Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 14, 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

Superintendent McBrain reported the Birth to 3 Program received a great report from their accredited company Parents to Teachers. They do an excellent job and there is a strong commitment to families thanks to Kim Leible, Kaitlin Govaia, Jen Funk, Stephanie Putnam and Kendra McSperritt.

3) Agenda Item 3.0 Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2026

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.

3.2 Approval of Executive Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2026

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the June 9, 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 Old Business

5.1. Consideration and Approval of Student Handbook

Superintendent McBrain briefly reviewed proposed changes:

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Lice policy, clarification only no procedural changes
Bullying definition will now include cyberbullying
Additional guidelines for parent notification in event of bullying
Parents may inspect curriculum by submitting a letter to the office

Junior High

Expanded definition of harassment and teen dating violence
Bullying definition will now include cyberbullying
Added school bus safety rules
Added backpack policy
Expanded cell phone policy to "Away for the Day"

High School

Added backpack policy
Expanded cell phone policy
Adjusted grading scale to board approved 10-point scale
Lice policy, clarification only no procedural changes
Added suspension of parking privilege as possible disciplinary consequence
Amended athletic code to align with board policy language regarding consent to drug test athletes

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve Student Handbooks 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.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 New Business

6.1 Consideration and Approval of 2026-2027 Fees

Superintendent McBrain is proposing a few increases in school and facilities fees. High school registration will now be a flat fee of $80. CDT course will be increased from $150 to $160. Assigned parking fee is $20. Facility rental fee has been structured into 3 groups. Group I weekday rentals are no charge. Group I weekend and Group II rentals are $45/hr. Group III rentals are $60/hr. Adult lunch price has been increased to $4.10. Out of district tuition per pupil is $11,563. Increases also made on official pay to stay competitive in conference.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the 2026-2027 Fees 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.

6.2 Consideration of Additional Paid Coaches

Superintendent McBrain stated requests have come in from head coaches to look at adding paid assistant coaches. Softball and Baseball programs specifically continue to expand that have volunteers consistently showing up. Decision made to post assistant positions for baseball and softball.

Additionally, IHSA has created a separate girl wrestling season and implemented the rule that if a female wrestler wrestles in a female event, she must only wrestle against other females to be eligible for the state series. They must remain in the female only season and cannot wrestle in

male competitions any longer. Personnel/Policy Committee meeting will be set for further discussion.

6.3 Consideration and Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Hillsboro for the Use of Hillsboro Sports Complex Facilities

Superintendent McBrain is recommending a 5-year extension on the agreement. Currently the district pays the city $10,000 for the use and maintenance of the fields.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Hillsboro for the Use of Hillsboro Sports Complex Facilities. 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 and Award of Competition Gym Scoreboards

Superintendent McBrain stated that due to Energy Transition grant funds were set aside for new scoreboards in the main gym at the high school. She is recommending the low bidder Watchfire for the purchase of two video boards and video shot clocks in the amount of $71,500. Installation is not included.

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the amount of $85,000 for the video boards and video shot clocks from Watchfire. 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.

6.5 Designate Superintendent to Develop FY27 Tentative Budget

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to direct Superintendent McBrain to develop the FY27 Budget. 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.

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 8:08 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 9:03 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried 7-0.

9) Agenda Item 9.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

9.1 Approval of Volunteer Coaches

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to Morgan Yount as a volunteer coach for junior high girls' basketball and James Hertel for junior high boys' baseball. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

9.2 Resignation of Assistant Basketball Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of Assistant Basketball Coach Drake Paden. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

9.3 Resignation of Teaching Assistant

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the resignation of Teaching Assistant Tammy Bauman. Voice vote. Motion carried.

9.4 Approval of Settlement Agreement with Non-Certified Employee

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the settlement agreement with non-certified employee. 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.

9.5 Resignation of Elementary Teachers

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to accept the resignation of Elementary Teachers Ciara Hay and Jaclyn Hellums. Voice vote. Motion carried.

9.6 Employment of Elementary Teachers

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

9.7 Employment of Teaching Assistants

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Teaching Assistant Alexa Hendricks. 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.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Teaching Assistant Angie Compagni. 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.

9.8 Employment of Bus Drivers

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Josh Houchlei and Barb Schmedeke as Bus Drivers. 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.

9.9 Employment of FFA Co-Sponsor

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Emma Dixon as FFA Co-Sponsor. 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.

9.10 Employment of Junior High Principal

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Dan Stewart as Junior High Principal. 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.

9.11 Employment of Junior High Assistant Principal

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Ben Cunningham as Junior High Assistant Principal. On roll call the following voted yes: Matt Lentz, Brian Patton, Bill Christian, Blake Furness, Kassie Greenwood and Nathan Kirby. Mike Cerutti abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

10) Agenda Item 10.0 Adjournment.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Matt Lentz, President
Board of Education

Kassie Greenwood, Secretary
Board of Education

August 18, 2026
Date