

APPROVED

Holton USD #336
Board of Education --First Regular Meeting
Sept 16, 2008, 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Eubanks, Brent Nelson, Steven Bowser, Todd Holaday, Russ McKinney, Shelby Patch.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Watkins

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Food service presentation- Board members received a meal of a corn dog and tater tots with fresh veggies on the side. Linda Tilton, Robin Deppe, Lisa Bohnenkemper and JoAnn Pfeiffer were the food service staff that provided the meal. Board members asked the food service personnel if they had any concerns. They were also asked what feedback they receive from students. The major complaint is quantity at the high school. Dr. Karleskint said we are serving the state recommended quantities. The students at the high school would like to see more chicken meals. The staff try to provide a variety when planning the meals and also fix what the kids like and ask for.

One constraint is knowing how many kids to plan meals for at the high school. Often the count is not accurate due to the fact that kids that didn't sign up for a meal eat and some that sign up don't eat. Often the students sign up for a meal and then decide to eat at the snack bar. They also have a choice to sign up for a chef salad but again no one monitors who takes the salads so those that sign up may not get the salad they signed up for. That also provides a problem on knowing how much of each food to prepare. There is no structure in place to monitor those who sign up to eat what they signed up for and to keep those who don't sign up from eating the food provided for students who did.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Patch to approve the minutes of the Aug 11 regular board meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

A motion was made by Member Bowser and seconded by Member Holaday to approve the warrant numbers 45141 through 45435 and Sept payroll as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. David Bogner – 08-09 Audit report

Mr. Bogner referred to our audit as an unmodified report. He stated the records were in excellent order and it was a very clean audit.

2. Cindy Hower – Insurance presentation

No increase for new year. Board member Bowser asked that it be presented at the August meeting next year in case we would want to consider other entities then we would have time before the October deadline.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Holaday to approve contract for Kellerman/Sunflower Insurance for 10/18/08 – 10/18/09 as presented for \$9,000. Motion carried, 6-0.

3. Bob Phillips- building of house

Bob asked the board to allow him to take over the role that Tom Bishop had filled for the past five years. He would like to purchase a lot at 1st and New York to build a 3 bdrm, 2-bath slab home. He has had the plans approved by the City of Holton already. He has 12 students enrolled in the first block and 8 in the second block ready to go. He has asked to involve other classes at the high school in the process. He would like to have FACS, Accounting, Horticulture, Multi-media and Marketing involved. They each would handle different aspects of the building process. DSB has offered to work with some of the classes on the financial aspects and Kellerman Insurance is willing to waive the seller's fee and help the district with marketing the house. Bob would plan to sell the home at cost + 3% which would put it at about a \$113,000 home. The house would be on the market starting at the beginning of the process and could be purchased at any time during the building. All profits would then be donated back to the district. If for some reason the house would not be done at the end of school he would finish pieces up over the summer just like he has in the past. He knows there were questions over past issues and he would be more than happy

to have inspections at different stages of the building and a final whole house inspection before turning over to a buyer.

Dr. Karleskint informed the board members that KASB has approved the contract presented by Bob if the BOE members choose to move forward with this plan.

A motion was made by Member McKinney and seconded by Member Eubanks to table discussion until after executive session. Motion carried, 6-0.

4. Brenda Eubanks – out of state trip

She already had a trip planned to Spain with 10 of her Jackson Heights students before taking her position with Holton. It will be touring Spain and will be heavy on art in its culture. It is from 3/12/09-3/20/09. It will run approximately \$2,200 per student. She is not here to ask for money but to seek the approval to offer this same trip to Holton students and have an information meeting with parents.




A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Bowser to approve marketing the trip within the Holton student population knowing that any fees will be incurred by the students. Motion carried, 6-0.

5. Ralph Blevins- Summer School required

Ralph presented data on summer school 2008 attendance. These were students who were identified as At-Risk students in either the math or reading area. Ralph and Kathy Cooney would like to present to the board a new policy on summer school attendance.

Required Minimum Academic Achievement for USD 336 Assessments

Failure to reach the following minimums on the Kansas Assessment in Reading and Math and the NWEA Map assessment in Reading and Math will result in required attendance of the HMS summer school program.

-  An Academic Warning score on any of the four required assessments.
-  An Approaches Standard score on both the Kansas and NWEA Map reading assessment.
-  An Approaches Standard score on both the Kansas and NWEA Map math assessment.

Failure to attend the required summer school program at a 90% attendance rate will result in retention.

BOE elected to table until October meeting.

6. Mitch Beims - Baseball cuts

Coach Purcell would like direction from the board on how to handle a situation that will be coming up in the spring. Last year they had 45 students go out for baseball with 42 completing the season. This year they are expecting 50+ to go out. With only one baseball field in Holton it is becoming impossible to schedule practices and games for that many kids. We have outgrown our facilities at this time. Not sure whether to make an A, B, C and freshman team, make cuts and have only a varsity and B team. If make multiple teams the district will need to add more coaches and that still doesn't take care of the facilities needs problem. Need to be making a decision this fall as to how they would like him to handle the issues.

BOE is glad our sports interests are growing. Don't like to hear the word cuts since Holton is known for the ability for all kids to participate. They also understand the lack of facilities. Dr. Karleskint said we don't have a lot of extra money to do much as far as facilities are concerned at this time.

Discussion on practice alternatives and what might be solutions to current needs. BOE would like to table until October meeting to seek some additional information on what we might have available to the district.

Mitch also wanted to let the BOE know that we dropped our turn for the Big 7 League track meet in the spring and also the 7th grade league track meet in the spring due to the condition of our track. There are multiple areas that are bare concrete. We cannot host these big events at this time. We passed our turn to Royal Valley. We are still looking at about \$125,000-\$150,000 of needed repairs that will have to be done in the near future in able for us to utilize our facilities.

Big 7 League met in August and with a 5-1 vote accepted Perry-Lecompton and Sante Fe into our League. We are back up to 8 districts. Mitch received another letter from Atchison requesting acceptance into our league. They have also applied to other leagues for acceptance.

7. Alex Bartel -FFA Forestry Team

Alex would like approval to attend a competition 10/22/08-10/26/08 with the team in Ft. Harrison outside of Indianapolis. Team members consist of Mike Powls, Brian Harding, Amanda Spade and Bryce Carpenter.

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Bowser to approve FFA Forestry team to attend the competition and for the district to pay for their travel as stipulated in the by-laws. Motion carried, 6-0.

8. Mark B. Wilson- HSEC nurse and interpreter
Presented information on assurances and the KS Sped Process Handbook. These both are required to be adopted by the board in order for the Coop to receive grant money that is used to pay Sped teacher salaries. This then frees up other monies to be used for instruction of students.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Patch to adopt 6-B Pass Thru assurances and the Kansas Sped Process Handbook. Motion carried, 6-0.

Mark would also like to request 3% raises for two of his special contracted services employees. One is an interpreter and the other is a nurse for two of our special needs students.

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Bowser to approve a 3% raise for the HSEC interpreter and nurse. Motion carried, 6-0.

9. Capital Outlay – vehicles and roof
Dr. Karleskint would like to request the BOE allow him to seek bids on two passenger vehicles to replace our 99 Ford Taurus and the Suburban that has 175,000+ miles on it. He would also like to seek a bid on a new bus, which is greatly needed after not purchasing a bus last year. After we have the Sept 20th count we will have more accurate numbers for the budget and that will enable us to see what monies we have available to spend on the transportation issue.

BOE is fine with seeking bids. Would also like for him to gather information on program vehicles.

President Nelson called a 10 min break at 9:25.

Returned to regular session at 9:35.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Holaday 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 relating to the preliminary discussions about the acquisition of **real property** in order to protect the district's financial interest and bargaining position. Motion carried, 6-0.

Jim Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

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

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Patch 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 relating to the preliminary discussions about the acquisition of **real property** in order to protect the district's financial interest and bargaining position. Motion carried, 6-0.

Jim Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

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

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Patch to extend regular session for 1 hour at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Holaday 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 relating to the preliminary discussions about the acquisition of **real property** in order to protect the district's financial interest and bargaining position. Motion carried, 6-0.

Jim Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 10:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Nelson that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 10:18 p.m. for 10 minutes returning to regular session at 10:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

a. Matters relating to **employer-employee negotiations** whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency in order to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Motion carried, 6-0.

Jim Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 10:28 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Bowser and seconded by Member Patch that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 10:35 p.m. for 15 minutes returning to regular session at 10:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

a. Matters pertaining to **non-elected personnel** in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s). Motion carried, 6-0.

Jim Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 10:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member McKinney that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 10:50 p.m. for 10 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 individual(s). Motion carried, 6-0.

Jim Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

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

A motion was made by Member McKinney and seconded by Member Bowser to extend regular session for 30 minutes at 11:00 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

A motion was made by Member McKinney and seconded by Member Bowser to direct the HHS building class to seek other alternative projects within the school district and community. Motion carried, 6-0.

PERSONNEL:

1) New employment

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Bowser to approve contracts for Steve Weidner; SHS Para, Theresa Bruce; HMS Food Service, Wendy Shoemaker; SES Para, Jared Oliver; X-walk Para, Judy Barrow; Fresh Start custodian, Amy Eastwood; Fd Svc sub, Paige Wilson; X-walk Para, Elmer Ent; HMS custodian. Motion carried, 6-0.

1) Resignations

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Bowser to approve resignation for Marion Howerton; HMS custodian. Motion carried, 6-0.

No further action taken.

President Nelson adjourned the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 13 - Board of Education Meeting
- October 13 - Staff Development ½ day - ½ workday
- October 27 - Staff Development ½ day
- October 27 - Parent Teacher Conference 1pm-8pm
- October 28 - Parent Teacher Conference 1pm - 8pm

Minutes as recorded by:

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