

APPROVED

Holton USD #336
Board of Education --First Regular Meeting
April 13, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Bowser to approve the amended agenda of the April 13, 2009 regular board meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Eubanks to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 regular board meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Bowser to approve the warrant numbers 46478 through 46616 and the April payroll as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Football seating:** Board members had calls both for and against reserved seating. Discussion on how many seats the stadium would lose to install this seating would be approximately 30. Board member McKinney stated that this would be an unfair process for the retired community members or those on a fixed budget. He also had some calls concerned with how fair the selling of the seats would be. These individuals are able to come very early and stake out their seating to get optimum seats. Additional input was given that those patrons who work late would now have the same opportunity to reserve seats and also get optimum seating for the games. Mitch Beims said the first year the selling of the seats would be done by the Booster club. After the first year all proceeds will go into a fund set up for the stadium. As far as all the specifics go on when they go on sale, how many you can purchase and if you can get your same seats next year or if it will be a whole new process is yet to be determined. Mark B. Wilson presented the idea of not purchasing seats to install but to mark the current bleachers with numbers and sell the reserved space. This way you could bypass the cost of purchasing the seats and the installation and if it didn't work out then the district wouldn't have to remove the seats.

The entire reason for the purchase of the reserved seating is to provide money for the district that will be set aside for football stadium improvements such as

expansion of the current seating area and lighting etc. Due to the budget cuts we are facing currently and in the future this would be a good income for the football facility at no cost to the district.

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Eubanks to approve the Holton Booster Club to purchase 180 seats with Bob Phillips class installing them for the football stadium. Motion carried, 5-2 (McKinney, Bowser opposing).

2) Use of facilities: Dr. Karleskint said he has had many conversations since the last board meeting with a variety of people over the charging for use of our facilities. We are footing the cost for our facilities to currently be used as community activity centers instead of looking at it as a school district. There will need to be consideration for the use of the facilities by Holton youth vs. other areas of the county and other school districts. There is also the liability of the school district along with the security of the district. Cindy Hower said that there is a company by the name of EMC who will come in and assess each building in our district for security and potential liability issues. They do interviews with different staff to obtain information along with what they see going on during the day. There is no cost to the district and the board felt this would be good information to have.

Board consensus was to table this item until the assessment could be completed and reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Highland Community College/Holton High School Class

Alan Beam along with Denise Herbers presented to the board an idea for the 09-10 school year. It would entail a yearlong class made up of three college courses in the area of Medical Office Assistant. It would replace the course the HS currently offers to students at a cost of \$1,100. This would be offered to students at no cost and would allow the district to utilize VE-II funding from the state to pay for the cost. There would be a requirement to have a minimum of 10 students per class but they feel with no fee and the current interest

Board consensus to move forward with the plans for this program.

2. Worker's Comp - Cindy Hower

Renewal quote was distributed to board members that is due 7/1/09.

A motion was made by Member Bowser and seconded by Member Patch to approve the worker's comp renewal contract for \$62,959 for 09-10.

Motion carried, 7-0.

3. MTSS - Kindergarten - Mark C.

Looking at Kindergarten numbers for next year we are estimating at around 80-85 students at this time. Based on those numbers the plan is to have three AM Kindergarten classes with around 17 students each. In the PM there will be two Kindergarten classes of 17 students each. The third class will be an MTSS class made up of 7-10 students who need additional intense instruction in the area of reading. These students will be selected after assessing their first two to three weeks of school. Students can be added or dismissed at any time based on how they are doing. This is in an effort to get the students up to the levels they need to be at so they can effectively participate in the regular Kindergarten classrooms.

Board consensus was to move forward with this plan.

4. Middle School Athletics - Mark C.

Last week there was a meeting of the Big Seven Athletic Directors. All were in attendance except Effingham. Hiawatha, Royal Valley, Perry Lecompton, Jeff West and Holton have all decided to go to 1 coach for Volleyball and Basketball. It was decided to keep A and B games and 7th and 8th grade teams would be traveling together on one bus and all would go to the same district on the same day instead of splitting them as has been done in the past. B games would consist of a 5-minute warm up, 5-minute quarters and a 5-minute half time.

5. Calendar Change

February 19th - .5 Professional Learning, .5 Work Day
February 22-23 PT Conferences

These changes are due to a home basketball game, Tuesday February 23rd.

A motion was made by Member Bowser and seconded by Member Patch
to approve the Holton USD 336 calendar changes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

6. CPA's for Audit – Three auditors submitted bids and the amounts for each were BT & Co for \$11,500, Clubine and Rettele for \$10,250 and Long CPA for \$4,500.

Discussion among board members as to why such a difference in cost. Long CPA used to do the district audit with Bogner. When they split we went with Bogner. Long is familiar with our district and worked well with us in the past.

A motion was made by Member Bowser and seconded by Member Patch
to approve bid for audit by Long CPA for \$4,500. Motion carried, 7-0.

7. Approval of Delta Dental Plan – renewal of contract.

Prices increased:

	<u>08-09</u>	<u>09-10</u>
Emp only	\$31.94	\$33.54
Emp +1	\$62.94	\$66.09
Emp/Family	\$114.70	\$120.44

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Holaday to approve the Delta Dental contract for 09-10 as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

8. Fuel Bids

	Jackson Farmers	Knotty Pine
Gas	1.8050	1.756
Diesel	1.6115	1.586

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Bowser to approve bids presented by Knotty Pine Oil Co. for Gas - \$1.756 and Diesel- \$1.586. Motion carried, 7-0.

9. Budget/Funding Update

Dr. Karleskint presented the latest information available from Dale Dennis, Commissioner of Education. 08-09 Budget projected cuts for GF= \$60,868 and LOB= \$18,260 for a total projected cut this year of \$79,128. The Legislature is at this time saying they are not done with cuts for this year.

09-10 projected cuts for GF = \$236,695 and LOB= \$ 71,009 for a total projected cut next year of \$307,704.

Mark B. Wilson wanted to clarify some information on the return of stimulus money they are talking about for Special Education. With the present cuts Special Education Coop will lose approximately \$50,000 this year and \$50,000 next year. They are quoting \$300,000+ in stimulus money which will keep us from going further in the hole and requiring greater assessment money from the five cooperative districts. It is the following year where the hit may be felt by the participating districts. Mark stated he keeps a firm grip on spending and tries to keep the expenses in check but the cuts will be felt.

Mark B. Wilson said he would like for the board members to speak to the representatives about the state wanting to close down the School for the Blind and School for the Deaf to cut costs. The Holton Sped Coop currently has one student attending KSD and it would cost the coop around \$100,000 to provide the same services for one student. This in turn would cost USD 336 around \$33,000 as our portion of the cost even though the student would not attend our district.

The Special Ed Coop doesn't have the ability to cut positions like districts because they are held by federally mandated laws to provide services to students. The loss or gaining of positions is strictly due to student needs and services that must be provided. At this time for 09-10 the Coop will not replace a Royal Valley High School Teacher and will not be replacing a teacher at Holton Middle School. The teacher at HMS will be moving into a gifted teaching position where a teacher retired. They added a position at Sabetha Elementary but will be moving a teacher from Wetmore to fill that position and eliminating the position at Wetmore. This will eliminate 2 Sped teaching positions.

Jay Watkins left phone call at 8:17 p.m.

10. Building Maintenance –

Bleachers in the new gym need to have routine maintenance done on them to straighten yokes and brackets. D.J West Enterprises, Inc. is the company that installed them and has done maintenance on them in the past. Bid submitted for \$6,500.

Estimate presented for new water softener of \$10,970 to go along with other plumbing needs discussed at last months meeting. It was noted that we have the AC and Heating contract with McElroy's but not a plumbing contract. The board would like for Dr. Karleskint to seek bids for all plumbing projects needed at the High School and present at next meeting.

Fire alarm system upgrade at the Middle School was presented as the alternate option to replacing the doors. This is from the inspection done last fall. For the equipment, installation and testing the price is \$2,675.

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Bowser to approve the bid for bleacher maintenance of \$6,500 by D. West Ent and the bid for the fire alarm upgrade of \$2,675 by Heartland Alarms. Motion carried, 6-0.

11. Transportation

Dr. Karleskint handed out a list of the six oldest buses in our fleet with current mileage and condition listed. Lowest mileage out of all six was 127,261. We have not purchased a bus since July 07. The board asked Dr. Karleskint to seek bids on new and previously owned buses to present at the next board meeting.

12. Prom Invite

The Junior class would like to invite all board members and their spouses to the upcoming Prom on April 25. Please let Alan Beam or Tad Hernandez know as soon as possible.

13. Central school testing

Dr. Karleskint wanted to let the board know that Kathy Cooney has agreed to participate in a study being conducted by KU on test anxiety in the elementary classroom. It will take around 1 hour total. At the conclusion of the study they will offer the school some intervention strategies to reduce test anxiety and its negative effects.

8:30 President Nelson called a 10-minute break to resume at 8:40.

Jay Watkins returned via phone at 8:41.

A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Holaday that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 8:47p.m. for 20 minutes returning to regular session at 9:07p.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 9:07p.m.

A motion was made by Member Eubanks and seconded by Member Holaday that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:08p.m. for 10 minutes returning to regular session at 9:18p.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 9:18p.m.

A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member McKinney that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:25 p.m. for 10 minutes returning to regular session at 9:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

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

Dr. Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

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

PERSONNEL:

1) New employment

A motion was made by Member Bowser and seconded by Member McKinney to approve a contract for Melissa Jeffery; SE Para Onaga, Mike Wiesner; KSD SE Para and Cullen Jackson; HS Art teacher for 09-10. Motion carried, 7-0.

2) Resignations

A motion was made by Member Bowser and seconded by Member McKinney to approve resignations from Linda Arnold; Colo Para, Mike Ford; HS Science, Alan Beam; HS Principal, Charlotte Tenfelde; Central SE Para. Motion carried, 7-0.

April 25th - Prom

May 11th - Board of Education meeting

No further action taken.

President Nelson adjourned the meeting at 9:45p.m.

Minutes as recorded by:

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