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Holton USD #336  
Board of Education --First Regular Meeting  
May 9, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roger Heckerson, Alan Bagby, Keith Eubanks(7:24 p.m.), 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, Jan Brandt, Corinne Bryant, Pam Bryant, Linda Day, Christopher Fletcher, Betsy Gilliland, Carol Hummel, Rick Hummel, Judy Ireland, Sharon Karns, Trent LeDoux, Lenora Marshall, Orin Marshall, Russ McKinney, David Powl, Marilyn Quinn, Megan Rahe, Sandy Rousch, Joe Schneider, Teresa Schneider, Tom, Sextro, Marvin Stous, Kelli Thompson, Bev Varner, Les Wilkerson, Rosemary Wilkerson.

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 May 9, 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 April 22, 2005, second regular meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve the warrant numbers 36978 through 37206 and May payroll as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

1) Board consensus to move to later in meeting to await Member Eubanks return from the Zoning Hearing.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1) Item moved to await Member Eubanks return.

2) Supt. Rahe updated the board on HTK drawings. He noted that the architect anticipated having drawings for review before the end of May and requested the board set a work session. The board will meet on Thursday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the district office to review architect drawings.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1) Supt. Rahe and building principals requested board approval of handbook changes for next school year. Principal Beam reviewed minor changes to handbook: Welcome, dates, "student in good standing" drop to 3F's from 4. Principal Nielson noted trading cards had been added to items not allowed at school, change in times for crossing guard, arrival times. It was noted that paragraph addressing entry time for middle school had been

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added. Question asked as to benchmark for allowing students to enter the building in inclement weather prior to stated time. Principal Nelson concurred 32 degrees was usual benchmark.

**A motion was made by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Pruett to approve handbook changes as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.**

2) Supt. Rahe requested board approval of Sports Medicine contract with Mid-West Sports Medicine for next school year at a cost of \$1,200.

**A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Nelson to approve contract with MidWest Sports Medicine as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.**

3) Supt. Rahe requested board approval of vehicle bids as follows:

- a) Special Education vehicle low bid from Foster Ford at cost of \$14,267.
- b) 336 District purchase of Special Ed Leased vehicle at cost of \$7186.48

**A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Bagby to approve purchase of vehicle from Foster Ford for Special Ed as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.**

**A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Pruett to approve purchase of Special Ed leased vehicle from Foster Ford as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.**

4) Supt. Rahe reported on bus bids noting that a calculation error had been made in one of the bids and as low bidder they had been contacted but would be unable to comply as bid. Recommendation to reject all bids and complete process again for one bus.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby to reject all bus bids. Motion carried, 5-0.**

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby to approve bidding for one bus. Motion carried, 5-0.**

5) Supt. Rahe requested board approval of KASB Dues of \$7,035 and Legal Assistance fee of \$1,100.

**A motion was made by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Bagby to approve KASB Dues and Legal Assistance fee as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.**

6) Principal Beam reported on new Health Career course for the high school next year. He noted that students were aware there could be a charge for class if VE-II funding not approved. Approximately 20 students per semester still enrolled. Ft. Scott already State approved for VE-II funding. Highland will be completing process this summer for approval. If approved, courses could be offered at minimal or no cost to students. Would prefer going with Highland since they are local and in the community already, Class period would be 1:30 to 3:00 or last block every day. Sabetha, Onaga and Holton have committed to study, Jackson Heights would send interested students to Holton and Hiawatha interested, Royal Valley wait until program is up and running. IDL lab would be located in West lab of high school library and monitored by Teacher Assistant. Would like to have certified instructor rotate to different location daily. Long term plan would be

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to offer course work to Juniors and OTJ training for Seniors.

Member Eubanks arrived at 7:24 p.m.

7) Tom Sextro and Supt. Rahe reported on grant award and IDL project. Tom Sextro provided handout regarding cost for IDL lab. Total starting cost to be approximately \$32,660 less \$16,666 from IDL grant award. On going expenses would be eligible for e-rate funding and balance from Internet funds. Other possible uses could be evening classes for Highland, Teacher In-Service as well as community use. Fee schedule would have to be worked out. Would enhance current curriculum offerings.

**A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Pruett** to approve for IDL project and implement Health Careers curriculum as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

8) Supt. Rahe reported on average cost across the state for meal prices and recommended an increase of \$.10 at all buildings. That would set prices at \$1.75 for lunch at both the high school and middle school and \$1.60 at the elementary buildings, adult prices would be \$2.45 each.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve raising all lunch prices \$.10 as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

9) Supt. Rahe recommended leaving textbook prices at current rates: \$45 for Grades 1-12 and Kindergarten rate at \$22.50 for school year 2005-06.

**A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve textbook rates for school year 2005-06 remain the same as current year. Motion carried, 6-0.

### **Returned to Communications:**

Les Wilkerson addressed the board regarding changes at Central. It was noted that personnel changes would not be discussed in open session but that the changes being implemented would be challenging for all but were to better align curriculum for enhancing student assessments. Kelly Thompson and Carol Hummel provided handout and read teacher concerns. Vern Andrews questioned rationale and requested examples of success. It was noted Auburn-Washburn has had some success with process and that it was a board and administrative decision. It was asked when parents would be informed and answer was that a newsletter was prepared and would be sent as well as a notice in grade cards. Requested second grade parents also be advised. Sandy Rousch commended staff in Holton district, sympathetic to emotions, must make best of situation and rise to challenges as team members and remain focused on student outcomes. Need to support and maintain respect for administration and board. She expressed thanks for allowing opportunity to address.

President Heckerson on behalf of board expressed thanks to all for coming and sharing comments and input. He further noted that a lot of thought had gone into the process, the common goal is to make a better district and achieve higher learning. Society continues to demand more and more which requires drastic changes to meet the standards set not only

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by the State but by the Federal "No Child Left Behind" requirements. Appreciate the flexibility and professionalism of staff. The board has the utmost confidence in all staff.

### **Addressed Item 1 under OLD BUSINESS:**

Member Eubanks updated the board on the Zoning Hearing held at the City earlier in the evening. He noted the City had approved the request but that there was still a 30 day waiting period. Supt. Rahe requested board approval on lease for mobile unit pending the final approval.

**A motion was made by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve low bid lease of mobile unit from Satellite at a cost of \$15,000 contingent on 30 day zoning approval. Motion carried, 6-0.

Supt. Rahe requested directive concerning old mobile. Board consensus to deliver two week deadline for removal.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**Elaine Nielson** -- Went last Thursday to Sam's with Jessica Karns to accept \$1,000 award, will be used in elementary libraries. Gave handout of business and community members that participated in Job Shadowing program and express thanks to all including Margie Grace for organizing, well done.

**Alan Beam** -- Senior Sayonara tomorrow at 6:30 should be done by 10:00. This Sunday is Graduation, seniors released tomorrow. The 23rd and 25th will be finals. Serving lunch at the high school on the 26th, invited board to attend.

**Jay D. Nelson** -- Middle School League Track meet tonight, 8th grade to Jeff West tomorrow. Science Fair this Friday, exhibits open from 9:00 to 3:00. Spring Vocal and Band programs on the 19th at 7:00; 8th grade dance on the 20th, invited all to attend. Eighth grade promotion in the HHS gym at 7:00 on the 23rd.

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

**Member Bagby** -- Attended HS and 5th grade Vocal programs, visited the Middle School, had a good talk with staff. Awaiting architect plans.

**Member White** -- Expressed congratulations to the 21 Quill & Scroll initiates and the students who placed in the state Journalism contest last weekend in Lawrence; thanks to all for Astronomy Day; to staff and teachers for assistance with Prom and Post-prom activities, Cinco de Mayo 5th grade program and congratulations to all graduates.

**Member Pruett** -- Excellent band program, reiterated band results from competition, 3 1's from five judges and 24 bands. Looking forward to graduation, enjoyed Prom. Will be attending Spring Regional meetings at Seaman later in week.

**Member Nelson** -- Attended several activities, Astronomy Day was excellent; FFA

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Awards Banquet, had another excellent year, students excelled; Athletic Banquet, good to hear students academic achievements as well as athletic achievements.

**Member Eubanks** -- Attended Cinco de Mayo program, FFA Banquet, Athletic Banquet; time of year when students can show accomplishments. Expressed congratulations to staff and students.

**President Heckerson** -- Congratulations to Mitch Spade, Tad Hernandez and students in Tech Leadership and to Mary Schulz for Teacher of the Year award.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 8:35 p.m. for 30 minutes returning to regular session at 9:05 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 Mark B. Wilson remained in executive session with the board. Mark Wilson left executive session at 8:45 p.m.

Returned to regular session at 9:05 p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Bagby** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:05 p.m. for 15 minutes returning to regular session at 9:20 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 remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 9:20 p.m.

**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 15 minutes returning to regular session at 9:35 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 9:35 p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Nelson** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:35 p.m. for 15 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 remained in executive session with the board. Alan Bagby left executive session at 9:36 p.m. and returned at 9:37 p.m. Elaine Nielson entered executive session at 9:43 p.m.

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

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Nelson** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:50 p.m. for 10 minutes returning to

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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 Eubanks and seconded by Member Pruett** that Holton USD 336 extend regular session at 10:00 p.m. for 30 minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

**A motion was made by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Bagby** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 10:00 p.m. for 15 minutes returning to regular session at 10:15 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 10:15 p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Pruett** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 10:15 p.m. for 10 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 Nelson and seconded by Member Pruett** 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.

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

**A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Pruett** that Holton USD 336 extend regular session at 10:30 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 10:30 p.m. for 15 minutes returning to regular session at 10:45 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 10:45 p.m.

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**A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Pruett** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 10:45 p.m. for 10 minutes returning to regular session at 10:55 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. Brent Nelson left executive session at 10:46 p.m. and returned at 10:47 p.m.

Returned to regular session at 10:55 p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Pruett** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 10:55 p.m. for 5 minutes returning to regular session at 11:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

a. Matters pertaining to non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals and negotiations. Motion carried, 6-0. Supt. Rahe remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 11:00 p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Pruett** that Holton USD 336 extend regular session at 11:00 p.m. for 5 minutes. Motion carried, 6-0.

Supt. Rahe requested board approval of Letter of Resignation from Erika Allen, Special Ed IRC Instructor at Jackson Heights and Emily Webb, Special Education School Psychologist at end of contracts for school year 2004-05.

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

Supt. Rahe requested board approval for contract offers to Tanya Amon, Para Educator for remaining school year 2004-05 and to Audrey Baxter, Kelly Rathbun and Melinda McCarty for Special Education IRC for school year 2005-06.

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

Supt. Rahe requested board approval of transfer for Missy Strader to Middle School Secretary position for school year 2005-06.

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

President Heckerson, on behalf of the board, expressed thanks to all for staying late. The board had much to discuss and many scenarios to review. The majority of the board gave its support to the changes proposed by administration and noted that there would be a 3rd grade position available and encouraged any interested parties to submit a Letter of Interest. The board offered its appreciation for all staff and encouraged professionalism from all and that staff work with administration through the challenges ahead.

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**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby** to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

No further action taken.

Minutes as recorded by:

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