

Holton USD #336  
Board of Education --First Regular Meeting  
August 9, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roger Heckerson, Jim Chamberlain, Alan Bagby, Keith Eubanks, Brent Nelson, Mark Pruett, Joni White.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brad Rahe, Jo Krogman, Alan Beam, Rich Bechard, Jay D. Nelson, Elaine Nielson, Susan Sipe, Mark B. Wilson, Mark C. Wilson, Allen Arnold, Tom Bishop, Karen Ford, Mike Ford, Liz Hochscheid, Jason Larison, Manny Moser, Bob Phillips, Brian Sanders, Ellen Schirmer, Joe Schneider, Marvin Stous, Dean Tuley, Bruce Welliever, Jonathan Wimer, Bill Zirger, Millie Zirger.

President Heckerson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Nelson** to approve the agenda of the August 9, 2004, first regular board meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.

**A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Pruett** to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2004, first regular board meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.

**A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Chamberlain** to approve the warrant numbers 35120 through 35266 and August payroll as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1) None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Bill Zirger, Alumni of Class of '54, shared a vision for the Banner Creek Science Center. He introduced the members of the Planning Committee: Ellen and Dave Schirmer; his daughter, Liz Hochscheid; his wife, Millie Zirger; Supt. Rahe; Mike McManigal; Manny Moser; Bruce Welliever, Mike and Karen Ford and himself. The committee has been formed to raise funds for the construction of the observatory. It was noted that the federal funds may only be used for the purchase of the telescope, equipment and the dome. Jonathan Wimer added that the County Commissioners have submitted application for grant funds from the Department of Transportation for road upgrades and from the State Travel and Tourism Department. The Board is still concerned about the long term financial burden to the district as outlined in the lease the way it is currently written. Further clarification to eliminate the school district's financial responsibility is needed before board approval of the lease. The committee requested a letter of commitment from the district to allow the committee to continue efforts toward accomplishing its vision. The board gave directive for Supt. Rahe to draft the Letter of Commitment.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member White** to approve the formation of the Banner Creek Planning Foundation, to empower the committee to raise funds to support the center pending renegotiating of the lease. Motion carried, 7-0.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Nelson** to appoint Jim Chamberlain to the committee of the Banner Creek Science Center Foundation. Motion carried, 6-1 (Chamberlain, abstaining).

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Supt. Rahe reviewed the HTK report and requested board direction on the high school roof. It was recommended that the roof be stabilized until specs can be written and bids let for the construction of a new roof. It was further recommended that the Supt. ascertain the architect fee to write the specs.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Nelson** to direct Dr. Rahe to seek a source to stabilize the high school roof. Motion carried, 7-0.

At 8:00 p.m. the district held the budget hearing. Supt. Rahe requested board approval for 2004-05 Budget as proposed. The 2004-05 total mills to be 47.490 up from 45.509 last year.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve the 2004-05 Budget as proposed. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Phillips and Dean Tuley shared findings concerning the funding for the construction class project for the upcoming year. The consensus is to keep the new home in the Jackson County area. Mr. Tuley commended the board and Mr. Phillips for this year's project and for the impact of the course on district students. He outlined a couple of options available for a new home project. He introduced Tom Bishop with Homestead Affordable Housing. Mr. Bishop then summarized the funding possibilities through this organization. He noted Homestead is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization and is funded through donations, grants and fees. Homestead would fund the project, locate the buyer and set up the financing, as well as handle bidding for electrical and plumbing work. They work with local contractors to insure that students will benefit from the experience. Homestead would require a memo of understanding with the district and the district would need to carry liability insurance on the students. Principal Beam noted many high school curriculums would benefit from the association and that Mr. Phillips had acquired VE-II funding for the class for next year.

**A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Pruett** to authorize an agreement with Homestead Affordable Housing to finance the project for the high school construction class. Motion carried, 7-0.

Supt. Rahe requested board directive concerning second board meeting of each month. Several board members felt it would be better to have a second meeting every other month due to other business and family commitments.

**A motion was made by Member Chamberlain and seconded by Member White** to hold a second meeting every other month on the last Monday of the month. Motion carried, 4-3 (Bagby, Eubanks and Pruett, opposing).

The next regular meeting to be August 30th at 6:00 p.m. at the district office.

Supt. Rahe requested board approval for Tammy Determan, Sarah Fall, Kay Oliver, Heather Stewart, Beverly Varner, Dan Holaday, and Jacklyn Schumann as emergency substitutes for school year 2004-05.

**A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve emergency substitutes for school year 2004-05 as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Supt. Rahe requested board approval of new employees: Traci Hill, bus driver; Terri Robbins, part time Para at Wetmore; Sharon Waltrip, para at Kansas School for the Deaf; Sandra Roush, Sherri Schulte and Rebecca Segenhagen, teacher aides and Deirdre Folk, Special Ed secretary.

**A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Pruett** to approve new personnel for School Year 04-05 as submitted. Motion carried, 7-0.

Supt. Rahe notified the board of the resignation of Michelle Edelman, Sabetha para and requested board approval.

**A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Pruett** to approve resignation of Michelle Edelman. Motion carried, 7-0.

## **REPORTS:**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**Alan Beam** -- Enrollment held on Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Smart boards up and running. In-service set for the 16th, faculty meetings the 17th and a work day on the 18th. Many staff members working hard over the summer on school related activities: the Fords, Larison and Hernandez have been to numerous conferences all over the country; Kurt Haussler and Dena Swisher continuing classes; Patrick Denny has been in and working with students; Bob Phillips has been working on the housing project, just to name a few. Staff excited about getting started. Training on new phone system, should be on-line tomorrow. Office concerned with number of incoming calls that could be generated when fully operational. Twenty-three students enrolled in zero hour classes this year.

**Rich Bechard** -- This Wednesday will be Fall Sports Parent night; Thursday - Senior athletes and Friday evening will have the coaches meeting. Fall sports start on Monday the 16th. Planning cleanup day on Aug. 22nd.

**Mark C. Wilson** -- All staff have been in the building working; fabulous job done by Ed and Ginger getting building ready. Expressed thanks to Linda Welliever for her efforts getting ready for the bus meeting tomorrow, she has done a terrific job.

**Elaine Nielson** -- Enrollment nearly complete. Lots of curb work going on at Central, good progress. Barb Kathrens good addition to staff. She and Randel have been working hard getting building ready. Expressed thanks to Dave Krogman for new shelves and coat racks. Guided reading room has been remodeled. Third grade Open House next

Wednesday. Administrative retreat the past week was very productive, appreciate board allowing and for the planning that went into the meetings.

**Susan Sipe** -- Kick off today with Para Orientation, 59 paras in attendance. Took thirty-four teachers to Clearwater for jump start on state standards. Good relaxing and learning environment.

**Jay D. Nelson** -- Interesting retreat, able to focus on common goals for students. Building about done, projectors mounted, good to see kids back. Sixth graders still touring the building.

**Brad Rahe** -- Hope to be saving about \$55 per month on phones shortly. Expressed thanks to the City for curb work, doing an excellent job. Appreciate the working relationship with the City. Cement folks guarantee sidewalks to be done by school start. Administrative retreat focused on common goals and common vision. Need to work on communicating value of all employees, can do little things to improve staff morale. Ready to start new year.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**Member Eubanks** -- Appreciate help with enrollment, went well.

**Member Pruett** -- Went by high school while work was ongoing on the gym floor, was looking good. The custodians working long hours on getting commons ready, floors show the progress. Received call from R. Brockoff, looking for new Vice-President for KASB Region IV, if any one knows of any board members interested let Mark know.

**Member White** -- Wish everyone a great year. Central curb work looking great.

**President Heckerson** -- Wish a great start to all. Uncomfortable with time schedule for building maintenance work, not sure a community committee necessary. Consensus to wait for Dr. Stewart's report next month.

**A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Pruett** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 8:55 p.m. for 20 minutes returning to regular session at 9:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

a. Matters pertaining to non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals. Motion carried, 7-0. Supt. Rahe and Elaine Nielson remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 9:15 p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:15 p.m. for 30 minutes returning to regular session at 9:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

a. Matters pertaining to non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals. Motion carried, 7-0. Supt. Rahe and Elaine Nielson remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 9:45 p.m.

No further action taken.

President Heckerson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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