

**Hamilton Central School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 (*Originally 1/9/25*)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Jacobsen, Jennifer Jones, Amanda Phillips, Cory Duclos, and Sung Choe (*who joined virtually at 6:39 p.m.*)
Colin Olsen as Ex-Officio Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: William Dowsland, Matthew Crumb, and Mark Arquiett
Jodi Shantal, District Clerk

VISITORS: Harold Jarcho, Travis Ames, Beth Wood-Amir, Daniel Marcano, Morgan Elmore, Lena Harnik, and students from the Government class

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

*Amendments
to the Agenda*

2.2 Approval of the Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the January 14, 2025, regular meeting be approved as submitted, noting that this meeting was originally scheduled for January 9, 2025.

*Approval of
Agenda*

Moved by: Duclos

Seconded by: Jones

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

2.3 Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting on December 12, 2024 be approved as submitted.

*Approval of
Minutes*

Moved by: Jones

Seconded by: Phillips

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

*Consent
Agenda*

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the consent agenda (3.1 through 3.4) as recommended by the Superintendent as follows:

Moved by: Duclos

Seconded by: Phillips

Ayes: 4 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 \$519,092.33 for the general fund, \$17,367.87 for the capital fund, \$61,160.55 for the HBUS fund, and \$23,749.00 for the federal fund.

Consideration of Claims

3.3 Transportation Report

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the transportation report as submitted.

Transportation Report

3.4 Cafeteria Report

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the cafeteria report as submitted.

Cafeteria Report

4.0 OLD BUSINESS

Old Business

There was no old business.

That concludes the consent agenda.

5.0 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Community Participation

5.1 General Public

- Dan Marcano addressed concerns regarding school safety and bullying.
- Travis Ames spoke about school culture and collaboration and expressed his gratitude to the District and Board.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

New Business

6.1 Personnel

Personnel

A. Tenure Recommendation

Tenure

Elizabeth Wood-Amir

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Wood-Amir as a tenured world language teacher effective March 15, 2025 following a successful completion of the probationary period and as recommended by the Secondary Principal and Superintendent.

Moved by: Duclos

Seconded by: Phillips

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

6.2 **Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education**

CSE/CPSE

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

Moved by: Duclos

Seconded by: Phillips

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

6.3 **Donation**

Donation

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

- First Baptist Church Deacons Fund - \$100.00 (*S.E.L. Program*)

Moved by: Jones
Seconded by: Duclos
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

7.0 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Superintendent's Report –
Mr. Dowsland acknowledged and congratulated Lena for her artwork. Great job!
- 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 (*Mr. Choe joined the discussion at this point.*)
- 7.8 Board Discussion

Information &
Correspondence

Mr. Choe
joined (6:39 PM)

8.0 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

There was no community participation at this time.

Community
Participation

9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Board President to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. to motion to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of a particular person(s) focusing on evaluation, the process, and the status of faculty and staff, the collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law for both non-instructional and instructional bargaining units, and details of a proposed, current or pending litigation.

Executive
Session

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

The Board of Education had a 10-minute recess, entering Executive Session at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Shantal, District Clerk

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Board President to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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

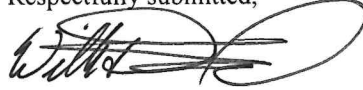
10.0 ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Board President to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Dowsland", written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

William Dowsland, Superintendent