

Holton USD #336
Board of Education --First Regular Meeting
February 14, 2005, 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, Jay D. Nelson, Elaine Nielson, Mark B. Wilson, Mark C. Wilson, Allen Arnold, J.J. Cashier, Annette Ketter, Trent LeDoux, Katrenia Luthi, David Powls, Megan Rahe, Joe Schneider, Chuck Smith, Marvin Stous, Shannon Wright.

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

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Eubanks to approve the amended agenda of the February 14, 2005, first regular board meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member White to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2005, first regular and January 26, 2005 Special board meetings. Motion carried, 6-0.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Nelson to approve the warrant numbers 36369 through 36558 and February payroll as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) None

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Report from District Facility Steering Committees.

Shannon Wright reported that the High School Committee had held their first meeting on the 9th and two things had come out of that meeting. Industrial Technology and Ag Science programs are quality programs and need room expansion. Staff had been requested to diagram plans for expansion. Next meeting to be this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. to view those plans. Making these expansion changes will allow the high school to better utilize the vacated rooms for other classroom needs. Looking at expansion sites North of current facility. Information requested for full report of Exelon group. He also gave a copy of the minutes from their meeting.

Katrenia Luthi shared a prioritized list that the Middle School Committee has developed. Beginning with utilizing available classroom space and an approximate 20,000 sq. ft. addition to the front of the current building. Committee would like to visit French Middle School, a similar structure. Next meeting scheduled for the 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Middle School building. Meeting with Architects at next meeting, various questions to be asked (i.e., core samples, structural needs for adding windows, etc.) Committee's approach

is to focus on learning environment for students. Noted that the committee had ruled out the Exelon study results at this time.

Joe Schneider reported that the Elementary Committee has meet three times, toured Colorado facility and that there are clearly needs for space and would support a K-5 facility, remodeled North of Colorado being the most practical location. May require the shifting of grades. Next meeting at 7:00 this Wednesday at the Middle School Commons area. Committee would like to tour other districts, if arrangements can be made. Would also like to meet with Exelon engineers for discussion. Suggested that possibly have all committee members meet with Architects and Exelon engineers. It was decided that the first meeting should be with each facility group individually and then as a whole. Board would accommodate separate meetings for both Architects and Exelon group.

It was noted that a solution was needed in the High School Kitchen regarding hot water.

Question asked on process after committee findings. President Heckerson responded that the board would bring all committees together to prioritize the total package. There has been good discussion in the committees, would like to have discussion continue outside committees for input from all patrons possible.

2) Chuck Smith, HTK representative, reviewed recommendations and requested board take action on procedure for repair of the High School roof. Couple more tests to do tomorrow. Could have bids ready to go by Wednesday or Thursday this week. Timeline to have bids back and begin work as soon as school is out in May and to have finished before school starts in Fall. Can write maintenance in bid but can bid after work completed also. Will bid 20 year APP guarantee and 30 year APP add on. Will have standard 1 year warranty. Still confident can complete project within \$200,000 range. Have set March 17th at 2:00 p.m. in District Office for bid opening.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby to authorized HTK to proceed with bid process. Motion carried, 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) J.J. Cashier from the Neighborhood Revitalization committee briefed the board on the program and requested the board run notice of hearing and set date for public hearing for adoption of Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for USD 336. She did note that the valuation level had been raised slightly from the previous plan from \$10,000 to \$15,000 improvement.

A motion was made by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Bagby to approve public hearing date for March 14, 2005. Motion carried, 6-0.

2) Alan Beam, High School principal, presented proposal and requested board approval to implement same type plan as done last year for math. Plan would flag eighth-grade students, from state assessments, for Virtual Prescriptive Learning reading class. The class would be for non-college bound students English credit or an elective for flagged students planning to attend college, as they would still need either English 12 or College English.

A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Eubanks to

approve the Reading Target proposal as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

3) Principal Beam briefed the board on request for high school curriculum change and requested board approval. Changes to speech, Technology I, Residential Construction, Social Studies, PE/Health, Medical Exploration classes, Media Convergence class Senior Survival, Life Skills, VPL for flagged students and required testing.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby to approve curriculum changes as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

4) Supt. Rahe requested board approval for 2005-06 School Calendar.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Nelson to approve the 2005-06 School Calendar as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

5) Supt. Rahe requested board authority to seek bids for two busses. The district would trade or sell busses 92-1 and 92-2. One bus to be purchased from Capital Outlay and one from LOB funds. If funds are available at the end of the year, both might be purchased from LOB funds. There was some discussion as to whether the district should purchase one or two busses. Supt. Rahe advised keeping bids for two busses as the district fleet is falling behind in rotation as noted by Raymond Bell, who does the district's bus maintenance.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Eubanks to approve bidding two busses. Motion carried, 4-2 (Heckerson, White, opposing)

Don McDaniel requested board approval for funds, in the amount of \$2,472, for eight sponsors for the upcoming band trip to Chicago.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Eubanks to approve \$2,472 for sponsors for band trip to Chicago. Motion carried, 5-1 (Bagby, opposing).

REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Mark C. Wilson -- Glad for full week of school, assessments coming up.

Elaine Nielson -- Appreciate Roger and Alan on Site Council, having interesting meetings, passed By-Laws and will send copy to district office. Fewer in attendance at Parent/Teacher conferences this time. Better attendance in Fall. NCA Visit tomorrow, will be looking at School Plans for Reading and Math. Conservation Group Assembly later this week. Assessments start 2/21 with Science and Reading beginning March 7 then Math. Hospital group will be back with follow-up on grant first week of March.

Jay D. Nelson -- NCA Visit Wednesday. Conference attendance down from Fall. Academic recognition for Honor Roll students with T-shirts and certificates. Logistic and testing problems associated with Assessments, only one room with a door.

Alan Beam -- Tech Fair on 2/17; Regional Wrestling this weekend; Fall Play on the 24th

and 25th; State Wrestling same weekend; 3/2 League Speech, no students in classes that day. First week of March Sub-State at Hayden, 3/8 Junior Auction; 3/10 Lift-A-Thon; 4/16 Astronomy Day will be having NASA speaker, also noted telescope used from remote in Arizona for first time today. Wednesday will be having NCA visit. New testing plan for assessments, on 3/14 and 15 all Sophomores taking math in a.m. and Juniors taking Social Studies in p.m. On the 16th and 17th Juniors taking Reading in a.m. and Sophomores taking Science in p.m. just before Spring Break.

Brad Rahe -- Excited that first time since he has been here all but one roof not leaking. Good week for grants, received \$16,600 for IDL lab and \$9300 from Greenbush for School Improvement, to be used for reading at Colorado.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Member Eubanks -- Enjoying Site Council meetings, good discussion. Discussed with Mike Ford the possibility of board visiting Observatory some evening after meeting to check out new equipment.

Member Nelson -- Expressed thanks to Steering committee members, off to a good start. Attended Elementary meeting, good questions, good dialogue, hard work ahead.

Member Pruett -- Able to schedule work to enable attendance at Governmental Relations meetings this Wednesday and Thursday in Topeka. Echo thanks to Steering committee members, excellent work, appreciate time and hard work by all.

Member White -- Thanks also to Steering Committees for hard work.

Member Bagby -- Echo thanks to committees, tough job, appreciate hard work.

President Heckerson -- Does the board need to look at Capital Outlay projects for summer? Supt. Rahe noted the roofing project will come from capital outlay funds and that further, the district was waiting on committees to prioritize projects and see if any jobs can be reduced with Capital Outlay funds.

A motion was made by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Pruett that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:20 p.m. for 30 minutes returning to regular session at 9:50 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. Elaine left at 9:46 p.m.

Returned to regular session at 9:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Pruett that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:50 p.m. for 10 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 remained in executive session with the board.

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

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Pruett to extend regular session at 10:00 p.m. for 30 minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Pruett 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 and negotiations. Motion carried, 6-0. Supt. Rahe remained in executive session with the board.

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

1) Supt. Rahe requested board approval for emergency substitute certificates for Raylene Wallace, Annette Ketter and Jennifer Voss for school year 2004-05.

A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Bagby to approve Emergency Substitute Certificates for Raylene Wallace, Annette Ketter and Jennifer Voss for school year 2004-05. Motion carried, 6-0.

2) Supt. Rahe requested board approval of Letters of Resignation from Steven Schultz, Duane Bissitt and Janet Bissitt.

A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Eubanks to approve Letters of Resignation as presented and thanks to Duane and Jan for years of service. Motion carried, 6-0.

3) Supt. Rahe requested board approval for contract offer to Scott Allen, bus driver, for school year 2004-05.

A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Eubanks to approve contract to Scott Allen for bus driver. Motion carried, 6-0.

4) Supt. Rahe requested board approval to extend all administrative contracts for one year.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby to approve extending all administrative contracts for one year. Motion carried, 6-0.

No further action taken.

President Heckerson adjourned the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

Minutes as recorded by:

Juanita (Jo) Krogman

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