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The Board of Education of Hamilton County Community Unit District No. 10 met in regular session on the evening of April 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., in the Unit Office.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Dennis Lynch. Roll Call was as follows: Present – Bob Gray, Jeff Lueke, Tim Millenbine, Clint Ragan, Ellen Rubenacker, Justin Woodrow, and Dennis Lynch.

Motion by Ragan, second by Lueke to approve the following items under the Consent Agenda: The minutes from the March 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, Treasurer’s Report, Budget reports, District bill listing, and the destruction of Executive Session Audio Recordings older than 18 months per Code. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Ragan, Lueke, Woodrow, Gray, Millenbine, Rubenacker, and Lynch. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

VISITORS/Public Comment – None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Status

Mr. Fetcho updated the Board on the following: April and May calendar in-person events; Reminded board of the special board meeting scheduled for May 3, 2021. The meeting time was changed to 8 p.m.; Shared pictures of the top railing of the mezzanine level project at the Jr/Sr High School. This project is not complete; The athletic director is requesting that the district allow 6th graders to play on sports teams with the 7th graders. Further discussion will be had with administration and the current coaches; The annual EEC meeting was April 19, 2021. Positive feedback was received regarding how our staff/district handled the pandemic; SAT testing for all Juniors was held on April 13, 2021; Final spring MAP testing began on Monday, April 19, 2021; State Disbursements owed: \$209,349.

OLD BUSINESS –

Motion by Woodrow, second by Ragan to approve Lunsford Architects LLC to move forward with a facility study of East Side, Dahlgren and the Preschool. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Woodrow, Ragan, Rubenacker, Millenbine, Gray, Lueke, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Millenbine, second by Gray to approve the location of High School Graduation to be held in the High School Gymnasium. Vote was taken by voice and motion carried.

Motion by Ragan, second by Millenbine to approve the planned use of the ESSER II & ESSER III grant funds as presented. Any changes to the plans would be determined by the Superintendent. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Ragan, Millenbine, Rubenacker, Woodrow, Gray, Lueke, and Lynch. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-

Motion by Lueke, second by Gray to approve membership in the IHSA for the 2021-2022 school year and to appoint Travis McCollum as the official representative. Roll Call Vote - Voting Yes - Lueke, Gray, Millenbine, Ragan, Rubenacker, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Woodrow, second by Ragan to approve the 2021-2022 Consolidated District Plan as presented. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Woodrow, Ragan, Lueke, Millenbine, Gray, Rubenacker, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Gray, second by Lueke to approve applying for the 3 Circles Ag Grant for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Gray, Lueke, Ragan, Millenbine, Rubenacker, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion carried.

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Motion by Rubenacker, second by Ragan to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Egyptian Health Department for one Family Resource Developer to work in the district. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Rubenacker, Ragan, Lueke, Millenbine, Gray, Woodrow, and Lynch Motion carried.

Motion by Ragan, second by Millenbine to approve McConnell & Associates to make needed surface repairs on outdoor courts and outdoor track. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Ragan, Millenbine, Gray, and Lynch. Voting No - Woodrow, Lueke, and Rubenacker. Motion carried.

Motion by Lueke, second by Ragan to approve extending the emergency paid sick leave (COVID days) for eligible employees through September 30, 2021. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Lueke, Ragan, Rubenacker, Millenbine, Woodrow, Gray, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Millenbine to convene in executive session at 8:13 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee(s) or office of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Rubenacker, Millenbine, Gray, Woodrow, Ragan, Lueke, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Ragan, second by Rubenacker to come out of executive session at 9:48 p.m. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Ragan, Rubenacker, Gray, Lueke, Woodrow, Millenbine, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Ragan to approve the minutes from executive session. Vote was taken by voice and motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to approve family medical leave for a certified employee beginning April 21, 2021. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Rubenacker, Gray, Lueke, Millenbine, Ragan, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to accept a letter of resignation from Preston Reed, High School English Teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Rubenacker, Gray, Lueke, Millenbine, Ragan, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to accept a letter of resignation from Ellie Winthrop, High School English Teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Rubenacker, Gray, Lueke, Millenbine, Ragan, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to accept a letter of resignation from Brad Tedford, Custodian, effective at the conclusion of his workday on April 23, 2021. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Rubenacker, Gray, Lueke, Millenbine, Ragan, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to accept a letter of resignation from Alicia Kabat, Jr. High Cheerleading Sponsor, effective March 19, 2021. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Rubenacker, Gray, Lueke, Millenbine, Ragan, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to accept a letter of resignation from Lynn Braden, Jr. High Softball Coach, effective March 25, 2021. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Rubenacker, Gray, Lueke, Millenbine, Ragan, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to accept a 4-year notice of intent to retire letter from Cathy Futrell, Teacher, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Rubenacker, Gray, Lueke, Millenbine, Ragan, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion carried.

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Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to accept a 4-year notice of intent to retire letter from Stephanie Lasswell, Principal, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Rubenacker, Gray, Lueke, Millenbine, Ragan, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to employ the following summer hourly positions: Maintenance Workers: Braxton Ragan and Jaxson Comstock. Paint Crew: Linda Shelton and Sydney Williams. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Rubenacker, Gray, Lueke, Woodrow, Millenbine, and Lynch. Abstain Voting – Ragan. Motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to employ the following Summer School Instructors, funded by the ESSER II grant: Cathy Futrell, Nicole Rubenacker, Tiffanie Seidel, Lisa Fetcho, Amy Hamson, Garrett Craddock, Jessica Lee, and Melissa Kaufman. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Rubenacker, Gray, Lueke, Millenbine, Ragan, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to approve a salary increase of 2.50% for the following non-contractual employees for the 2021-2022 school year: Amanda Birkner, Paula Jackson, Bryan Warren, Shaunna Scott, Angela McMahon, Samantha Lueke, Dana Rubenacker, Bill Blake, and Roger Duckworth. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Rubenacker, Gray, Lueke, Millenbine, Ragan, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to post for a Summer hourly computer tech support employee. Vote was taken by voice and motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to post for a High School English Teacher(s). Vote was taken by voice and motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to post for a Custodian. Vote was taken by voice and motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to post for a Jr. High Softball Coach. Vote was taken by voice and motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to post for a Jr. High Cheerleading Sponsor. Vote was taken by voice and motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Gray to approve Laborer’s Shutdown Week as July 5 through July 9, 2021. Vote was taken by voice and motion carried.

Motion by Rubenacker, second by Woodrow to adjourn. Vote was taken by voice, motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary