Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026

1) A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Matt Lentz, at the Hillsboro Unit Office 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

The Board of Education honored twenty-year employees with the presentation of an engraved pen stand. The following employees were recognized:

2025-2026
20 Year Employees

Debbie Atkins	Jason Burke	Shannon Daniels
Andrea Durbin	Amy Hacke	

Superintendent McBrain presented each retiree with an engraved clock. The following employees were recognized:

2025-2026
Retirees

Gayla Brauns	Florence Clark	Elizabeth Harnetiaux
Paula Schwartzkopf	Sara Wilson	Laura Pesko
Tammy Hanner	Mary Jo Moore	Doug Huber
Chris Ferrill	Nancy Reynolds	

School Resource Officer Kenny presented the board with information on the Hillsboro Police Departments new Blue Envelope Program. The program better helps law enforcement serve individuals on the spectrum or with other communication differences if they are encountered by law enforcement. The individuals will each have a blue envelope to keep in their vehicle containing their ID, insurance card, and a personal card that tells an officer how to best communicate and who to contact in an emergency.

HHS Principal Lipe stated it has been a very busy month at the high school. Lincoln Land Community College hosted a very successful career fair. Operetta was incredible and the students were pretty impressive. The high school partnered with SIUE and local emergency service personnel to host a crash reenactment. The students were very engaged with the reenactment and the speakers afterwards. The FFA held their banquet and had a wonderful

turnout, it was very well done. HHS held the first Decision Day where amazing guest speakers offered very good advice for the graduating class. National Honor Society Induction was last week. Lastly, seniors last day is May 15th with graduation being held May 22nd on Sawyer Field, weather permitting.

Beckemeyer Principal Frailey announced tomorrow they are taking 25 students with perfect attendance to the YMCA in Taylorville. There were 3 students who have had perfect attendance two years in a row.

PreK Director Gutierrez invited everyone to attend the PreK's Foam Party being held on Thursday night.

Superintendent McBrain announced it was The Journal News Isaiah Atkins final board meeting. Mrs. McBrain thanked him, he has always been supportive and done a great job covering the district.

3) Agenda Item 3.0 Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2026

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.

3.2 Approval of Executive Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2026

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the April 14, 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes. There were none.

3.3 Review and Approval of Payables

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

3.4 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 New Business

5.1. Consideration and Approval of 2026-2027 Board Meeting Dates

Superintendent McBrain presented the board with meetings options for the 2nd Tuesday, 3rd Tuesday and 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Motion made by Bill Christian, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the 2026-2027 Board Meeting Dates as the 3rd Tuesday of the month. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood and Nathan Kirby. Mike Cerutti voted no. Motion carried 6-1.

5.2 Presentation of the 2025 Property Tax Computation Report

Superintendent McBrain presented the 2025 Property Tax Computation Report. The tax rate is $4.16, which is down $0.24 from last year. This year's EAV is $241,000,000, which is up another $22 million from last year. Mrs. McBrain stated that when it comes time for the Levy next year, depending on how much money the district needs there may be a truth in taxation hearing required.

5.3 Presentation and Review of the Amended FY26 Budget

Superintendent McBrain stated that overall the district is very close to still coming in on budget with most line items in the 88-92% range with one month remaining. In order to avoid any overage, the following increases are recommended:

Education Fund- $75,000
HCCDC/ASK- $12,500
Debt Service- $1,500
Transpiration- $118,722
Retirement- $90,000
Tort Immunity- $54,500

Superintendent McBrain will continue to monitor the budget and have the final recommendation next month.

5.4 Consideration of Setting Public Hearing Date for the Amended FY26 Budget

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to set the Amended Budget Hearing Date for June 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. 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.

5.5 Consideration and Approval of Overnight FFA Trips

FFA President Delaney Adams requested board approval for several overnight trips to attend FFA State Convention, FFA Leadership Camp and National FFA Convention.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the Overnight FFA Trips. 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.

5.6 Consideration and Approval of Parking Lot Project at Beckemeyer

Superintendent McBrain stated the proposed lot would be on the corner of Seymour and Fairground. Vehicles would enter the lot on Seymour and exit on Fairground. The lot would result in approximately 50 additional parking spots. Maintenance Director Fred Butler did receive a quote from Kamax in the amount of $275,420.00. After discussion the board opted to schedule a building and grounds committee meeting. No action at this time.

5.7 Consideration and Approval of Sprinkler Systems at HCCDC

Superintendent McBrain stated great progress is being made at HCCDC. The facility is under the square footage requirement for a sprinkler system but do to the fact that it is a daycare housing very young children who are unable to evacuate themselves, it does require installation of a sprinkler system. The low bid received from Automatic Fire Sprinkler in the amount of $65,000.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the Sprinkler System Installation by Automatic Fire Sprinkler in the amount of $65,000. 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.

5.8 Consideration and Approval of HVAC Installation at HCCDC

Superintendent McBrain stated each classroom being built will need to be climate controlled. Recommending the purchase of nine mini-splits from Hiller Sheet Metal.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the HVAC Installation at HCCDC to Hiller Sheet Metal in the amount of $99,994. 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.

5.9 Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement for the SCI Center

Superintendent McBrain stated the agreement will allow district high school students to continue to participate in the CTE Program offerings at the center. Currently there are 18 students signed up for courses this fall.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the SCI Center. 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) Agenda Item 6.0 Communication

There was none.

7) Agenda Item 7.0 Executive Session

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to move into Executive Session at 8:09 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and litigation. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to move out of Executive session at 10:55 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried 7-0.

8) Agenda Item 8.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

8.1 Resignation of Girls Golf Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of Girls Golf Coach Son Clayton. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

8.2 Resignation of Bus Driver

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of Bus Driver Tim Thompson. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

8.3 Resignation of Bus Aide

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of Bus Aide Susie Irvin. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0

8.4 Resignation of Library Assistant

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of Library Assistant Kelly Powell. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0

8.5 Resignation of Teaching Assistant

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the resignation of Teaching Assistant Kelsey Bulla. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0

8.6 Resignation of Junior High Cheer Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of Junior High Cheer Coach Jessica Furness. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

8.7 Retraction of Resignation for Cook

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to retract the resignation of Cook Andrea Harston. 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.

8.8 Approval of Volunteer Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve Vanessa Compton as a Girls Flag Football Volunteer Coach. 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.

8.9 Employment of Special Education Teacher

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Mignon Biggs as Special Education Teacher. 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) Agenda Item 9.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Matt Lentz, President
Board of Education

Kassie Greenwood, Secretary
Board of Education

June 9, 2026
Date