Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026

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

2) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Reports

High School Principal Lipe announced recently hired family and consumer science teacher Julia McCarty was accepted into the Illinois CTE Connects program. He also congratulated the FFA Ag Mechanics team for their state qualifying performance. FFA Sponsor Mr. Gallion continues to do a wonderful job, his team placed in the top 3 in every category.

Junior High Principal Adam Haston thanked all HJHS staff for a successful testing week. He congratulated 8th Grade history teacher Dave Mattson. Mr. Mattson was 1 of 25 selected to attend Maps Institute in Chicago this summer. Superintendent McBrain stated its very exciting when staff like Mr. Mattson and Ms. McCarty pursue these opportunities on their own to continue their education.

PreK Director Gutierrez added they recently held a rock concert at family fun night on April 7th with a performance from The Tater Tots.

3) Agenda Item 3.0 Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2026

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.

3.2 Approval of Executive Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2026

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the March 10, 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes. There were none.

3.3 Renewal of IESA Membership

President Lentz asked for questions or comments on the annual renewal. Superintendent McBrain stated they did research Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association but IESA has more benefits and recommends continuing the membership.

3.4 Review and Approval of Payables

President Lentz asked for questions or comments. There were none.

3.5 Financial Report

President Lentz asked for questions or comments. There were none.

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, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

4) Agenda Item 4.0 Recognition of Audience

No cards submitted.

5) Agenda Item 5.0 Old Business

None to report.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 New Business

6.1 Report on Summer Facilities Projects

Maintenance Director Fred Butler highlighted the following anticipated summer projects:

HCCDC
Demolition and renovation

Coffeen
Remodel 3 classrooms (abatement, floor and ceiling tiles, paint)

Beckemeyer
Roof phase 1 (gym and 5 classrooms)
Garden area into outdoor classroom
Cabinets in 2nd Grade classrooms
Extend/upgrade south west basketball court

Junior High
Update a few rooms
New conference room (library renovation)
New gym bleachers
Old gym refresh (paint ceiling)

High School
Landscaping
Fencing (new gym to greenhouse)
Gym downspouts
Mill, asphalt and stripe student lot

Sidewalks/bridges on Fairground
Competition gym upgrades (scoreboard, shot clocks, goals)
Competition gym cap
Pad walls in wrestling room
Tennis court bleachers
Cafeteria floor tile
Sidewalks

Superintendent McBrain noted that sales tax and Energy Transition Grant are funding the majority of the bigger summer projects.

6.2 Consideration of Awarding Bid for Roof Project at Beckemeyer

Tim Downen of Hurst-Rosche was present to go over the bid tabulation for the Beckemeyer Roof Project. The project will be roof replacement of the gym, cafeteria and approximately 5 classrooms. Two bids were received at the bid opening on April 9thth. Mr. Downen is recommending low bidder D7 Roofing.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to award the bid for the Beckemeyer roof project to D7 Roofing for the base bid of $888,628 and alternate bid #1 for $52,000. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

6.3 Consideration of Replacement Bleachers in the Junior High New Gym

Superintendent McBrain stated the bleachers in the new gym at HJHS are needing replaced. The new automated bleachers will include handicap accessible spots and seat an additional 18 people. The budget for the replacement was $80,000 and Irwin quoted a cost of $67,845.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the bleacher replacement in the new gym at Hillsboro Junior High School. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

6.4 Consideration of District Parking Lot Projects

Superintendent McBrain stated there are multiple parking lots around the district in need of repair. The total project bid from DeLaurent in the amount of $135,150 would include the student lot at HHS, the staff lot at HJHS and Beckemeyer, the circle drive at HJHS and the unit office.

Motion made by Blake Furness, seconded by Nathan Kirby to approve the district parking lot projects. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

6.5 Consideration of Playground Resurfacing at Beckemeyer

Superintendent McBrain stated the Education Foundation has graciously helped with projects around the district. They contributed to the digital marquees for the junior high and high school and purchased iPads and materials for Coffeen Early Childhood Center. The Foundation has pledged $50,000 towards resurfacing of the two playgrounds at Beckemeyer. The total cost quoted from Molanda is $105,000, the district would use sales tax funds to cover the remaining $55,000.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the playground resurfacing at Beckemeyer Elementary. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Kassie Greenwood and Nathan Kirby. Blake Furness and Mike Cerutti voted no. Motion carried 5-2.

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 7:54 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and litigation. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to move out of Executive session at 11:48 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried 7-0.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

9.1 Employment of Special Education Teachers

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Mason Garner, Carla Bolton and Ariel Ozee as Special Education Teachers. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

9.2 Employment of Teaching Assistants

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Rachel Hanners, Lauren Jackson and Michelle Smith as Teaching Assistants. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

9.3 Employment of Custodian

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Son Clayton as Custodian. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 7-0.

9.4 Acceptation of Resignation from Licensed Teachers

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of Kayley Nimmo and Levi Siebert effective at the conclusion of the school year. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

10) Agenda Item 10.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Matt Lentz, President
Board of Education

Kassie Greenwood, Secretary
Board of Education

May 12, 2026
Date