



HAMILTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Hamilton Board of Education Question and Answer

Meeting Date: Monday, Feb. 14, 2022 at 7 p.m.

This document is intended to serve as a follow up to the direct questions asked of the Board of Education at the last meeting. There will be no response to general public comment.

Q1: Health Department communication, who sent it and how do we ask questions?

A1: Mr. Tebo crafted the letter by copying pertinent information from the communication from the Allegan County Health Department. Questions can be asked of Mr. Tebo, our Nurse Jane Borr and the Allegan County Health Department. Hamilton Community Schools follows requirements and takes into advisement the recommendations. All requirements come from the Health Department and questions are best addressed to that organization.

Q2: Can we turn on the drinking fountains?

A2: High School and Middle School drinking fountains will be turned on Monday. We are also checking every bottle filler to ensure they are working.

Q3. Who made the decision to postpone "The Story of Us" museum?

A3: Mr. Tebo made the decision to postpone. We had a significant spread of COVID in the district and I needed to protect our staff from additional exposure points as we were having a difficult time staffing our programs.

Hamilton Board of Education Question and Answer

Meeting Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7 p.m.

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Q1: Does the district use Panorama Education or any associated products from Panorama?

A1: No.



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Q1) Who approved the \$15,000 third party bond survey and what was the reasoning?

A1) After the rejection of our bond proposal in August of 2020, the BOE felt it necessary to find out what items on the proposal caused the most negative effect in the voting. To try and comply with the request for more transparency, the board elected to hire a third party who would remain impartial. The contract for the survey, through EPIC MRA, was discussed and approved at the Special Meeting on February 4, 2021, by a vote of 7-0. The survey results were shared with the community on Thursday, May 13.

The information acquired from this survey was instrumental in crafting our November 2021 bond proposal which focuses on maintenance items needed in the district at a rate 67% less than the August 2020 proposal. The total tax implications to our shareholders is even to what we currently levee and has no increase.

Q2) Why wasn't I told that "Athletics" aren't an option for a student in FLEX?

A2) While we are not able to speak to the specificity of the questions asked to our staff, we can share that this question is answered on the website under the FLEX program and Frequently Asked Questions.



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FAQ's

Frequently Asked Questions

Is my learner required to attend on campus?

Yes. Although most of the course work can be completed online, learners are required on campus for orientation, standardized testing, tutoring, and coaching. If a learner falls more than 10% behind in their course work according to the pacing guide or requires remediation, an attendance plan will be established between HFVS staff and the family.

Does my learner need to take all classes online?

No. This program is about flexible learning pathways. Hamilton Flex Virtual School learners may take classes at the public school, online, dual enrollment, or project based learning classes. We will work with all learners to find a schedule best suited to their learning on campus, online, or a mix of both.

Can my learner work at their own pace?

Yes, as long as they don't fall behind. Students may complete a class early and move on to the next grade with the exception of Michigan Virtual Classes which conform to the school calendar.

What curriculum is used in the Hamilton Flex Virtual School?

We offer K-5 classes in canvas created by Hamilton teachers, K-8 classes from Calvert online, and 6-12 courses in Edmentum and Canvas. Electives are available from multiple vendors in addition to the great Hamilton teacher created options in Canvas.

Are Hamilton Flex Virtual School learners eligible to play sports?

No. We are unable to offer sports participation through the Virtual School. However many athletic opportunities are available in the community through our project based learning classes.

Q3) Where can I find the district's mask exemption form?

A3) It can be found here:

https://www.hamiltonschools.us/downloads/district_files/hcs-mask-exemption-information-for-physicians-school-s-families.pdf

Per ACHD order, medical mask exemptions will only be accepted from licensed doctors with the designation of MO or DO. A signed medical exemption form is necessary for the district to engage in the process of working to meet the individual needs of each student and pair that with the needs of other students/staff in the classroom and building. Masks are a form of source (contagion) control and protect others from the wearer, the district has



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a responsibility to protect the health of other individuals in the learning environment. Removing a mask as a mitigation strategy will require the district to implement other mitigation measures, these include and are not limited to the use of a face shield and/or social distancing.