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The Board of Education of Hamilton County Community Unit District No. 10 met in regular session on the evening of September 15, 2020 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, Ellen Rubenacker, Justin Woodrow and Dennis Lynch. Absent – Clint Ragan.

Motion by Lueke, second by Woodrow to approve the following items under the Consent Agenda: The minutes from the August 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, Treasurer’s Report, Budget reports, District bill listing, destruction of Executive Session Audio Recordings older than 18 months per Code. First Reading: 2:260, 5:10, 5:100, 5:20, 5:220, 5:330, 7:10, 7:180, 7:185, 7:20, 2:265. Final Reading: Policies 2:220, 4:180, 7:40, 7:190, 7:340, 7:345. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Lueke, Woodrow Millenbine, Gray, Rubenacker, and Lynch. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

VISITORS/Public Comment – None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Status

Mr. Fetcho updated the Board on the following: Christina Epperson was able to secure a grant for Daycare COVID-19 costs; Lisa Fetcho secured a tech grant to purchase chrome books, hotspots, etc.; The district will be applying for more grants to cover COVID-19 supplies throughout the year; Hamilton Memorial has a new rapid COVID-19 test that will allow students and staff to return to school or work quicker; The board was updated on the district’s positive COVID-19 cases; Mr. Fetcho asked the board to approve getting estimates for a walk in freezer for East Side School. Board approved; Board election information was given to each member; Sixth day enrollment figures were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS –

Motion by Millenbine, second by Gray to approve the FY’21 District Budget as presented at the budget hearing. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Millenbine, Gray, Lueke, Rubenacker, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion Carried.

Motion by Gray, second by Rubenacker to approve the resolution to waive the administrative cost limitations for the 2020-2021 school year as presented at the public hearing. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Gray, Rubenacker, Lueke, Millenbine, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion Carried.

Motion by Woodrow, second by Millenbine to approve the district's full remote learning plan. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Woodrow, Millenbine, Rubenacker, Lueke, Gray, and Lynch. Motion Carried.

Motion by Lueke, second by Gray to approve the purchase of a new 2020 Kawasaki Mule Pro-FX EPS in the amount of \$12,086 and accessories (roof, front windshield, winch and 66” front blade) from ATVs and More in Salem, IL, funded with 1% sales tax. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Lueke, Gray, Millenbine, Rubenacker, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion Carried.

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Motion by Lueke, second by Gray to approve the purchase of two new 2020 26hp 61” cut SCAG Tiger Cat II zero turn mowers from Outdoor Energy LLC in Wayne City for \$15,900 funded with 1% sales tax. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Lueke, Gray, Millenbine, Rubenacker, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

Motion by Woodrow, second by Millenbine to approve the memorandum of agreement with the teachers union to waive all certified teacher evaluations, with the exception of first year teachers, for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Woodrow, Millenbine, Gray, Lueke, Rubenacker, and Lynch. Motion Carried.

Motion by Millenbine, second by Woodrow to approve the renewal of the \$1,000,000 CDARS deposit with Banterra Bank for another 12-month term at a rate of .75%. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Millenbine, Woodrow, Lueke, Rubenacker, Gray, and Lynch. Motion Carried.

Motion by Gray, second by Rubenacker to approve the School Resource Officer Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Hamilton for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Gray, Rubenacker, Millenbine, Lueke, Woodrow, and Lynch. Motion Carried.

Motion by Woodrow, second by Lueke to convene in executive session at 7:54 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee(s) or office of the public body, and pending litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Woodrow, Lueke, Gray, Millenbine, Rubenacker, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Gray, second by Rubenacker to come out of executive session at 8:40 p.m. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Gray, Rubenacker, Lueke, Woodrow, Millenbine, and Lynch. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Gray, second by Rubenacker to approve medical leave for a non-certified employee beginning August 28, 2020 for approximately four weeks. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Gray, Rubenacker, Woodrow, Lueke, Millenbine, and Lynch. Motion carried.

Motion by Gray, second by Rubenacker to accept a letter of resignation from Lea Ann Jones, Teacher Aide, effective August 24, 2020. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Gray, Rubenacker, Woodrow, Lueke, Millenbine, and Lynch. Motion Carried.

Motion by Gray, second by Rubenacker to accept a letter of resignation from Brad Sloan, Part-time Tutor, effective August 13, 2020. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Gray, Rubenacker, Woodrow, Lueke, Millenbine, and Lynch. Motion Carried.

Motion by Gray, second by Rubenacker to re-employ Sydney Williams as a part-time, non-certified, grant-funded Jr. High Blended Lab Monitor, effective August 18, 2020. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Gray, Rubenacker, Woodrow, Lueke, Millenbine, and Lynch. Motion Carried.

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Motion by Gray, second by Rubenacker to employ Dakota Lowery as a custodian, contingent upon successful completion of a background check and completion of necessary paperwork, effective September 16, 2020. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Gray, Rubenacker, Woodrow, Lueke, Millenbine, and Lynch. Motion Carried.

Motion by Gray, second by Rubenacker to employ Alicia Hobbs as an EOC Aide, contingent upon successful completion of a background check, completion of necessary paperwork, and contingent upon obtaining proper licensure prior to the end of the 2020-2021 school year, effective September 16, 2020. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Gray, Rubenacker, Woodrow, Lueke, Millenbine, and Lynch. Motion Carried.

Motion by Gray, second by Rubenacker to employ Alicia Kabat as a Jr. High Cheerleading Sponsor, contingent upon the approval of the SIJHSAA to conduct a Jr. High Basketball Season. Roll Call Vote – Voting Yes – Gray, Rubenacker, Woodrow, Lueke, Millenbine, and Lynch. Motion Carried.

Motion by Gray, second by Rubenacker to approve the following athletic volunteers for the 2020-2021 season: Stephen Douglass – Trap; and Dave Mifflin – Trap. Vote was taken by voice and motion carried.

Motion by Lueke, second by Rubenacker to adjourn. Vote was taken by voice, motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary