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Holton USD #336  
Board of Education --Second Regular Meeting  
June 27, 2005, 6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roger Heckerson (6:02 p.m.), Jim Chamberlain, Alan Bagby, Keith Eubanks, Brent Nelson, Mark Pruett, Joni White.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brad Rahe, Jo Krogman, Jay D. Nelson, Elaine Nielson, Susan Sipe, Mark B. Wilson, Mark C. Wilson, Cindy Bontrager, Steven Bowser, Lewis Chanceleor, Wilma Chanceleor, Connie Colson, Deb Davies, Scott Foster, Susan Foster, Shari Hamlin, Joe Hurla, Judy Ireland, Carl Jarboe, Gary Kelly, David Krogman, Trent LeDoux, Katrenia Luthi, Orin Marshall, Don Mehringer, Jobi Mellenbruch, Loy Mellenbruch, Scott Misenhelter, Bob Phillips, Brian Sanders, Joe Schneider, Charlie Sexton, Sherry Slimmer, Charles Smith, Sara Smith, Paula Taylor.

Vice-President Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve the amended agenda of the June 27, 2005, second regular board meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

**A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Eubanks** to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2005, first regular meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

Roger Heckerson arrived at 6:02 p.m.

President Heckerson presiding.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve the warrant numbers 37440 through 37522. Motion carried, 7-0.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1) President Heckerson invited committee chairs and members to offer comments or questions regarding prioritizing facility needs, performance contracting, building site and design.

The High School committee reported that they were comfortable with plan developed by committee relating to Ag and Ind Tech development and Music shell. Placement was still open either directly behind auditorium or to the east of New York Street. It was suggested that the Board might consider placement behind current Middle School. Board would need to look at codes and grade of sites to determine best location. It was also suggested that Board consider lower roof on wrestling gym. Architect would need to investigate possibility.

The Middle School committee was also comfortable with its original determination and prioritization. Committee question as to scheduling of remodel or addition. Chuck Smith, HTK Architect, recommended addition first and then remodel to follow. Joe Hurla, TAC

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Performance Contractor representative, could give budgetary figures not actuals, those would come at a later phase. Questions regarding splitting facilities into separate bond issues for community to decide could lead to hidden problems if one issue passed and another failed in relation to services needed (i.e., centralized kitchen issue); positive issue would allow smaller contractors to bid. Would require stipulation for sequencing of work. Concerns as to how performance contract could be paid and length of contract. Supt. Rahe noted payment would need to come from general fund and could stretch ten to twelve years.

Elementary committee felt there was still much work to be done before satisfied with approaching another bond referendum. Not comfortable with Colorado design, doesn't address space issue for future. Will we be readdressing issue in near future? Not enough information on Central school. Cost for roof repairs, heating and air costs, window replacement costs, etc. Where will students go during construction? Location is one of the key issues. Committee compromised to achieve plan for current location but not sure it will meet district long range goals. Discussion items: Sound practice to group grades 2 through 5? Administrative decision to move smaller children to smaller location (Central school) due to space issues. Is it board decision to have all day kindergarten and pre-kindergarten? It was noted that there is research to show that student learning would benefit from all day kindergarten. What might be hidden costs yet unknown? Old grade school foundation under playground may need to be removed. Purchase of property to west of current Colorado school? No inquiries yet made of property owners or City for closing of street and current cost for redirection of utilities. Board noted it did not desire to use Eminent Domain to acquire properties but would seek appraisal of same and then negotiate acquisition. Further board work sessions, including new board members, would be required before all questions could be answered and direction given for continued committee work. President Heckerson, on behalf of the board, thanked all for their input and appreciated their hard work and ideas. The Board would need to set work sessions at next meeting in July when new members begin.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1) Supt. Rahe requested board approval of contract offers for new Special Education paras to: Laurie Larson for Wetmore; Kendra Cook for Sabetha; Shelley Haverkamp for Holton; Mickie Schultz for Royal Valley.

**A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve contract offers for Special Education paras as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Supt. Rahe requested board approval of contract offer to Milt Krainbill for part-time grounds work.

**A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Chamberlain** to approve contract offer for Milt Krainbill as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Supt. Rahe requested board approval of contract offer to Darin Stous for Central grade 3 position.

**A motion was made by Member White and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve contract offer to Darin Stous for school year 2005-06. Motion carried, 7-0.

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2) Alan Beam reported on 6 through 12 staff curriculum study using 2003 State Assessments and teacher evaluations and requested board approval of Social Studies textbooks proposal. He noted that the current textbooks being used were last updated in 1995. The total cost presented would be \$45,149.35 actual. This would include textbooks, cd's, teaching aids, and on-line materials.

**A motion was made by Member Bagby and seconded by Member Nelson** to approve order of textbooks and materials as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Supt. Rahe requested board approval to continue student insurance with Student Assurance Services, Inc., that premium for coverage would be \$18,852.50. He noted the coverage was for school and sponsored events. It was questioned whether outside people would be covered, i.e., individuals doing weight lifting or playing basketball in gyms. Supt. Rahe will contact and report findings.

**A motion was made by Member Pruett and seconded by Member Bagby** to approve student insurance with Student Assurance Services, Inc. for School Year 2005-06 as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

### REPORTS:

#### ADMINISTRATIVE:

**Elaine Nielson --** Waiting on carpet installation. Opportunity to attend PLC training for High School, nice job. Summer School will be ending this week, busy with hiring teachers, aides and paras for next year.

**Susan Sipe --** Expressed thanks for approval of new paras. Noted there will be expenses for summer training, "Summer Academy" by KSDE to prepare staff for meeting "Highly Qualified" definition as set by No Child Left Behind criteria. She noted that 33 of 38 staff would be attending, please with turnout. Stipends coming later in summer for sessions.

**Alan Beam --** He noted that summer training has been going on with over 20 members through curriculum work in grades 6-12 in Social Studies, Language Arts, 5-12 Science and 6-12 Math, looking at data and setting goals. Elaine Nielson has also been working with staff on training. Attended State FFA, Jared Bowser did outstanding job. Working on AP courses for upcoming year, will have more on this at next meeting.

**Brad Rahe --** Reported paint crew done at Middle School, invited all to view. Nice job done by staff. Moving to Central School next to repaint under awnings and doors. Colorado School next and then to the High School. Reported on budget close out, LOB will have carryover of \$54,677.90; transfer to Capital Outlay of \$298,765.48 allowing beginning balance of \$1,679,867.35, these balances do not include June interest. Other funds healthy to start. Can not begin budgeting for next year until after Legislative decision on amount for funding. Not sure it will be ready by next meeting. Negotiations also hinge on outcome. District currently spends 69% of budget on instruction. This will be an interesting week to see what happens by Friday. Presented awards to Jim Chamberlain for two years service to the board and to Keith Eubanks for eight years

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service and thanked both for great job, hard work , care and dedication to children and job. Enjoyed working with both.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**President Heckerson --** Expressed thanks to community committees for hard work and to Keith and Jim for their hard work and efforts.

**Member Bagby --** Expressed thanks to community for work and sincere thanks to Keith and Jim.

**Member White --** Expressed thanks to both Keith and Jim.

**Member Pruett --** Enjoyed working with both Keith and Jim, lots of fun. He did have a question regarding class pictures. Principal Beam noted that Mrs. Swisher's Art and Design classes were working this project.

**Member Chamberlain --** Farewell, thanks to fellow board members and to all administrators, patrons, teachers for their input. Expressed good luck and best wishes to new members Trent and Russ. Will be available for further involvement, if needed. Lots of respect for good administrators and teachers, hard job.

**Member Nelson --** Echo thanks to Jim and Keith for work, also to the community committees for their work. Realizes there is still lots to do. Urged all to stay involved to find solution that all can digest.

**Member Eubanks --** Expressed thanks to community for time and ideas. No clue eight years ago, learned a lot and have respect for administrators and teachers for dedication. Glad to be in this district and glad his kids are too.

President Heckerson adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

No further action taken.

Minutes as recorded by:

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