

Holton USD #336  
Board of Education --First Regular Meeting  
September 13, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jim Chamberlain

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brad Rahe, Jo Krogman, Alan Beam, Rich Bechard, Jay D. Nelson, Elaine Nielson, Susan Sipe, Mark B. Wilson, Mark C. Wilson, Cari Andrews, Vern Andrews, Allen Arnold, Linda Day, Betsy Gilliland, Rick Hummel, Barry Ireland, Kelle Ireland, David King, Mark Knouft, Lily Kober, Jason Larison, Ed Lutz, Orin Marshall, Marilyn Quinn, Brian Sanders, Mike Scheele, Joe Schneider, Barb Shields, Cory Shields, Chuck Smith, David Schmitz, Kent Stewart, Marvin Stous, Gary Zibell.

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

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member White** to approve the amended agenda of the September 13, 2004, first regular board meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

**A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2004, second regular board meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

**A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Pruett** to approve the warrant numbers 35267 through 35593 and September payroll as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1) None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Dr. Kent Stewart presented his facility report for the district's review. He reiterated the district has extensive needs with building maintenance and crowding issues. He cited Exelon, HTK and KASB studies and reaffirmed their findings. He gave community observances and opinions and stated that the community should drive the final decision. He summarized with objectives and recommendations. There were questions from the board regarding statements seeming to conflict. Dr. Stewart noted this was his observations of patron opinion and his recommendations not necessarily the outcomes.

Chuck Smith shared information on different types of roofs and on other districts procedures for bidding roofs. He noted the high school roof was in severe need of replacement and needed to be patched to hold tight until financing became available as there is a lot of moisture entering the building. His recommendation was to install a modified Bitumen roof. This style having the best performance and being the most cost effective. He didn't feel that bidding all roofs or just one at a time would have much cost savings. He noted that the architect firm would design, facilitate the bidding process, oversee and inspect construction, and make recommendations for warranty maintenance

requirements. He was unable to quote a fee but would have line item cost if board authorized.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Jim Long of Bogner and Long reported on the district audit for school year 2003-04. Supt. Rahe requested board approval to retain Bogner and Long as audit firm for school year 2004-05. The cost for the 2003-04 audit by Bogner and Long was \$3850.

**A motion was made by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Eubanks** to approve the district audit for school year 2003-04 as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

**A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Pruett** to approve Bogner & Long, P.A. as the audit firm for school year 2004-05 at a cost of \$3950. Motion carried, 6-0.

Supt. Rahe requested board approval for Aleta Allen, Marney Davis, Chrystal McDaniel and Jada Baker Pineda as emergency substitutes for school year 2004-05.

**A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Pruett** to approve Aleta Allen, Marney Davis, Chrystal McDaniel and Jada Baker Pineda as emergency substitutes for school year 2004-05. Motion carried, 6-0.

Supt. Rahe requested approval of Letter of Resignation from Janci Smith, Central Para and board approval of new employees: Christie Blanton, Central Custodian, Peggy Coverdale, HMS Tutor, Julie Kirk, Central Para, Hillary Lolley, Asst. Volleyball coach and Denise Suisala, Wetmore para. He also noted that Donna Stapel, Wetmore para, was transferring to Colorado Elementary.

**A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve hiring Christie Blanton, Central Custodian, Peggy Coverdale, HMS Tutor, Julie Kirk, Central Para, Hillary Lolley, Asst. Volleyball coach and Denise Suisala, Wetmore para. Motion carried, 6-0.

**A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Pruett** to approve transfer of Donna Stapel to Colorado Elementary. Motion carried, 6-0.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Eubanks** to approve resignation of Janci Smith. Motion carried, 6-0.

Supt. Rahe requested board approval for agreement with Jackson County Training Center for school year 2004-05.

**A motion was made by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Eubanks** to approve the agreement with Jackson County Training Center for school year 2004-05. Motion carried, 6-0.

Principal Beam reviewed proposals for beverage agreement at the high school and at the middle school. He recommended going with the Pepsi proposal. He noted that the only real difference was that the Coke proposal would raise the price to \$1.25 and he didn't feel comfortable with that and all monies would be paid up front without the benefits. The

Pepsi proposal would provide \$1,000 annually in product; \$500 annually to purchase athletic supplies, (water bottles, towels, etc.); \$500 one-time for concession equipment, (clocks, menu boards, trash cans, etc.); \$500 annually for Teacher/Student Achievement Award, 35% of commission to go the organized clubs same as past five years and to stay the same on the price. They offered \$15,000 the first year with an additional \$12,000 each year thereafter for a total of five years. All funds/benefits to be split between the middle school and high school.

**A motion was made by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Eubanks** to approve the 5 year beverage agreement with Pepsi as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

Supt. Rahe notified the board that a piano at Colorado had been put up for bids and the high bidder was the Denison Bible Church at \$423 and requested board approval of same.

**A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Nelson** to accept the bid from Denison Bible Church for \$423 for the piano. Motion carried, 6-0.

## **REPORTS:**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**Jay D. Nelson** -- Middle school off to a good start in part due to staff, fun to be around. Sixth grade has just finished Iowa tests. Forty-six participants out for football, 19 out for 7th grade volleyball and 21 out for 8th grade volleyball. In-Service this Friday have invited Topeka Logan staff to present in the a.m. and Washburn Rural staff in the p.m. Both have achieved State of Excellence results on state assessments.

**Elaine Nielson** -- Held third grade Grandparents Day last Friday, received lots of compliments, day was enjoyed by all, the lunchroom was bare due to participation. Completed Iowa tests last week, using as base line for NCA process. In-Service will be on Guided Reading, will be visiting other elementary buildings to look at math series used.

**Mark C. Wilson** -- Continue to work on K-6 adoption of new math series. Same In-Service as Central. Struggling with middle school activities. Trying to get as much experience for students as possible but limited by activity association guidelines and other teams lack of numbers. Continue to look for opportunities.

**Rich Bechard** -- Cross-country Invitational tomorrow, activities going strong. Expressed thanks to all volunteers for assistance. A lot of people helped at cleanup and since getting fields ready. Lots of painting has been done especially for home games. Volunteers make it easier on the budget, have saved almost \$10,000 thus far.

**Alan Beam** -- The In-Service for this Friday will cover more training on smart boards and the new phone system. StuCo Leadership meeting this Wednesday. First digital format progress reports will go out on Thursday. The 29th will be SADD Hawaiian Luau. October 2 will be community wide SADD Theater on the courthouse square. Homecoming will be before next board meeting. Mike Ford awarded \$17,000 NASA grant.

**Brad Rahe** -- October 19th KASB Fall Regional meeting in Sabetha, let Jo know if able to attend so she can make arrangements. Also, need to know if any board members can

attend the KASB Convention in December. Rooms cannot be reserved until registration is completed. The KASB Delegate is Mark Pruett.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**Member Nelson** -- Attended various events since the start of school, Donuts with Dad, etc., all positive experiences.

**Member Eubanks** -- Also attended many events all very positive.

**Member Bagby** -- Expressed thanks to Nikki Meerpohl for accepting PTO President for this year. Loving Power school daily reports.

**Member White** -- Expressed congratulations to Mike Ford on NASA award.

**Member Pruett** -- Attended FFA Hamburger Feed, really good potluck, reminder to board members concerning Regional Vice President volunteers. Concerned with board comments concerning second monthly meeting. One of the board's goals was public relations. Board members need to work on better communications with each other. Need to keep schools out in front of public.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Nelson** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:25 p.m. for 10 minutes returning to regular session at 9:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

a. Matters pertaining to student(s) in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals. Motion carried, 6-0. Supt. Rahe, Alan Beam and Rich Bechard remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 9:35 p.m.

Discussion continued pertaining to student privacy issues.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Nelson** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:38 p.m. for 10 minutes returning to regular session at 9:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

a. Matters pertaining to student(s) in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals. Motion carried, 6-0. Supt. Rahe, Alan Beam, Rich Bechard, Barb and Cory Shields and Barry and Kelle Ireland remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 9:48 p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Pruett** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:49 p.m. for 11 minutes returning to regular session at 10:00 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, 6-0. Supt. Rahe and Elaine Nielson remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 10:00 p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby** to extend regular session at 10:00 p.m. for 10 minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

**A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Bagby** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 10:00 p.m. for 10 minutes returning to regular session at 10:10 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, 6-0. Supt. Rahe, Elaine Nielson and Cari Andrews remained in executive session with the board. Cari Andrews left executive session at 10:01 p.m. Cari Andrews and Lily Kober entered executive session at 10:02 p.m.

Returned to regular session at 10:10 p.m.

**A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Eubanks** to extend regular session at 10:10 p.m. for 10 minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

**A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Eubanks** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 10:10 p.m. for 10 minutes returning to regular session at 10:20 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, 6-0. Supt. Rahe, Elaine Nielson, Cari Andrews and Lily Kober remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 10:20 p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Eubanks** to extend regular session at 10:20 p.m. for 20 minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

**A motion was made by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Eubanks** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 10:20 p.m. for 10 minutes returning to regular session at 10:30 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, 6-0. Supt. Rahe, Elaine Nielson, Cari Andrews and Lily Kober remained in executive session with the board. Cari Andrews and Lily Kober left executive session at 10:22 p.m.

Returned to regular session at 10:30 p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Eubanks** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 10:30 p.m. for 10 minutes returning to regular session at 10:40 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, 6-0. Supt. Rahe and Elaine Nielson remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 10:40 p.m.

No further action taken.

President Heckerson adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

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