

**Board of School Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Hamilton Community Schools
903 South Wayne Street
Hamilton, IN 46742**

Date Posted: November 9, 2017

Meeting Date: November 16, 2017

Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Media Center, Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School

***MEMORANDUM OF MEETING**

Those present representing the Hamilton Community Schools Board of School Trustees: President, Mark Gould; Vice President, Robert Gaff;; Members, Jeremy Hill and Stacy Shull.

Absent: Secretary, Lee Stoy

Representing the administration: Superintendent, Dr. Nicole Singer; Treasurer, Robin Byler; Elementary Principal, Greg Piatt; and Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Chris Gerbers.

Visitors in attendance were: Emeline Rodenas, KPC News, Tim Pitts, Matt Griffey, and Brad Hennessey

<u>Motion made by</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Vote</u>	
			1. CALL TO ORDER by Mr. Gould at 6:30 p.m. MISSION: Engaging today's learners to be tomorrow's leaders. VISION: Small school, small town, BIG dreams!
			2. MAGNIFICENT MARINES – Spotighting Student/Teacher Success Miss Jennifer Steyer showcased ways to teach higher level math. Mathematical projects, songs, videos, and debates.
RG	JH	4-0	3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
			4. PATRON PARTICIPATION – none
RG	JH	4-0	5. CONSENT AGENDA

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Claims Docket <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Regular Meeting October 16, 2017 ii. Executive Session October 21, 2017 b. Personnel Report: a new hire, a resignation and extra circular winter positions. c. Receipt of Funds: from Don & Becky Norris; Indiana Retired Teachers Foundation; Hamilton Lion’s Club; Don Norris; and Tim Voirol.
RG	JH	4-0	<p>6. NEW BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Safe & Caring Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Facility Presentation from EMCOR, Matt Griffey and Tim Pitts Propose changes in the elementary, weight room, and media center to be made during the summer of 2018. ii. Grades 4-6 Field Trip to “Wonder” Asking permission for our students to attend the movie “Wonder” at no cost to the students and just transportation expense to the corporation. State education standards will be met during and after this field trip. b. Achieving Excellence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Administrator Report on Assessment Approve to table this item until next school board meeting. ii. Grade 6 Field Trip to Beef and Boards Theater Mrs. Sherck would like to create a memorable moment for the 6th grades students by taking them to see the theatrical version of “A Christmas Carol” on December. State Standards will be met during and after this field trip. Students will pay a minimal fee of \$10 of the \$30 needed per student. Saturday, December 2, 2017. Mr. Hill has asked if the students could make a presentation of their trip. c. Effective Use of Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Inter-fund & Intra-fund Transfers It is recommended permission be given to make the necessary inter-fund and intra-fund transfers in order to close the 2017 budget. More details will be reported during the January regular board meeting.
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JH	SS	4-0	<p>ii. Budget Adjustments It is recommended permission be given to make the necessary adjustments to the pay 2018 budget as needed for approval by the DLGF. More details will be reported at the January board regular meeting.</p> <p>d. Accountability for Growth</p> <p>i. Discussion Regarding Board Retreat held on October 21, at The Enterprise Center, Angola, Consultant, Dr. Terry McDaniel, ISU Professor was there to discuss long range strategic planning. Mr. Gould indicated the referendum is up for vote in 2019, where we are, and where we need to go. Mr. Hill hopes the community feels the same need to keep the school up and running. Mr. Gaff, ultimately our job is to bring to the community what is right for the kids. Mr. Gould has been asked by community members “Can Hamilton Schools provide what the kids need for post-secondary institutions?” Mr. Gould surmised that the School Board is looking at a Referendum in 2019, looking to stay in business, and will be reaching out into the community.</p>
			<p>7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECA Credit Card clarification request from Farmers State bank. ECA credit cards are in Hamilton Community Schools Chris Gerbers and Hamilton Community Schools Greg Piatt names and have a line of credit of \$3,500. • Auditors are here and should complete work the beginning of December with an exit meeting in the afternoon, time to be determined, of December 18th. • Summer School reimbursement of \$1,770.98 and our cost of \$2,000. • School in session November 22 due to Fog cancelation and December 22 due to power outage. • Central office will be closed November 23 and 24 to spend some time with family. • Dr. Singer announced that she will be attending a Superintendent Conference on November 29 through December 1. • Mr. Gould mentioned earlier that he principal for a day in the high school and Brent Shull, Hamilton Town Manager was principal for a day in the elementary school. Plan to have this event again in the spring for other board or town members to participate in.

			<p>8. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hoard shared basketball started tonight with a scrimmage against Woodlan. The Pacer's game is still on for January 6, 2018 but game times have changed. Hamilton will play Garrett at 2:30 p.m. instead of 12:30 p.m. with the Pacer game beginning at 7:00 p.m. Pacers wanted to Create a day of basketball for the State of Indiana. Tickets are still available for \$25 for both games. • Mr. Gerbers is excited to be our high school game announcer at the game. Tech Fest in Fort Wayne will be tomorrow November 17 and Hamilton will be sending a couple of teams. Miss Steyer will take a team of math students, Mr. Smith will take students to participate in web design, and Miss Huffman will bring students to participate in the science challenges. The "Get Schooled" tour is coming back to Hamilton on November 30th free of charge. This is a group of young adults who help students with personal struggles. Our students have been asking of this program was coming back this year. • Mr. Piatt reported that the Quarter 1 PRIDE students were taken to Angola Bowl as a reward. This was a unique experience with students not being strong enough to push the bowling ball down the lane. Lastly, elementary Spell Bowl student are competing tonight at Lakeland and have been practicing under the supervision of Mrs. Katie Richter.
			<p>9. BUSINESS MANAGER/TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Byler mentioned auditors are here and we have been diligently working to get them everything that the need. Also working on closing out the 2017 fiscal year. Mrs. Dove and Mrs. Byler recently attend a Komputrol meeting to learn the end of the year close our procedures.
			<p>10. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Dr. Singer added that there are three packets placed in front of each board member: Quarterly Balance sheet, ECA Funds reporting summer through fall amounts, and Graduation Pathway language which will go before the State Board of Education on December 6. Schools across the state are unhappy with the proposed graduation rate changes.</p>
			<p>11. ADJOURNMENT at 7:54 p.m.</p>

**Upcoming Events:
December 18, 2017: Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Hamilton Community Schools
Board of School Trustees

Mark Gould, President

Robert Gaff, Vice President

Lee Stoy, Secretary

Jeremy Hill, Member

Stacy Shull, Member

*Memorandum of Meeting reflects date, time and location of meeting; members of the governing body recorded as either present or absent; general substance of all matters discussed, proposed, decided; record of all votes taken, by individual members if there is a roll call.