

## MEETING MINUTES

1. The Hampton-Dumont Board of Education met in a Regular Meeting on January 27, 2025, in the District Boardroom. President Erran Miller called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Board members Erran Miller, Brent Hansen, Matt Showalter, and Stephanie Powers were present. Board members Mark Morrison and Elisa Van Wert arrived late and board member Steve Severs was absent. Also present were: Superintendent Aaron Becker; Principals Matt Trosky, Tony Spradlin and Beth Frenchick; Curriculum Coordinator Jen Koenen; Maintenance Director Marlin Smith; Transportation Director Dan Schipper; Technology Director Jeromy Keehn; Human Resources Manager Anne Lewis and Secretary Amanda Heiden.  
Visitors included Robin Maas and Cate Meader.
2. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Powers, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, Morrison and Van Wert were not present at time of vote.
3. The board reviewed donations received by the district.
4. The board received public comment from Robin Maas, who commended the current administration and encouraged the board to seek a superintendent candidate with qualities similar to those of Mr. Becker for the open position. Board member Mark Morrison arrived at 4:37 pm and board member Elisa Van Wert arrived at 4:40 pm, both during the public comment.
5. Motion was made by Powers, seconded by Hansen, to approve the consent agenda as presented. All ayes.  
The minutes of the December 16, 2024, Regular Meeting; the December 16, 2024, Work Session; the January 6, 2025, Special Meeting and the January 10, 2025, Special Meeting were approved.  
Contracts were approved for: McKayla Brooks as Middle School Basketball Associate; Brandon Chapin as Child Nutrition Substitute; Tyler Heiden as Middle School Volleyball Coach; and Ethan Voelker as High School Cook. Resignations/retirements were accepted from: Georgia Allen as North Side Head Cook; Patrick Hansen as Physical Education Teacher; Patrick Hansen as Head Boys Wrestling Coach; Mercedes Hershey-Guerrero as North Side Elementary Associate, Basketball Cheerleading Coach and Wrestling Cheerleading Coach; Joel Heuer as Route Bus Driver; David Hisler as Fourth Grade Teacher; Judy Larson as Middle School Special Education Teacher; Jane Martzahn as Middle School Fifth Grade Teacher; Verla Pecha as Administrative Office Assistant; Emma Poppe as High School Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher; and Gracie Servantez as Third Grade Teacher. The board approved the treasurer's reports and to allow for payment of the bills listed. The board approved one open enrollment application into the district from AGWSR for 2025-2026 and reviewed one open enrollment application out of the district to CAM for Iowa Connections Academy. The board approved the following fundraisers: Student Council carnation sale. The purchaser would receive a carnation and one carnation would be donated to a local care center. The Class of 2026 to host a basketball shooting event during the February 14th basketball games where funds raised would support the Class of 2026 to purchase items and services to host school events.
6. There were no items removed from the consent agenda.
7. The board reviewed reports on activities, transportation, child nutrition, and business management before hearing the following updates:

- Maintenance & Facilities: Marlin Smith provided updates on the high school construction project and noted a planned power shutdown over the weekend.
  - Curriculum: Jen Koenen discussed extending Early Literacy requirements to 7th grade, a secondary math curriculum review, updates on the OpenSciEd pilot, and an OpenSciEd grant application.
  - Elementary: Beth Frenchick reported on recent math and literacy assessments, expressed appreciation for the maintenance team and district support, and introduced Elementary Counselor Cate Meader, who provided an overview of the new guidance curriculum.
  - Middle School: Tony Spradlin encouraged the board to review his written report and highlighted Jen Koenen’s contributions to the administration team.
  - High School: Matt Trosky echoed Mr. Spradlin’s sentiments and announced that five high school students had their artwork selected for the Youth Art Month show hosted by the Art Educators of Iowa.
  - Superintendent: Aaron Becker reported on calendar feedback analysis, collaboration with Central Rivers AEA for the 2025-2026 service plan, and provided updates on the budget, legislation, and the superintendent and assistant principal/activities director searches.
8. There was no old business.
  9. New Business
    - a. Motion was made to approve the “identified” the following projects, in no particular order, to renovate, remodel, repair, improve, furnish and equip portions of the High School building site for the November 2025 bond referendum campaign: Industrial Technology Center; Agriculture Center; Science Classrooms; Culinary Arts Classroom Band Studio; Auditorium; Parking; Maintenance Area Relocation; Football/Soccer Field Improvements; Baseball & Softball Field Improvements; Wrestling Room Relocation; Weight Room Relocation; Locker Rooms Improvements and Site Improvements. “Identified” means that these projects have been identified as an area to be considered for future improvements, if financial resources are available to the Hampton-Dumont CSD. Motion by Van Wert, seconded by Powers. All ayes.
    - b. Motion by Morrison, seconded by Van Wert, to approve the Apptegy renewal in the amount of \$10,027.50. All ayes.
    - c. Motion made by Morrison, seconded by Hansen, to approve the purchase of two vans for special education not to exceed \$35,000 each. All ayes.
    - d. Motion by Morrison, seconded by Showalter, to approve the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Suburban from Dale Howard Chevrolet for \$61,180. All ayes.
    - e. Motion by Powers, seconded by Morrison, to approve the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet 3/4 Ton truck from Karl Chevrolet for \$46,131. All ayes.
  10. There were no discussion items.
  11. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in the District Boardroom. The board will also hold a Joint Meeting with CAL, Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at CAL.
  12. Motion made by Showalter, seconded by Morrison, to adjourn. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.

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Erran Miller, President

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Amanda Heiden, Secretary