Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2026

1) A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Matt Lentz, at Hillsboro High School at 7:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Blake Furness was absent.

2) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Reports

Maintenance Director Fred Butler announced a grant has been received that will fund 25 oak trees on the high school and elementary campus.

Junior High Teacher Ann Tester began a reading challenge for all junior high students on January 13th and students have already read over 150 books.

Superintendent McBrain stated that at all varsity level competitions and performances the greenhouse/topper tunnel parking lot will be limited mobility only.

3) Agenda Item 3.0 Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2026

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the January 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.

3.2 Approval of Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2026

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the January 13, 2026 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes. There were none.

3.3 Review and Approval of Payables

President Lentz asked for questions or comments. Superintendent McBrain stated there will be no O'Shea bill this month. Board member Patton questioned who prepared the bid for track equipment. Mrs. McBrain stated it was high school head track coach Zach Reed.

3.4 Financial Report

President Lentz asked for questions or comments.

Consent Agenda Vote.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the consent agenda as presented. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

4) Agenda Item 4.0 Recognition of Audience

No cards submitted.

5) Agenda Item 5.0 Old Business

5.1 Presentation of Junior High and High School Vaping Deterrents

Superintendent McBrain stated information went out to parents and staff yesterday listing the measures put into place to deter vaping and drug use including: vape detectors in bathrooms, metal detecting wands and police canines in parking lots. Other measures may come down the road involving the Montgomery County Sheriffs Department and Health Department but these steps will help address concerns promptly.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 New Business

6.1 Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement with Regional Office of Education 3 for Alternative High Schools and Safe Schools Programs

Superintendent McBrain provided the board with information on the district's current alternative placements. Safe Schools Program serves junior high students at a minimal cost and the Alternative Program serves high school students at no cost. The district provides transportation to both.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Regional Office of Education 3 for Alternative High Schools and Safe Schools Programs. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

6.2 Consideration of 2026-2027 School Calendar

Superintendent McBrain reviewed the proposed calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year. Teachers would return Thursday, August 13th and students would begin Monday, August 17th. Election day (November 3rd) is not currently a required school holiday and the calendar committee agreed to be in session. If the state changes the guidelines the calendar will be amended. The committee also reduced the number of early dismissal school improvement days from 8 down to 6.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

6.3 Discussion of Cost Sharing Model at SCI Center

Superintendent McBrain reviewed the current intergovernmental agreement which states all costs will be shared between the 9 districts including custodial services and building repairs. The building is currently owned by the Litchfield School District. The agreement also outlines the costs for tuition will be taken off any contributions including staff. Outside of Litchfield, Hillsboro is the only district providing a staff member exclusively for the SCI Center and should be compensated. The average tuition cost per student at a career center is $2,000. Currently the district is not paying tuition but has 24 students attending which would be approximately $48,000 in costs. Those costs could be offset by those staff contributions. No action at this time, Superintendents will continue to update as they work through options.

6.4 Consideration of Hillsboro High School Math Course Offerings

HHS Principal Blake Lipe would like to expand course offerings for upperclassman. Two proposed courses are statistics and applied math. In statistics students would learn how to work with populations and samples, summarize data using measures of center and spread and present data in clear and meaningful ways. Applied math will build strong math skills and apply them to real world business and money situations.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the addition of Applied Math and Statistics as new course offerings at Hillsboro High School. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

6.5 First Reading on PRESS Policy 120

Superintendent McBrain summarized PRESS Policy updates from Issue 120. Board will review policies. Second reading and action will be taken at the March meeting.

6.6 Report on Hillsboro High School Change Order Summary

Superintendent McBrain presented figures on all change orders related to the high school project. Owner requested change orders is a total of $706,382.20 (2.5% total project cost). All other change orders including discovered conditions and architectural and engineering errors and omissions is a total of $530,412.66 (1.9% total project cost). Board Member Patton asked for an update on the tennis court project. Superintendent McBrain stated she has met with Shore Builders in regards to some cracks. According to Shore Builders the concrete and the topper are not cracked. The noticeable imperfection is the seam of the concrete underneath the topper and will not impact the playing surface.

6.7 Report on Addressing the Funding Gap with Mandated Categoricals

Superintendent McBrain reported there is a push across the state called Driving Success that is requesting additional dollars be placed into the state budget for mandated categoricals. Currently, the state is only funding about 62% of mandated categoricals such as private facilities, transportation and special education transportation. IASA and Superintendents will continue to plea to Illinois legislators to advocate for local districts when approving the state budget.

7) Agenda Item 7.0 Communication

There was none.

8) Agenda Item 8.0 Executive Session

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to move into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and superintendents' evaluation. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to move out of Executive session at 9:27 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

9.1 Resignation of Bus Driver

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of bus driver Doug Redding. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

9.2 Employment of Food Service Worker

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Michelle Bergman as a Food Service Worker. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.3 Employment of High School Track Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Joe Reed as High School Girls Track Coach. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.4 Employment of Elementary Teacher

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Bailey Wyant as an Elementary Teacher. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.5 Employment of High School Special Education Teacher

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Emmie Kunz as High School Special Education Teacher. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.6 Employment of Teaching Assistant

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Evelyn Schmitt and Rylee Morford as Teaching Assistants. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.7 Letter of Intent to Retire from Secretaries

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the letter of intent to retire from Tammy Hanner effective at the end of the school year and Laura Pesko effective June 30, 2026. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.8 Letter of Intent to Retire from Teaching Assistants

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the letter of intent to retire from Chris Ferrill effective at the end of the school year. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

9.9 Resignation of Teaching Assistants

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the resignation of Taylor Meyers and Kelly Harrell. Voice vote. Motion carried 6-0.

10) Agenda Item 10.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Matt Lentz, President

Kassie Greenwood, Secretary

March 10, 2026
Date