

July 19, 2023

Regular Meeting

The Board of School Trustees of Hamilton Heights School Corporation, Hamilton County, Indiana met in regular session in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center at 6:30 p.m. The following board members were in attendance: Arnett Cooper; Gretchen Pennington; Kevin Cavanaugh; Julie Davis; and Ben Lehman. Staff and patrons present: Derek Arrowood; Kristin McCarty; Richard "Jack" Russell; Bruce Freeman; Dori Hochstedler; Brent Hite; Julie Griffey; Kara Doenges; Ryan McCleary; John Grosvenor; Harrison Massonne; and Jonathan Haggarty.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. President Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The minutes of the June 14, 2023 regular meeting and June 14, 2023 executive session meeting were grouped and approved, 5-0, after a motion by Gretchen Pennington and a second from Julie Davis.

President Arnett Cooper presided over the Preliminary Determination Hearing as per the exhibit minutes. Business Manager Kristin McCarty gave a presentation for the financing project for Phase 2 of the Master Plan project. President Cooper announced that the Board would hear testimony and questions from the public. There were no public comments or questions during the hearing. There being no additional testimony or questions, President Cooper closed the hearing. Exhibit A, 7/19/23

The following items were discussed during Curriculum/Board Information and Policy Updates: Derek Arrowood

- Dr. Arrowood presented NEOLA policies Volume 35, Number 2 for second reading and approval. A motion was made by Ben Lehman and seconded by Gretchen Pennington to table policy 8451, the motion passed, 5-0. A motion was made by Gretchen Pennington to approve the remaining policies except for policy 8451. The motion was seconded by Julie Davis and the motion passed, 5-0. Exhibit B, 7/19/23
- Dr. Arrowood introduced Jack Russell with One Zone Chamber of Commerce. Jack presented an overview of the chamber and described the benefits of the recent consolidation with the Hamilton North Chamber of Commerce. Exhibit C, 7/19/23
- Elementary School Principal, Julie Griffey, presented the plan for the 2023-2024 school year early release days. Exhibit D, 7/19/23

The following items were discussed concerning Business and Operations: Kristin McCarty

- The financials for June 2023 were presented and will be filed subject to audit. Exhibit E, 7/19/23
- Business Manager Kristin McCarty presented the medical insurance renewals for the plan year, 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024. The plans include health, vision, and dental plans. Kevin Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the recommendation with a second from Ben Lehman. The motion was approved, 5-0. Exhibit F, 7/19/23
- The ES Title I and Special Education Instructional Assistant hours recommendation was approved 5-0 after a motion by Julie Davis and second by Gretchen Pennington. Exhibit G, 7/19/23
- Business Manager Kristin McCarty provided an update on the 2023-2024 Student Fees which included the plan to not charge any fees to students. Other fees may still be assessed for lost and/or damaged textbooks, library books, or technology devices. Additional updates will be provided as guidance is provided by the State agencies.
- Facility Director, Dori Hochstedler, provided a brief update on current construction projects.
- Kristin introduced Brent Hite with CSO and Jonathan Haggarty with Mayer Najem who provided details on a Construction Manager as Constructor building project method of delivery. Jonathan also introduced two others with Mayer Najem: Harrison Massonne, and John Grosvenor. After a brief discussion Kristin made a recommendation to hire Mayer Najem as the Construction Manager for the Master Plan – Phase 2 project. A motion was made by Kevin Cavanaugh with a second from Ben Lehman. The motion passed, 5-0. Exhibit H-1, 7/19/23
- Kristin provided an update on the HHSC Campus Traffic Study which included an additional option to consider for the Middle School entry and exit point on State Road 19 to alleviate concerns with after school activities. Exhibit H-2, 7/19/23
- Ben Lehman made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll Claims with a second by Julie Davis. The motion was approved, 5-0.

New Business:

Kevin Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the Personnel Report with a second from Julie Davis. The motion was approved, 5-0. Exhibit I, 7/19/23

There being no further business to be brought before the Board of School Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. after a motion by Julie Davis, second by Ben Lehman and a vote of 5-0.

A Special School Board meeting is for July 28, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. followed by a Public Work Session at 9:00 a.m. at Red Bridge Park Community Building in Cicero. The next regular School Board meeting is August 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center.

APPROVED:

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Arnett Cooper  
President

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Gretchen Pennington  
Vice President

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Kevin Cavanaugh  
Secretary

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Julie Davis  
Member

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Ben Lehman  
Member