

APPROVED

Holton USD #336
Board of Education –First Regular Meeting
Dec. 15, 2008 5:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Watkins

Others: Mark C. Wilson, Mark B. Wilson, Cindy Hower, Willie Wilson, Harold Kennedy, Rex Larrison.

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Bowser and seconded by Member Patch to approve the amended agenda of the Nov. regular board meeting and special board meeting.
Motion carried 6-0

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member McKinney to approve the minutes of the Nov. regular board meeting and Special board meeting.
Motion carried 6-0

A motion was made by Member Bowser and seconded by Member Patch to approve the warrant numbers 45841 through 46023 and the December payroll as presented. Motion carried 6-0

COMMUNICATIONS:

Bond Issue Discussion:

The Board reviewed drawings that were developed by HTK following the 2003 bond issue election. There were four drawings reviewed. All the drawings reflected additions or remodeling to the current Colorado and Central school buildings. Considerable discussion followed with input from patrons present. Points that came out of the discussions were: What do we want our facilities to look like? Do we want all students under one roof? Should we establish a dollar amount to spend and then determine what we can build/remodel?

It was decided to contact HTK to work with the Board on the above questions and develop a long range plan to improve facilities for USD 336. The discussion will continue during the regular Board of Education meeting in January.

Discussion ended at 7:11

Thank you from the Board to those who attended and gave input.

Member Eubanks left 6:50

OLD BUSINESS:

1). Roofing issues at High School:

There are four areas of concern at Holton High School.

- A working estimate High School Office Area (last in order of concern) 71,000
- A working estimate of New Gym
- A working estimate of Counselor Office and storage (In worse shape) 18,000
- A working estimate of the Old Basketball Gym area (not wrestling gym) 41,000

Discussion from the State of Kansas is there will be a cut this school year.

Our cut could be 50,000-70,000.

Will be presented by State as a deduction of FTE.

Our FTE is 1750 (includes all weightings).

Concerns of cuts will mean cuts in programs and/or personnel.

Still need to look at one new bus for this school year.

Need to keep the Capital Outlay at 400,000. Track will need to be repaired.

2). Transportation Issue: Picking a student up outside our district as requested by parent.

Board approved by consensus, picking up student outside of our district. Approval also given from Holton – Jackson Heights USD 335 as well. Must follow-up with policy established about widening drive to safely turn around school bus.

NEW BUSINESS:

1). Insurance Renewal Strategy: Cindy Hower of Kelleman Insurance Inc. presented renewal considerations. Building Valuations:

- High School \$18,262,000.00
- Middle School \$5,194,621.00
- Colorado Elementary \$4,138,920.00
- Central Elementary \$4,160,488.00

Proposed increase in deductible from \$1000.00 to \$2500.00

Suggesting we increase the cost per square foot on Central to match that at Colorado.

Increase in deductible will offset cost increase per square foot.

Member Bowser left meeting at 7:36

2). Request for Don McDaniel Band Trip:

Mr. McDaniel is requesting for the band to go Branson Music Festival at Silver Dollar City. He is requesting 2904.00 for sponsors to go on the trip. A total of eight sponsors is being requested. Estimated at 35 band members.

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member McKinney to accept/approve payment of sponsors for Branson Music Festival.

Motion carried 4-0

3). Signature Cards: Request the follo

Central: Deb Snyder

Middle: Lisa Wade, Annette Martin, Mark C. Wilson

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Patch to accept/approve names listed.

Motion carried 4 - 0

4). Discussing starting times of Board Meetings:

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member McKinney to accept/approve beginning at 6:00 instead of 7:00 starting with the Jan. 12, 2009 meeting.

Motion carried 4-0

Break until 8:05

5). Executive Session

A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member McKinney that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 8:05 p.m. for 30 minutes returning to regular session at 8:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

a. Discuss negotiations. To protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract. Motion carried 4 - 0.

Dr. Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

Member Bowser returned at 8:08 p.m.

Member Eubanks returned at 8:17 p.m.

Returned to regular session at 8:35 p.m.

6). New Employment and Resignations:

A motion was made by Member Bowser and seconded by Member McKinney to approve contracts for the following positions: Denise Issitt – Para RVES, Remi Twombly – Para at JHHS. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Member Bowser and seconded by Member McKinney to approve resignation due to retirement at end of school year 08-09 from Robert Phillips – HHS Industrial Arts Instructor. Motion carried 6- 0.

No further action taken.

President Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Next Meeting Jan. 12, 2009

Minutes as recorded by: Mark C. Wilson, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Education

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