved by: Choe
Seconded by: Duclos
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

Fall Play Advisors

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the advisors/volunteers for the 2024-2025 fall play, as provided, per contractual language and as recommended by the secondary principal and Superintendent.

Moved by: Duclos
Seconded by: Phillips
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

6.2 Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the recommendation of the Committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education.

Moved by: Duclos
Seconded by: Jones
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

6.3 APPR Certification

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the certification of Heather Thomas, Mark Arquiatt, Christopher Rogers, and Kevin Ellis (pending certification) as APPR Lead Teacher Evaluator for the 2024-2025 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

Moved by: Choe
Seconded by: Jones
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

6.4 Donations

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the following monetary donations, with sincere appreciation, and to increase the budget by these amounts as recommended by the Business Manager and Superintendent.

- First Baptist Church Deacons Fund - \$250.00 (*SEL Program*)
- Hamilton Odd Fellows - \$200.00 (*School Supplies*)

Moved by: Jones
Seconded by: Phillips
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

7.0 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Superintendent's Report
- 7.2 Business Manager Report
 - Auditor's Report – The auditor's will be presenting their report to the Board on October 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- 7.3 Student Board Member Report
- 7.4 Advocacy Update
- 7.5 Athletics Update

CSE/CPSE

APPR Certification

Donations

Information & Correspondence

8.0 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public.

Community Participation

9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Board President to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. to motion to discuss matters pertaining to current (ongoing) litigation, collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law for both non-instructional and instructional bargaining units, and the employment history of a particular person(s).

The timeframes were as follows:

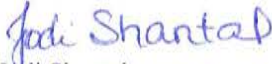
6:40 – 6:43 PM: Recess

6:43 – 6:54 PM: Discussion on ongoing litigation, with Mr. Dowsland present

6:54 – 7:55 PM: Collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law for both instructional and non-instructional bargaining units, with Locey & Cahill LLC participating. Matt Crumb and Mr. Dowsland were present

7:55 – 8:27 PM: Discussion on the employment history of a particular individual(s)

Moved by: Jones
Seconded by: Duclos
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Shantal
District Clerk

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Board President to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:27 p.m.


Moved by: Phillips
Seconded by: Duclos
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Board President to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Moved by: Duclos
Seconded by: Jones
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

William Dowsland
Superintendent