Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2026

1) A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Matt Lentz, at 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
Mr. VanGiesen shared multiple band and choir students will be representing the district at the ILMEA festival at Eastern Illinois University. Two seniors, Aleigha Marburger and Jaxen Wittenmeyer won the National Public Radio Essay Contest and will be reading their essay live on the radio.

Mr. Stewart shared they also have multiple junior high band and choir students that will be attending ILMEA District 5 ensemble. Halloween dance will be held next Friday as well as the first quarter honor roll celebration. He also praised staff members Gina Smith and Gwen Kuhns for all their help with student transition to the junior high.

Mr. Frailey announced that tomorrow 193 students with perfect attendance for the first quarter will be heading uptown to the theatre. Halloween parade at the elementary school is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Friday.

Mrs. Gutierrrez hosted a circus theme family fun night last Thursday with many high school volunteers. Next Thursday they will have a story walk out at Bremmer Sanctuary for family fun day.

Board member Kirby recognized Principal Stewart. Dr. Kirby was contacted about a student in need of glasses and Principal Stewart personally brought the student.

3) Agenda Item 3.0 Public Participation
There was none.

4) Agenda Item 4.0 Communications
There was none.

5) Agenda Item 5.0 Consent Agenda
5.1 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from September 22, 2026
President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the September 22, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. There were none.

5.2 Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes from September 22, 2026

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to September 22, 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes. There were none.

5.3 Approval of Building and Grounds Minutes from October 6, 2026

President Lentz asked for additions or corrections to the October 6, 2026 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes. There were none.

5.4 Review and Approval of Payables

President Lentz asked for questions or comments. Superintendent McBrain noted the invoice from Fehring Iron was for hand rails at the high school not fencing.

5.5 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.

6) Agenda Item 6.0 New Business

6.1 Review and Approval of the Districts Bullying Prevention Policy

Superintendent McBrain stated ISBE requires approval of the policy every two years. Districts current policy meets all of the state requirements, no recommended changes needed at this time.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the Districts Bullying Prevention Policy. 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 Review and Approval of School Maintenance Grant Application

Superintendent McBrain stated the School Maintenance Grant is a $50,000 matching grant. The proposed grant funds would go towards phase three of the Beckemeyer roofing project.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the School Maintenance Grant Application. 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 Review and Approval of Technical Consulting Services Agreement with Hurst-Rosche for Roof Replacement Projects at Beckemeyer Elementary School and Hillsboro High School

Superintendent McBrain stated projects were discussed at the Building and Grounds Committee meeting. The committee reviewed two alternate bids. One is for metal siding on the Beckemeyer office area and the other is for roof work on the high school gym addition. Hurst-Rosche will oversee the engineering/architectural services, bidding and construction administration services on the project.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the Technical Consulting Services Agreement with Hurst-Rosche for Roof Replacement Projects at Beckemeyer Elementary School and Hillsboro 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 Discussion of District-Wide School Colors

Superintendent McBrain proposed the idea of unifying the school colors to orange and black district wide. The current mascots would not change at Beckemeyer or the Junior High, just colors. In addition, the Hiltopper image could use some rebranding. Creating one logo that represents the entire district. No action at this time, will continue to seek input from students, staff and the community.

7) Agenda Item 7.0 Executive Session

Motion made by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to move into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and to consider the setting of a price or purchase offers received for the sale of property owned by the District. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to move out of Executive session at 8:51 p.m. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

8) Agenda Item 8.0 Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

8.1 Resignation of Junior High Cheer Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve the resignation of Junior High Cheer Coach Shane Chidster-Kyle. Voice vote, Motion carried 7-0.

8.2 Employment of Junior High Cheer Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Shay Jones as Junior High Cheer Coach. 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.

8.3 Approval of Junior High Volunteer Cheer Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve Jill Gilbert as Junior High Volunteer Cheer Coach. 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.

8.4 Employment of High School Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to employ Seth Long as a High School Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach. 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.

8.5 Approval of Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Motion by Nathan Kirby, seconded by Kassie Greenwood to approve Jake Hefley and Matt Page as High School Volunteer Wrestling Coaches. 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 8:53 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.

Matt Lentz, President

Kassie Greenwood, Secretary

November 17, 2026
Date