



**3.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

*Consent  
Agenda*

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the consent agenda (3.1 through 3.5) as recommended by the Superintendent as follows:

Moved by: Choe  
Seconded by: Phillips  
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

***Business Operations***

3.1 Treasurer’s Report

*Treasurer's  
Report*

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

3.2 Consideration of Claims

*Consideration  
of Claims*

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the consideration of claims and authorize the District Treasurer to pay the submitted warrants totaling \$40,865.96 for the general fund.

3.3 Transportation Report

*Transportation  
Report*

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the transportation report as submitted.

3.4 Cafeteria Report

*Cafeteria  
Report*

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the cafeteria report as submitted.

3.5 2023-2024 Independent Audit

*2023-2024  
Independent  
Audit*

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the 2023-2024 Independent Audit and financial statements prepared by Cwynar Farrow & Locke, CPAs, PLLC and authorize the Superintendent to distribute the required copies.

**4.0 OLD BUSINESS**

*Old Business*

There were no items of old business.

***That concludes the consent agenda.***

**5.0 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

*Community  
Participation*

5.1 General Public

There were no comments from the public.

Dr. Duclos arrived at 6:02 p.m.

*Dr. Duclos  
arrived*

**6.0 NEW BUSINESS**

*New Business*

6.1 Personnel

*Personnel*

A. Resignations

*Resignations*

**Juana Montoya Aceves**

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the resignation of Juana Montoya Aceves as Teacher Aide, effective October 4, 2024, as recommended by the Director of PPS and the Superintendent. This is with sincere appreciation for her services rendered to the district.

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

B. Leave of Absence

**Lauren Reynolds**

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Lauren Reynolds, with tentative dates of December 16, 2024 through March 10, 2025 as recommended by Superintendent.

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

**Victoria Pustay**

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Victoria Pustay, with tentative dates of December 9, 2024 through June 22, 2025 as recommended by Superintendent.

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

C. Appointments

**Substitute List**

BE IT RESOLVED to approve Todd Conklin, Glenn Marsala, Duane Martinez, and Wendy VanSteinburg to the substitute list as recommended by the administrative team and Superintendent.

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

**Middle School Production**

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

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

**Magaly Meyer**

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Magaly Meyer as a part-time (.7 FTE) food service helper effective October 10, 2024 as recommended by the Food Service Manager and Superintendent.

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

*Leave of Absences*

*Appointments*

*CSE/CPSE*

**6.3 Board Policies**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Discussion

- #0013 – Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity in Education
- #5200 – School Wellness
- #6400 – Drug and Alcohol Testing (Transportation)
- #6404 – Rights of Nursing Employees to Express Breast Milk

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Policy Approval

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Board Policy is approved as presented, based on the recommendation of the Policy Committee.

#0013 – Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity in Education

*This policy needed a first and second reading, as well as approval, to prevent any delays in bringing the committee together.*

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

**6.4 Combined Sports**

BE IT RESOLVED to approve Hamilton’s participation in the following combined sports programs for the 2024-2025 school year as recommended by the athletic coordinator and Superintendent.

- JV and Varsity Wrestling with VVS (Tentatively one varsity player)
- Varsity Ice Hockey with Cazenovia (Tentatively three players)

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

**6.5 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.

- NBT Bank - \$60.00 (*School supplies*)
- HCS P.T.O. - \$324.00 (*Bounce house*)
- Hamilton Emerald Foundation - \$3,799.00 (*VR learning tool*)

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

**7.0 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- 7.1 Superintendent’s Report
- 7.2 Administrative Reports
- 7.3 Athletic Report
- 7.4 Business Manager Report
- 7.5 Student Board Member Report
- 7.6 Knowledge Sharing
  - Elementary Steering Committee
  - Secondary Steering Committee
  - Inclusivity Committee
- 7.7 Advocacy Update

Board Policies

Combined Sports

Donations

Information & Correspondence

7.8 Board Discussion

In response to recent community concerns, the board addressed school safety, including the decision not to employ a School Resource Officer (SRO) last year. Discussion was held on a broader safety approach, emphasizing advanced building security, a social-emotional learning team, mental health support, and an online reporting system. The board emphasized that fostering a safe environment is a priority, focusing on building a positive school community with mental health and counseling services. Community feedback remains essential as safety strategies evolve to support students and staff effectively.

**8.0 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

Community Participation

Mr. Sullivan addressed the board regarding cell phones, the school safety plan, and S.P.O.

**9.0 KNIGHT LIGHT**

Knight Light

Mr. Dowsland presented the Knight Light Award to the Board of Education in recognition of their appreciation, dedication, and service to the District. Board Appreciation Week is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>.

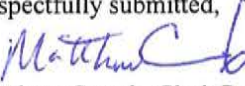
**10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Board President to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to motion to discuss matters pertaining to Collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law for both non-instructional and instructional bargaining units, Current (ongoing) litigation, and the employment history of a particular person(s).

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

The Board of Education had a 5-minutes recess, entering Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Matthew Crumb, Clerk Pro Tem

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Board President to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

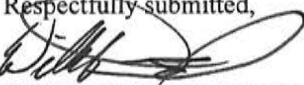
Moved by: Duclos  
Seconded by: Phillips  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Board President to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
  
William Dowsland, Superintendent

