

APPROVED

Holton USD #336
Board of Education --First Regular Meeting
Jan 12, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shelby Patch, Keith Eubanks, Brent Nelson, Steven Bowser, Jay Watkins, Todd Holaday, Russ McKinney (arrived 6:06).

MEMBERS ABSENT:

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Bowser to approve the amended agenda of the Jan 12, 2009, regular board meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Bowser to approve the minutes of the Dec 15, 2008, regular board meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

A motion was made by Member Watkins and seconded by Member Holaday to approve the warrant numbers 46024 through 46194 and the January payroll as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from LD and Barb Fletcher thanking Bob Phillips and his class for the installation of their front door.

Bond Issue Discussion:

Chuck Smith of HTK presented to the board a rough draft of some existing plans of the Colorado site from 2005 with some changes sketched out. These were plans for 2nd-5th grade located at Colorado with potential for future expansion. Pk-1 would then be located at Central school along with the district office and Fresh Start would be moved to the current district office location. Costs to be in the 10-13 million range.

Chuck and the board discussed the necessity to go over potential road and utility changes with the city since members and times have changed since 2005 discussions. Chuck also brought to the attention of the board that since Phase 1 of the 2008 project is completed it is time to amend the existing contract or create a new one if the board wishes to continue its working relationship with HTK.

Board consensus is to terminate existing contract with HTK and start a new contract for the new work to be done. Chuck will get a new contract drafted and send to Jim and the board for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Roof update and consideration

Looking at all of the roof issues Dr. Karleskint spoke with MidWest Coating and prioritized the projects. The most serious issue is the area above the counselors and bathroom area at the north end of the commons area. This project will be around \$18,200. Next would be the old gym, new gym and finally the rest of the commons and cafeteria area.

The board gave Dr. Karleskint the go ahead to seek bids for the counselor/bathroom area.

2) Baseball cuts

Coach Purcell was present to seek direction from the board on which way they would like for him to precede with the baseball program. He let them know that he was to the point of needing to purchase additional supplies, hire additional staff and schedule more games if we were to take all kids who show up for the baseball season. Last year he had 44 players and is looking at upwards of 50+ this year. He informed the board he is willing to go either way with their decision but he needs direction now.

After much discussion on the pros and cons of either accepting all players or making cuts based on information obtained by Coach Purcell from other schools that do have try outs and make cuts, facility availability and unbudgeted financial costs the board decided that for the current school year it would be best to allow cuts.

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Nelson to approve baseball cuts to a manageable number by Coach Purcell with current facility availability for the Spring 2009 school year. Motion carried, 6 -1. (Russ McKinney- no vote)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Central Elementary – School Improvement

Principal Kathy Cooney handed out copies of her PowerPoint presentation. Five topics presented were enrollment figures, personnel review, review of AYP, Central testing data, current interventions and where Central is headed.

2. E-rate

Tom Sextro gave a brief explanation of how the district is funded by reimbursements for our telephone service. In order to apply for different government funding he has to keep the board informed on the multiple applications he must complete in order to receive these funds.

3. March Board mtg date

Currently it is scheduled during spring break. Date will be moved up to 3/9/08. Will try to have payroll completed by this date but may be necessary to have special meeting to approve payroll at a later date. Board was fine with this.

President Nelson called for a 10-minute break at 8:25.

Meeting reconvened at 8:35.

4. 2009-2010 Calendar – Draft

Board members reviewed draft calendar. Discussion on past purpose of workdays and what they currently are used for. Discussion on district needs for current direction we are headed. Dr. Karleskint to follow up with committee on board questions. Board would like to have calendar approved at February meeting.

5. Budget discussion

Dr. Karleskint said he was hoping to have more information by this meeting but the governor is making her state of the state address this evening and the director of school finance is holding a meeting tomorrow night for Superintendents to discuss how her budget cuts are going to effect the school systems.

Dr. Karleskint also presented to the board a letter from the Legislative post-audit that our district is one of 10 districts that have been selected to provide data from the last 5 years for the state to create benchmarks from. Then the state will select multiple districts to do an in depth 12-14 week audit.

A motion was made by Member Watkins and seconded by Member Holaday that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:05p.m. for 30 minutes returning to regular session at 9:35p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

a. Discuss negotiations. To protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 9:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Bowser and seconded by Member Eubanks that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:40p.m. for 15 minutes returning to regular session at 9:55 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, 7-0.

Dr. Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 9:55p.m.

PERSONNEL:

1) New employment

A motion was made by Member Bowser and seconded by Member Watkins to approve contracts for the following positions: Katherine Holmes; Fd Svc sub, Kim Criqui; Fd Svc sub. Motion carried, 7-0.

2) Resignations

A motion was made by Member Bowser and seconded by Member Watkins to approve resignations from Paige Wilson; Colo x-walk para and the retirement of Patti Gray; Special Education Gifted teacher at end of 08-09 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

January 19 - Staff Development Day

January 26 - Negotiations mtg- 5:30 at Holton Middle School commons

February 9 - ½ day Staff Development, ½ day Work Day

February 16 - Board of Education Meeting

No further action taken.

President Nelson adjourned the meeting at 9:59p.m.

Minutes as recorded by:

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