

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

**Date Posted:** November 12, 2018

**Meeting Date:** November 19, 2018

**Meeting Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Board Room, 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; Secretary, Stacy Shull; Member Jeremy Hill and Lee Stoy.

**Absent:**

**Representing the administration:** Superintendent, Anthony Cassel; Treasurer, Brittany Taylor; Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Chris Gerbers; Jr./Sr. High Assistant Principal, Justin Hoard and Elementary Principal, Greg Piatt.

**Visitors in attendance were:** 55 patrons

<u>Motion made by</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Vote</u>	
			1. CALL TO ORDER by Mr. Mark Gould 6:30 p.m. <b>MISSION: Engaging today’s learners to be tomorrow’s leaders.</b> <b>VISION: Small school, small town, BIG dreams!</b>
LS	RG	5-0	2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Due to the number of guests proposed to move Discussion of Referendum outcome to beginning of meeting.
			3. <b>New Business:</b> a. <b>Discussion of Referendum outcome:</b>

			<p>Mr. Cassel informed 55 town patrons of the disappointment of the 2018 Referendum not passing. An Executive Session was held on November 5 to discuss how to move forward.</p> <p>First, Hamilton Community Schools will need a petition, signed by 5% of Hamilton District registered voters (146 signatures), stating that they would like a referendum vote on the November 2019 ballot. Mr. Cassel’s goal is to have this done prior to Christmas Break. In addition, the school board implement two plans to move forward.</p> <p>Plan A: Second Referendum has Community Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain current enrollment</li> <li>• Educate the community the levy impact to Hamilton patrons</li> <li>• Educate the community the surrounding levies impact to Hamilton patrons</li> <li>• Hold monthly State of the School meetings to discuss good things happening at the schools, why the referendum is needed, and time to answer questions and concerns.</li> <li>• Create a Strategic Committee made of up parents, community members, and industry representatives to discuss the future of Hamilton Community Schools.</li> </ul> <p>Plan B: “NO” vote on Referendum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Board members have the responsibility to prepare for the 2019 Referendum not passing. Not an easy task: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What happens to our schools, annexation, consolidation, reorganization, or Charter school?</li> <li>○ What will the new tax levy be, distribution of assets, debt service fund, number of school board seats ....</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
			4. PATRON PARTICIPATION – Several comments
LS	RG	5-0	5. CONSENT AGENDA (Revised) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Claims Docket</li> <li>b. Approval of Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Regular Meeting October 15, 2018</li> <li>ii. Executive Session November 5, 2018</li> <li>iii. Special Meeting November 12, 2018</li> <li>iv. Executive Session November 15, 2018</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

			<p>c. Personnel Report</p> <p><u>New Hires:</u></p> <p>i. Amber Skees, Elementary Teacher Kindergarten, Start Date 12/03/2018</p> <p><u>ECA Hires 2018-2019</u></p> <p>ii. Myileigh Cool, Elementary Christmas Program Coordinator, start date 11/19/2018</p> <p>iii. Kris Underwood, Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach, start date 10/15/2018</p> <p>iv. Brad Hennessey, Asst. Var. Girls Basketball Coach, start date 10/15/2018</p> <p>v. James Lingo, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach, start date 11/12/2018</p> <p>vi. Kaleb Swick, JH Boys Basketball Head Coach, start date 11/12/2018</p> <p>vii. Shannon Beard, Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach, start date 11/5/2018</p> <p>viii. Jack Hill, Asst. Var. Boys Basketball Coach, start date 11/5/2018</p> <p>ix. Mike Smith, Winter Asst. Athletic Director, start date 10/15/2018</p> <p>x. Laura Hoard, Spirit Club Coordinator, start date 10/15/2018</p> <p>xi. Emma Lucas, Varsity Cheerleading Coach, start date 10/15/2018</p> <p>xii. Kyra Lucas, Var. Asst. Cheerleading Coach, start date 10/15/2018</p> <p>xiii. Julie Friend, Elementary Cheerleading Coach, start date 10/15/2018</p> <p>d. Receipt of Funds</p> <p>i. Donation from Dr. Teresa Smith, Parkview Health, for \$1,500 for the Hamilton Music Program</p>
			<p><del>6. New Business</del></p> <p><del>a. Discussion of Referendum Outcome</del></p>
			<p>7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very appreciative of the \$1,500 donation made by Dr. Smith.</li> <li>• Mr. Gerbers and Mr. Piatt are currently at the Principal’s Conference and I will be attending the fall Superintendent’s conference next week.</li> <li>• Mr. Cassel learned that Indiana is the second fastest reducing funds state next to North Carolina in education. State has shared fiscal indicators and my commentary is I believe the state is taking unrepresented moves to squeeze the small guy out and if they can’t legislate it they will bleed us out. That is why we are seeing more referendums.</li> <li>• Moving forward with our strong belief in the school, all the while having a responsibility to our student and community that “What if” plan in the event the school is not functioning.</li> </ul>

			<p>8. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT</p> <p>a. Mr. Hoard reported this past weekend the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team played at Banker's Field in Indianapolis. Players were able enjoy a dinner out in downtown Indy and attend a Pacer's game. Great experience for all in attendances.</p>
			<p>9. TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing new to report..</li> </ul>
			<p>10. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Jeremy Hill shared has been on the board for many year, helping to create the Rainy Day fund, has worked very hard to market this school, three generations have graduated from Hamilton, and what hit him the most is the decline state educational funding. This is a state wide problem losing over a billion dollars of education funds. What scares my son is the thought of having to attend different school. Our family is dedicated to Hamilton Schools.</li> </ul>
RG	JH	5-0	11. ADJOURNMENT at 7:43

**Upcoming Events:**  
**December 17, 2018: Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Hamilton Community Schools  
Board of School Trustees

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Mark Gould, President

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Robert Gaff, Vice President

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Stacy Shull, Secretary

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Jeremy Hill, Member

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Lee Stoy, 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.