

Board of Education Minutes
Harrisburg Community Unit School District No. 3
Harrisburg Middle School, Media Center, 312 Bulldog Boulevard, Harrisburg, IL
Secretary Minutes for Regular Meeting of December 18, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Harrisburg Community Unit School District #3, Saline County, Illinois, was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 as announced by posted public notice and by mail. The following members of the Board were present: Mr. Chris Penrod (arrived at 6:01 p.m.), Mr. Kevin Dowdy, Mr. Jeffrey Drake, Mr. Tom DeNeal, Mr. Jonathan Russell, and Mr. Billy Smith. Mr. Ryan Lambert was absent.

The following administrators were present: Mike Gauch, Scott Dewar, Kim Williams, John Crabb, Natalie Fry, Randy Smithpeters, Eric Witges, Eric McCollum, and Debbie McGowan. The following Unit #3 staff members were present: Keri Holland, Val Hodges, Marsha Byas, Julie McRoy, Tony Chrisman, Gabe Angelly, Tiffany Nyberg, Phil Nyberg, Greg Langley, Aaron McRoy, Marla Agin, Marriah Smith and Chuck Ingram. The following members of the public were present: Senator Dale Fowler, Theresa Tolbert, Linda Gunning, Scarlett Flahardy, Kristie Karnes, Travis DeNeal, Greg Williams, and Alex McRoy.

With a quorum of the members of the Board being present, Vice-President Smith called the meeting to order and declared the Board to be in session for the transaction of business.

Vice-President Smith led the Board, staff and attendees in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. President Penrod arrived and assumed lead of the meeting.

Mr. DeNeal moved and Mr. Dowdy seconded the motion to **enter into Executive Session** to review Executive Session Minutes, to discuss retirements, resignations, the possible employment, appointment, compensation and discipline of employees of the Board of Education or complaints against employees of the Board. Upon a call of the President for a vote to be taken and the vote having been taken, it was determined the results of said motion carried.

Board entered into Closed Session at 6:01 p.m.

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **reconvene in open session** at 7:06 p.m. Upon a call of the President for a voice vote to be taken and the vote having been taken, it was determined the results of said motion carried.

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

Gregory Williams with Siemans presented information to the Board regarding the Solar Project.

Mr. Russell moved and Mr. Dowdy seconded the motion to **approve Siemans to move forward with the Solar Project Phase 1 as presented**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **approve the minutes of the November 20, 2018 Regular Board Meeting**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **approve the minutes of the December 5, 2018 Special Board Meeting**. On a call of the roll, Mr. Drake, Mr. Dowdy, Mr. Smith, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Penrod voted **yea**. Mr. DeNeal **abstained**. Motion carried.

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **approve the Bills Due and Payable**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Dowdy seconded the motion to **approve the Treasurer's Report**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Dowdy seconded the motion to **approve the Expenditure and Revenue Reports**. On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea**.

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The Board of Education reviewed the monthly Activity Fund Summaries from each building.

ADMINISTRATOR/COORDINATOR REPORTS

Superintendent – Mike Gauch

- Recognized Val Hodges for the Governors Award presented to her for her work on the District’s food service program. Senator Dale Fowler presented Val with a certificate and thanked her for all she has accomplished.

West Side Primary - Principal Kim Williams

- Christmas programs are being performed.

East Side Intermediate - Principal Natalie Fry

- PARCC presentation

Harrisburg Middle School - Principal John Crabb

- An advisory period has been started as an opportunity for staff to build better relationships with students.

Harrisburg High School - Principal Scott Dewar

- Will be doing research into the feasibility of bringing back a building trades program.

Building and Grounds - Tony Chrisman

Technology, Media, Grants, Special Education

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Dowdy seconded the motion to **approve the second reading and adoption of the Press Plus Policy Updates as presented.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. DeNeal moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **approve the RESOLUTION abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2018 to pay debt service on General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016B, of Community Unit School District Number 3, Saline County, Illinois.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. DeNeal moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **approve the dedication and naming of the track as “Chuck Ingram Track”.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Russell seconded the motion to **approve the fee schedule for the 19-20 school year.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Dowdy seconded the motion to **approve the District to enroll in the Free Lunch For All Program for the 19-20 school year.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Drake seconded the motion to **approve the Bids for Food and other Supplies for the remainder of the 18-19 school year as presented.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **approve the Executive Session minutes of the November 20, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Drake seconded the motion to **approve the Executive Session minutes of the December 5, 2018 Special Board Meeting.** On a call of the roll, Mr. Drake, Mr. Dowdy, Mr. Smith, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Penrod voted **yea.** Mr. DeNeal **abstained.** Motion carried.

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. DeNeal seconded the motion to **approve the retirement of Melinda Jones as High School Media Specialist effective September 1, 2019.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

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Mr. DeNeal moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **approve Eric McCollum as Full Time Special Ed. Coordinator pending approval of contract to begin July 1, 2019.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **approve Jamison Davis to fill the Middle School Connections position to begin January 3, 2019.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **hire Tyler Short as full time Aide for the Middle School Matrix program for the remainder of the 18-19 school year, pending certification.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. DeNeal moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **hire Connie Higgs as Middle School Special Ed. Aide to begin January 3, 2019.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. DeNeal moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **hire Erin Gulley to fill the East Side Speech Language Pathologist position to begin on January 3, 2019.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **approve the transfer of Jaime Questelle to the High School in January to train for the High School Secretary opening.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **post the position of High School Math for the 2019-2020 school year.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Dowdy moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to **approve the purchase of equipment for the Band Room renovation at the High School as presented.** On a call of the roll, the motion received a unanimous vote of **yea.**

Mr. Russell moved and Mr. DeNeal seconded the motion to **adjourn the meeting.** Upon a call of the President for a voice vote to be taken and the vote having been taken, it was determined the result of said motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Jeffrey Drake, Secretary

Mr. Chris Penrod, President