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Holton USD #336
Board of Education --First Regular Meeting
April 11, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Heckerson, Jim Chamberlain (7:30 p.m.), Alan Bagby, Keith Eubanks (7:03 p.m.), 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, Mackenzie Bell, Deb Davies, Rita Ent, Mike Ford, Joe Hurla, Trent LeDoux, Kyle McKinney, Russ McKinney, Dan Mehringer, David Powls, Joe Schneider, Mary Schulz, Karen Stous, Marvin Stous, Charley Sexton.

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

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby to approve the amended agenda of the April 11, 2005, first regular board meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Pruett to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2005, first regular and April 4, 2005 Special board meetings. Motion carried, 5-0.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby to approve the warrant numbers 36786 through 36977 and April payroll as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

Keith Eubanks arrived at 7:03 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) Karen Stous shared that Kyle McKinney had qualified for National Speech competition in Extemporaneous speaking and requested board assistance with expenses. She noted that the competition would be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and that she has booked plane reservations. Total cost for the trip estimated at \$2200. Some monies would be provided through Speech and Drama funds.

A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Pruett to approve funds for assistance for National competition to the extent that would allow \$1,000 remain in Speech and Drama fund. Motion carried, 6-0.

2) Mary Schulz shared that Mackenzie Bell, Holton Sixth grade student, was a winner in the Post Card Art Contest, a project of the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. Mackenzie then shared some of the activities in which she participated due to being chosen. Each board member received a post card showing Mackenzie's art work.

3) Elaine Nielson shared upcoming activities regarding Astronomy Day on April 16th and presented a letter from Mike Ford requesting board assistance for the event. It was

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suggested that the US Dept. of Ed grant might be able to assist with some of the expense. Mr. Ford will look into the possibility.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby to approve \$500 for Astronomy Day activities. Motion carried, 6-0.

4) Sandi Smith shared a presentation on Parents as Teachers program and requested board approval for continuing the 4 units for School Year 2005-06. She also requested the board consider a small donation (\$50-\$100) for repairs/replacement of equipment.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Eubanks to approve continuing with 4 units for Parents as Teachers for School Year 2005-06 at a cost of \$7,900 and \$200 for equipment. Motion carried, 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Chamberlain arrived at 7:30 p.m.

1) Charlie Sexton, HTK Representative, presented bids for the high school roof. The low bid was from Diamond Everly total cost of \$145,000. HTK recommended going with the low bid.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Chamberlain to approve the low bid from Diamond Everly of \$145,000 for the replacement of the High School roof. Motion carried, 7-0.

2) Joe Hurla, representative of T.A.C. an Energy Performance Contracting agency, gave a presentation on facility improvement partnering. T.A.C. is one of four companies that have contracted with the State of Kansas to do Performance Contracting as allowed by legislation in 2000. It was noted that the district may still select any Performance Contracting agency they desire. The board thanked Mr. Hurla for his presentation and information.

The board then continued discussion on the steering committee recommendations and the process for continuing. Board consensus was more detailed information to allow for prioritizing needs and dollar figures was necessary before decisions can be made. Two board members for each building will meet with administrators and architects to draw plans and get figures to bring back for the May meeting. Alan Bagby and Keith Eubanks will work on the elementary buildings, Jim Chamberlain and Joni White on the middle school and Brent Nelson and Mark Pruett on the high school.

3) Supt. Rahe reported on zoning variance for placing a mobile unit at Colorado Elementary. The cost of the mobile unit would run approximately \$700 per month, with \$2450 for foundation and lock down and \$2200 for removal. It was requested that the Supt. check on the language of the variance with the City and see if the wording could be expanded to cover other than single family residences. It was also suggested that the Supt. check on a temporary use permit.

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A motion was made by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Eubanks to allow the Superintendent to request necessary variance and proceed with process. Motion carried, 7-0.

4) Supt. Rahe updated the board on summer projects status. He noted that ceiling tiles have been order as well as floor tiles. Bids will be sought for tiling two rooms at the high school due to enormity of project. Gary Salts will look at the flag pole and bell tower at the high school and submit bids. City has requested that we delay cement work as they will be replacing some curbs at the buildings. Would like to look at changing security systems at each of the buildings as upgrades are made. Still looking at options for playground crack repairs and mulch costs. Bids are out now for middle school tables and chairs. Leonard Swindale will be in charge of paint crews this summer, paying \$8.70 an hour for painting. Several staff members interested.

5) No bids yet on busses will put back on agenda in May.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) The Jackson County Extension has requested to use a bus for transportation of 4-H members to Rock Springs this summer. The district has allowed in the past just can not incur the expense. Expenses all paid by 4-H Council.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Chamberlain to approve the use of a bus to transport Jackson County Extension 4-H members to camp this summer allowing that expenses be paid by 4-H Council. Motion carried, 7-0.

2) Supt. Rahe reported on the new contract and rates effective July 1, 2005, for the district health plan with Blue Cross and Blue Shield and requested board approval. Slight increase in premiums from .1 to 1.7%.

A motion was made by Member Chamberlain and seconded by Member Pruett to approve the contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for health care coverage beginning July 1, 2005. Motion carried, 7-0.

3) Supt. Rahe requested the district be allowed to purchase the Special Education vehicle now being leased and Special Ed to purchase another vehicle instead of leasing. He noted the district is having to pay mileage for use of personal vehicles as well as leasing vehicles due to the fact that there are not enough vehicles in the district fleet, as another student is having to be transported for education purposes.

A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member White to approve vehicle purchase as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

4) Supt. Rahe reported that the Leadership team will be attending training in Wichita on April 25 and 26 and therefore the second board meeting in April needs to be changed.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby to approve changing second board meeting in April to Friday the 22nd at 7:30 a.m. at the district

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office. Motion carried, 7-0.

5) Supt. Rahe reported that only one bid for fuel had been received. That from Jackson Farmers, Inc. The bid price for unleaded gasoline was 1.869 and summer diesel bid price was 1.7315. Supt. Rahe requested board approval of bid.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Nelson to approve the low bid from Jackson Farmers, Inc. as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Alan Beam -- Reported on FFA State award recipients and that Jason Larison had been appointed to the National Board of FFA for a 3 year term beginning July 1, 2005. Tomorrow will have 8th grade Parent meeting. Have begun pre-enrollment process. State music at Sabetha. Vocal concert at the high school on the 19th.

Elaine Nielson -- Linda Day and Pearl Williams have purchased books for guided reading with receipts from Book Fair. Fourth grade recorder performance at 9:30. State Fair this Thursday evening. Dare Graduation will be this Friday at 2:00 in the High School Auditorium. David Lanning has had a successful program this year, best ever. Saturday will be Astronomy Day activities.

Rich Bechard -- Held Golf Invitational today, had delay and short game due to weather. Track team doing well, baseball and softball teams as well. Regionals as follows: Baseball at Marysville, Softball at Royal Valley, Golf at Atchison and Track at Concordia.

Jay D. Nelson -- Done with assessments, preliminary results show both 7th and 8th grade reached AYP this year. Music Choir to Washburn Rural to participate in competition. Only Middle School Tract meet will be April 19. Shared examples of t-shirts given to students making the Honor Roll.

Mark C. Wilson -- Kindergarten Screening ongoing at EUM church, thanks to them for allowing use of facility. PTO meeting tonight, have been very generous with funds for the schools, Nikki Meerpohl reelected as president.

Brad Rahe -- Reminder to board of KAW Tech Dinner this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; KASB Workshop and Regional meetings on May 12th in Manhattan, have sent info to new members. Legislatures in recess now, anticipate response from Supreme Court by end of month. Reported on letter received from Ministerial Alliance and requested board directive. Board consensus to have Superintendent send written response stating the BOE had no control over Steering Committees meetings or dates and that they have now completed studies. No set board policy on Wednesday activities, only courtesy.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Member Eubanks -- Congrats to Jason and award recipients.

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Member Nelson-- Congrats to Jason, one of many good examples in district.

Member Pruett -- Congrats to Jason and all other winners. Welcome to new members and recommend attendance at KASB Regional meetings. Expressed thanks to Raymond for wonderful job.

President Heckerson -- Enjoyed Site Council China presentation.

Recessed for short break at 9:57 p.m.

Reconvened meeting at 10:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Nelson that Holton USD #336 extend regular session at 10:00 p.m. for 30 minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.

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 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 and negotiations. Motion carried, 6-0. Supt. Rahe, Mark B. Wilson and Susan Sipe remained in executive session with the board. Brent Nelson entered executive session at 10:02 p.m. Mark B. Wilson and Susan Sipe left executive session at 10:06 p.m. and Jay D. Nelson entered. Jay D. Nelson left executive session at 10:09 p.m. and Elaine Nielson entered.

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

Supt. Rahe requested board approval of Letter of Resignation effective at the end of contract from Jan Folk, Colorado Teacher Aide; Letter of Resignation effective end of March for Laura Maxine Sanders, Cook and Letter of Resignation for immediate release for Christine Misenhelter, High School Para.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby to approve Letters of Resignation as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Supt. Rahe requested board approval for contract offer to Patricia Krogman, Project Plus Driver for remaining school year 2004-05.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby to approve contract offer as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Supt. Rahe requested board approval of transfer for Brian Meerpohl from 7th grade English to 7th grade Math and for Jessica Karns for half-time High School VPL/Literature Elective and half-time Elementary Librarian.

A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Nelson to approve transfers as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

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No further action taken.

President Heckerson adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Minutes as recorded by:
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