

Holton USD #336
Board of Education --First Regular Meeting
March 14, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Bagby

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, Sheila Day, Robin Fernkopf, Charlie Gaft, Katrenia Luthi, Edward Lutz, Russell McKinney, Bob Murray, David Powls, Terry Randel, Joe Schneider, Marvin Stous, Shannon Wright.

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

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

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member White to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2005, first regular and March 2, 2005 Special board meetings. Motion carried, 6-0.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Eubanks to approve the warrant numbers 36559 through 36785 and March payroll as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) None
- 2) Report from District Facility Steering Committees.

Katrenia Luthi reported on the Middle School committee's progress. She distributed a handout with committee recommendations. The committee is recommending remodel of the existing building and adding approx. 28,000 sq. ft to the front of the building. Creating a better and healthier learning environment for students now and for years to come.

Shannon Wright reported on the High School committee's progress. He shared a handout with current discussion topics. The committee is looking at an approximate 10,000 sq. ft addition to the northeast corner of the old building to create Ag Science and Industrial Tech space and a new band and music area to tie into the current auditorium. Vacated rooms would be utilized by new classrooms for Special Needs students, conditioning classes and a broadcast/computer lab, converting old music room to IDL and additional classrooms. Adding a wrestling/activity center and new concession and bathrooms at the football field. Also under consideration is moving the fence on the north side of the football field and adding seating and a larger press box.

Joe Schneider reported on the Elementary committee progress. He stated that the committee has met with Rick Kinn of Exelon/Ameresco, toured Atchison Schools and met with HTK Representative, Chuck Smith. He noted that he had received bonding information from the State Department of Education. He further stated that he had spoken with the superintendent in the Cameron District, as they have used the Exelon/Ameresco group, and the committee would like to view the project. Requested whether the board would provide transportation for the committee. The board requested he notify Mr. Bechard or Dr. Rahe for arrangements of transportation. He further requested timetable for completion and meeting of all committees. The board will bring all committees together for finalizing recommendations at a Special Board meeting on March 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supt. Rahe reported on status of study of North Wall at the High School and requested the board authorize destructive testing for the completion of the study as recommended by HTK. The cost for the testing would be \$13,100. After discussion the following motion was made.

A motion was made by Member Pruett to proceed with testing of the North wall at the High School. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Further discussion continued regarding outcome of testing and progress of study.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Pruett to approve recommended testing at cost of \$13,100. Motion carried, 4-2. (Chamberlain and White, opposing.)

At 8:00 p.m. a Public Hearing on Neighborhood Revitalization program was held. Supt. Rahe requested board approval for district participation in the Neighborhood Revitalization program.

A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Chamberlain to approve district participation of Neighborhood Revitalization program as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Terry Randel, Bob Murray, and Charlie Gaft, McElroy representatives, reported on contract agreement for services for the district facilities from McElroy's and requested board approval. Mr. Randel reported that over the past nine years the district has spent \$442,329 for service agreements, projects, parts and labor for district facilities with McElroy's. He further noted that a district maintenance person could do routine maintenance, thereby saving some expense, but certified personnel would still be required to do non-routine projects and repairs.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Pruett to approve McElroy Service Agreement as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

2) Supt. Rahe shared recommendations for summer Capital Outlay project requests for district buildings and requested board approval. Some projects would need to be put on

hold until after steering committee recommendations. Some projects need to be done for safety concerns for students and patrons. Supt. Rahe further noted that some district vehicles needed to be replaced. He recommended replacing the Food Liner Van with a newer used van, and trading in the Malibu for the Sp Ed lease vehicle in June. That a number of the vehicles had close to 100,000 miles, the Taurus would be over after Driver's Education and the Suburban was near 88,000. He would like to bid out the cement work for the summer projects as before, hire a painting crew for inside painting needs, bid out replacement cafeteria tables for the Middle School and hold off on tile replacement at the High School until the roof is fixed.

A motion was made by Member Chamberlain and seconded by Member Pruett to approve purchase of used van for Food Service. Motion carried, 6-0.

REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Rich Bechard -- Reported on spring sports numbers: 38 out for softball, 39 for baseball, 50 for track and 21 for golf. He noted that 7 or 8 were in two sports. March 29th will be Invitational Track meet and April 5th League Quad here, all volunteers welcome. Speech and Drama students won trophy and first time League Champs. Wrestlers represented school well in Wichita. 1A Sub state held here, good schools and well attended.

Mark C. Wilson -- Expressed thanks to HNEA, Carolyn McManigal and Debbie Harshaw for arranging Read Across America activities, high school students represented school well. Next year must move IRC room to library and library to smaller room. Move will decrease library by 70%, sad situation for students but no room left in building. Staff members Sheila Day and Robin Fernkopf voiced concerns about losing the library and the detrimental influence it will have on students. Requested board check into securing temporary mobile for library use. Board requested Superintendent visit with City about zoning variance and requirements for a temporary solution and costs for a mobile.

Alan Beam -- Jim Ryan toured facility, held question and answer session. Students have started State Assessments today. Regional music on April 9th; will begin enrollment for next school year soon. Expressed thanks to Rich for all work and efforts on 1A tournament. He stated Rich does a good job organizing and keeping facilities busy. Impact on community and local merchants significant, tournament went well.

Mark B. Wilson -- The Kansas Special Education Administrators are honoring Mary Jane Barth, Coop Onaga Teacher, this year.

Jay D. Nelson -- Finished with Social Studies assessments, Math and Science after Spring Break. Vocal Music program tomorrow, Instrumental Thursday. Forty students out for track.

Elaine Nielson -- Expressed thanks to Diane Mears and Debbie Harshaw for Read Across America activities, great job by Senior students, fun for all. Working on Assessments. Sarah Degenhardt organizing Body Wall tour. Wednesday evening Fifth graders attending Storm Spotters meeting.

Brad Rahe -- Currently 75% of the way through the school year and running at 68.8% of budget. Staff are good consumers and doing a nice job with needs. Concern regarding gas bills, doubled last month. Hoping to put more funds into Capital Outlay at end of year to cover projects. County Fiber Project, county is trenching to bury cable as their contribution to project. May need to reevaluate future arrangement with KAW Tech. They are currently considering increasing cost \$100 per student per semester. The district is currently paying \$51,000 for 13 students to participate, plus bus and driver expenses. That comes to around \$4,000 per student. Supt. Rahe requested whether board would cover additional expense or pass on to student. Consensus of board was for district to provide. He notified the board that working the budget may be quite difficult this year as we may not know until the end of June what the Legislative funding will be for next year. Roof bids will be opened at 1:30 on Thursday here at the District Office. Anticipate coming in less than estimates.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Member White -- Expressed thanks to Karen Stous and kids for school play and to FFA for breakfast. Congratulations to Wrestlers and Speech/Drama awards.

Member Pruett -- Karen Stous and students did good job with play; Winter Sports participants did well. Attended Legislative Workshop, unsure what they will do. Need Community involvement.

Member Chamberlain -- Expressed congratulations to Speech students on Championship and to the three High School Wrestlers. Thanks to volunteers on the Steering committees for work, effort and time spent. Appreciate teachers coming and sharing concerns.

Member Nelson -- Echo congratulations to kids and athletes, represented the school well. and Wrestlers on great success.

Member Eubanks -- Congratulations to students on accomplishments. Thanks to the Steering committees for time, very helpful. Donated blood at High School today.

President Heckerson -- Echo congratulations and thanks. Expressed one concern that groups present trip itinerary with requests in the future.

Recessed for short break at 9:45 p.m.

Reconvened meeting at 9:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Chamberlain 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 student(s) in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals. Motion carried, 6-0. Supt. Rahe and Alan Beam remained in executive session with the board. Alan Beam left executive session at 9:55 p.m. and Jay D. Nelson entered.

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

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

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Eubanks that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 10:00 p.m. for 20 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, Alan Beam, Elaine Nielson, Jay D. Nelson and Mark C. Wilson remained in executive session with the board. Alan Beam, Jay D. Nelson and Mark C Wilson left executive session at 10:18 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Pruett that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 10:20 p.m. for 5 minutes returning to regular session at 10:25 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 10:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Eubanks that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 10:25 p.m. for 5 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 and Elaine Nielson remained in executive session with the board. Elaine Nielson left executive session at 10:27 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Eubanks to extend regular session at 10:30 p.m. for 5 minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

Supt. Rahe requested board approval of Letters of Resignation effective at the end of their contracts from Ginger Binkley and Bonnie Coverdale, and effective immediately for Francis Watkins.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Eubanks to approve Letters of Resignation as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

Supt. Rahe requested board approval for contract offer to Jennifer Voss as Assistant Softball, Annetta Browning as HHS Custodian and Kurt Haussler as Baseball Assistant for school year 2004-05.

A motion was made by Member Chamberlain and seconded by Member Pruett to approve contract offers as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

A motion was made by Member Chamberlain and seconded by Member Pruett to approve transfer of Brad Weilert to High School Science and Rita Ent to 6th Grade math. Motion carried, 6-0.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Eubanks to approve the use of catastrophic leave as requested for a maximum of 60 days for Diann Strader. Motion carried, 6-0.

No further action taken.

President Heckerson adjourned the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

Minutes as recorded by:
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