

Holton USD #336  
Board of Education --First Regular Meeting  
November 8, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brad Rahe, Jo Krogman, Alan Beam, Rich Bechard, Elaine Nielson, Susan Sipe, Mark B. Wilson, Mark C. Wilson, Kevin Alford, Allen Arnold, Randall Bond, Bob Phillips, David Powls, Tracy Robbins, Joe Schneider, Marvin Stous.

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

**A motion was made by Member Pruet and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve the amended agenda of the November 8, 2004, first regular board meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.

**A motion was made by Member Pruet and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2004, second regular board meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.

**A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Pruet** to approve the warrant numbers 35803 through 36015 and November payroll as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Randall Bond requested board approval to allow the Notables to travel to Colorado Springs for National performances on March 17 - 20, 2005. He informed the board that the offer to participate was due to the Notables qualification at State competitions. He also noted that there may be 19 students participating. He further requested the boards assistance for expenses for 4 sponsors. He noted the cost to the students would be approximately \$159 per student and that they had already begun fund raisers in anticipation of board approval.

**A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Chamberlain** to approve a total of \$1,000 for expenses for the Notables to travel to Colorado Springs in March, 2005. Motion carried, 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1) Tracy Robbins addressed the board regarding the wrestling room at the high school. He offered the assistance of the Mat Cat Club and the Jackson County Wrestling organization in getting the room cleaned and reopened for use.

Joni White left the meeting at 7:16 p.m. and returned again at 7:17 p.m.

Supt. Rahe reported that the level of mold spores in the wrestling room were twice what the state allowed. He has contacted the firm Restore The Heartland out of Manhattan to provide cleanup and is now waiting on their estimate. Preliminary estimates began at \$5,000. They are to fax more information tomorrow. The state will retest when cleanup is completed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1) Supt. Rahe requested board develop guidelines and target completion date for steering committee regarding facility needs. Board consensus that member selection process be by volunteers or community appointment not board selection; the superintendent would be facilitator for committee requests; all meetings be open to the public; committee prioritize those items that the district has to have, want to have and need to have; that the committee needs to use long range vision but be practical with recommendations. Target date set for March for completion of study and recommendations to board.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mark B. Wilson requested board approval for Federal Special Education Pass Through funds. Funds based on September 20 student count.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve recommended use of Federal Special Education Pass Through funds as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Supt. Rahe requested board approval of resignations from Kristi Worrel, Special Ed Driver, and Denise Suisala, Wetmore Para.

**A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Chamberlain** to approve resignations of Kristi Worrel and Denise Suisala Motion carried, 7-0.

Supt. Rahe requested board review the KASB "Legislative Committee Report" and give recommendations for action to Mark Pruett who will be representing the board at the December convention. Board consensus to support KASB directives.

Supt. Rahe requested board approval for Emergency Substitute Certificate for Cassandra Williams.

**A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Pruett** to approve Emergency Substitute Certificate for Cassandra Williams. Motion carried, 7-0.

## **REPORTS:**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**Alan Beam** -- FCCLA toured Ronald McDonald House and working on fund raising activities; Math team competing tomorrow, gave results of prior competitions; Sophomore's to Rescue Mission; Progress reports going out next week; Law class to Topeka Jail; 11/16 is Parent's Night with Susan Rhule; 11/17 Career Day for Jackson County students; Musical on 12/4 and 5; Volleyball team finished 4th at State; Football team to Fort Scott this Friday, students with parental permission may leave early to attend the game, roll will be taken, a PEP bus will be taken to the game. Athletic Director, Rich Bechard, has been selected to serve on the National Federation of State High School (NFHS) citizenship committee. He will represent the National Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) on the committee and will serve for four years.

**Mark C. Wilson** -- Junior High Wrestlers finished third; 7th Girls Basketball won

tournament, 8th finished second. Colorado Elementary students had great time with "Kids Vote Kansas." Appreciate all volunteers that assisted, great effort and kids had a blast. It was a neat program and a good lesson.

**Brad Rahe** -- Expressed congratulations to the Volleyball team and to the fans. Expressed appreciation for Principals and their efforts throughout events. Great job by Raymond on getting the busses ready and on the road. Appreciate efforts of Steve VanHorn, Randel Gier, Ed Haverkamp, Gary Kelly and Dave Krogman for cleanup of gym. "Kids Vote Kansas" was great program and well received by students.

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

**Member Bagby** -- Expressed congratulations to the sports teams and community for support and sportsmanship. Appreciate teaching staff support as the board works through the facility needs process. And congratulations to Rich on appointment. Attend Tech Conference in Colorado.

**Member White** -- Expressed congratulations to Rich, good luck to the Math team. The Habitat for Humanities house looks great, students doing nice job, good addition to community. Question to Alan Beam regarding Powerschool, it was noted the problem had been fixed.

Patron Allen Arnold commented on poor sportsmanship of coaches and players from opposing team. Proud of Holton teams and community, not a problem here.

**Member Pruett** -- Echo Allen's comments on sportsmanship; congratulations to Volleyball team, hopeful for Football team. Congratulations to Rich on appointment. Excited about getting the community involved and started on steering committee. Will be attending KASB Convention on December 3, 4 and 5.

**Member Chamberlain** -- Expressed congratulations to Rich and the Volleyball team. Debbie Harshaw honored as Educator of Year by Rotary Club last Friday. David Powls did great job with "Kids Vote Kansas", appreciate his work.

**Member Nelson** -- Expressed congratulations to Rich, athletic teams, Notables, very proud of district for all recognition's.

**Member Eubanks** -- Congratulations to Rich, real honor and reflective of district. Had a blast at the Volleyball game, fun to watch. Football game also. Good to see community support of FFA auction. Attended KASB Regional, good to recognize that everybody has issues, good regional meeting.

**President Heckerson** -- Echo congratulations to all.

**A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Chamberlain** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 8:16 p.m. for 20 minutes returning to regular session at 8:36 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, Mark B. Wilson and Susan Sipe remained in executive session with the board. Mark B. Wilson and Susan Sipe left executive session at 8:20 and Elaine Nielson entered.

Returned to regular session at 8:36 p.m.

President Heckerson adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Minutes as recorded by:

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