Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 9, 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, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Brian Patton was absent.

2) Agenda Item 2.0. Good News Reports

High School Assistant Principal Donald VanGiesen reported Mrs. Kaculi and the Topper Treats team raised over $4,000 running a snack cart business throughout the year. The Topper Treats team chose Haven Home to donate all their profits.

Junior High Principal Haston announced all of the Track and Field State Qualifiers. Scholar Bowl won regionals and placed fourth in sectionals. IAR rewards day was a huge success, great attendance. Mrs. Emery and the Art Club recently painted a mural at the Luck and Buck Saddle Club. American Youth awards this year went to Madison Kirk and Matthew Hoehn.

Brandi Christian reported the high school band and choir trip to New York City was great. The band performed on the USS Intrepid and choir performed at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

3) Agenda Item 3.0 FY26 Amended Budget Hearing

Superintendent McBrain stated there have been two additions made since the amended budget was presented at May board meeting. There is an additional amount of $100,000 in the Education Fund and an additional amount of $128,000 in the Transportation Fund. The FY26 amended budget total is $33,218,671.00.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the amended budget in the amount of $33,218,671.00 On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

4) Agenda Item 4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2026

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.

4.2 Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2026

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the May 12, 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes. There were none.

4.3 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from May 21, 2026

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the May 21, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes. There were none.

4.4 Approval of Executive Special Meeting Minutes from May 21, 2026

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the May 21, 2026 Executive Special Meeting Minutes. There were none.

4.5 Approval of Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes from May 29, 2026

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the May 29, 2026 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes. There were none.

4.6 Review and Approval of Payables

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

4.7 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, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

5) Agenda Item 5.0 Recognition of Audience

No cards submitted.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 Old Business

6.1 Consideration and Approval of Parking Lot Project at Beckemeyer

Discussion continued from May board meeting as well as Building and Grounds Committee Meeting. The project cost of $275,000 is being fully funded by Energy Transition Grant. If approved, the project will begin next week.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the parking lot project at Beckemeyer. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

7) Agenda Item 7.0 New Business

7.1 Discussion of Proposed Handbook Changes for Cell Phones and Backpacks at Hillsboro Junior High and High School

Superintendent McBrain stated handbook changes will be on the July board meeting agenda as an action item. Two notable policy changes being proposed at the junior high and high school are cell phones and backpacks. Both buildings are recommending cell phones be stored in lockers during the school day. The high school will allow access to cell phones during the lunch period only. The junior high would like to implement an "Away for the Day" program prohibiting them access during the school day.

Both buildings would like to return to student locker use and prohibit backpacks, sports bags, duffels, coats etc. from being brought into the classroom unless authorized by administration. Board will continue to review.

7.2 Discussion of Community Eligibility Provision Continuation

Superintendent McBrain is recommending renewal of the Community Eligibility Provision. The program provides free breakfast and lunch daily to all students. At this time the food service program is financially sustainable to continue participation for another four-year cycle.

7.3 Consideration of ELA Supplemental Program in Grades K-2

Beckemeyer Principal Frailey would like to add a program called Geodes for grade levels Kindergarten through 2nd. Geodes would not replace the current program but work alongside it to strengthen phonics. The Geodes kit is a one-time purchase of physical textbooks.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the purchase of ELA supplemental program Geodes in the amount of $43,676.92. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0

7.4 Consideration of Overnight Trip for High School Cheer Team

Superintendent McBrain stated Cheerleading Coach AbbyJo Chambers is requesting approval for an overnight trip to Clinton High School in Clinton, IL for a cheer camp on July 20th-23rd.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the overnight trip to attend cheer camp at Clinton High School. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

7.5 Consideration of High School Math Textbook Series

High School Assistant Principal VanGiesen is recommending the purchase of new math textbooks. Students currently use textbooks from multiple different series/publishers that are showing substantial wear and tear. Purchasing updated textbooks will not only provide a physical upgrade but also provide consistency across the mathematics curriculum by using a unified series.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the purchase of high school math textbook series in the amount of $29,974. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0

7.6 Consideration and Award of Junior High Gym Painting Project

Junior High gym painting project includes scraping and painting the ceiling of the old junior high gym. Three total bids were received. Superintendent McBrain is recommending low bidder Kirby Painting.

Motion made by Kassie Greenwood, seconded by Blake Furness to award the junior high gym painting project bid to Kirby Painting in the amount of $28,750. On roll call the following

voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood and Mike Cerutti. Nathan Kirby abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

7.7 Consideration and Award of Commercial Insurance Renewal

Superintendent McBrain is recommending renewal with Bushue Human Resource. Workers compensation claims were up this year resulting in increased premiums of approximately 10%.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the commercial insurance renewal with Bushue HR in the amount of $433,128.45. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

7.8 Consideration and Approval of Family Engagement Plan

Superintendent McBrain stated Family Engagement Plan is part of the District Consolidated Plan. This written plan establishes collaborative partnership with parents and caregivers to improve student achievement.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the Family Engagement Policy. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0

7.9 Consideration and Approval of District Consolidated Grant Plan

Superintendent McBrain presented the District Consolidated Grant Plan. Specific grants covered were Title I, Title II, Title IV, IDEA and IDEA Preschool.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the District Consolidated Grant Plan. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0

7.10 Consideration and Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Hillsboro for School Resource Officer Services

Superintendent McBrain and President Lentz met with the City of Hillsboro to review the agreement. The three-year renewal includes some new language covering Illinois School Code updates, evaluations and training for the SRO.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Hillsboro for School Resource Officer Services. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

7.11 Consideration and Award of Bid for HHS and HJHS Sidewalk Project

Tim Downen of Hurst-Rosche was present to go over the bid tabulation for the Sidewalk Project. Two bids were received at the bid opening on June 4th. Mr. Downen is recommending low bidder Shores Builder.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to award the HHS and HJHS Sidewalk bid from Shore Builders in the amount of $113,600. On roll call the following

voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0

8) Agenda Item 8.0 Communication

There was none.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Executive Session

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to move into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to move out of Executive session at 10:45 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

10) Agenda Item 10.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

10.1 Resignation of High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach Nathan Potts. Voice vote. Motion carried.

10.2 Resignation of High School Girls Soccer Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby and seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of High School Girls Soccer Coach Dave Mattson. Voice vote. Motion carried.

10.3 Resignation of High School FFA Co-Sponsor

Motion by Nathan Kirby and seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of High School FFA Co-Sponsor Levi Siebert. Voice vote. Motion carried.

10.4 Resignation of Teaching Assistant

Motion by Nathan Kirby and seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of Teaching Assistant Ronald Newton. Voice vote. Motion carried.

10.5 Acceptance of Intent to Retire from Teacher

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the letter of intent to retire from Dawn Eddington at the conclusion of the 2029/2030 school year. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0

10.6 Approval of Contract with Hillsboro Federation of Teaching Assistants, IFT/AFT Local 6613, AFL-CIO

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the Contract with Hillsboro Federation of Teaching Assistants, IFT/AFT Local 6613, AFL-CIO. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

10.7 Approval of Volunteer Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve Reagan Devaisher as a High School Girls Volleyball Volunteer Coach. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

10.8 Approval of Separation Agreement with Junior High Principal

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the Separation Agreement with Junior High Principal. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood and Nathan Kirby. Mike Cerutti voted no. Motion carried 5-1.

10.9 Employment of High School Girls Soccer Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Matt Lentz as High School Girls Soccer Coach. On roll call the following voted yes: Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Matt Lentz abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

10.10 Employment of Junior High Cheer Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Shane Chidster-Kyle as Junior High Cheer Coach. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Bill Christian voted no. Motion carried 5-1.

10.11 Employment of Teaching Assistants

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Brittney Beeler and Angela Page as Teaching Assistants. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

10.12 Employment of High School Science Teacher

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Kate Wilkisnon as High School Science Teacher pending successful completion of all state and local requirements. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

10.13 Employment of Special Education Teachers

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Whitney Evans and Kristen Bateman as Special Education Teachers pending completion of all state and local requirements. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood, Mike Cerutti and Nathan Kirby. Motion carried 6-0.

10.14 Compensation of Specific Employees

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the salaries and compensation of specific employees 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.

10.15 Resignation of Builders Club Sponsors

Motion by Nathan Kirby and seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of Building Club Sponsors Florence Clark and Gayla Brauns. Voice vote. Motion carried.

11) Agenda Item 11.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Matt Lentz, President
Board of Education

Kassie Greenwood, Secretary
Board of Education

July 14, 2026
Date