

APPROVED

Holton USD #336
Board of Education --First Regular Meeting
Sept 14, 2009, 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shelby Patch, Mike Ford, Allen Arnold, Bob Phillips, Todd Holaday, Steven Bowser

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jay Watkins

President Bowser called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

BOE members met and discussed ideas for short, mid and long-term goals. They also discussed monetary vs. non-monetary goals. They discussed having the following acronym to provide guidance for the group that is similar to another education one currently in use.

SMART

Specific
Measurable
Accountable
Realistic
Time frame

President Bowser went around the table and asked for some thoughts from each board member and Member Phillips had two lists prepared that he shared with the group. The survey information was distributed earlier to members and some discussion followed. Board members asked Dr. Karleskint to write "Draft" goal statements to be reviewed at October meeting.

President Bowser called for a recess at 6:24 to resume at 6:30.

A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Holaday to approve the amended agenda of the Sept 14th, 2009 regular board meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Ford to approve the minutes of the August 10th, 2009 regular board meeting. Motion carried, 6-0.

A motion was made by Member Ford and seconded by Member Arnold to approve the warrant numbers 47274 through 47502 and Sept payroll as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS: No one signed up.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Summer School Update – Kathy Cooney and Ralph Blevins

Handouts were distributed to board members.

Principal Cooney had an 88% attendance rate for summer school. The students who attended summer school made larger gains on their MAP scores from Spring '09 to Fall '09 than those students who did not.

Principal Blevins had a 100% attendance rate for summer school. The students also had significant improvement on their MAP scores.

2. Testing Update

Principal Blevins provided the board members with a packet with detailed information with 08-09 Assessment Data. Some charts were by building and others by grade level. In both Reading and Math the district met standard or was above.

3. Curriculum Update

Principal Cooney and Heather Hundley gave an update on the new reading curriculum being used at Central this year. Principal Cooney said the new curriculum was needed because based on the old curriculum the students would be unable to keep up with State Standards in about two years. This way we are ahead of the curve and can continue to progress as expected. Heather Hundley provided the material to the board members and explained how a teacher utilizes the different aspects of the program.

4. Linscott Playground Project

Joe Schneider came to provide the board information on what is happening with the playground project. The next step would be Design

Day. This would include the architect going to each of the elementary schools and meeting with each grade level for 30 minutes to get ideas. He would then spend the afternoon drawing up the plans to present at a community meeting that night.

He told the board the committee is looking at raising around \$150,000+ to build a 10,000 square foot playground. This would hopefully allow a few funds left over to help out with future maintenance needs. He spoke with the lady who organized the one for Onaga's playground and they used about 800 volunteers to get it up and in place with some materials donated.

One of the board members asked how they were going to go about fund raising. He told them the normal ways like bake sales, business donations and also selling plaques that kids can put their handprints in and line the playground. One board member asked if fund raising would be done through the schools and it was stated that it was not to be done through the schools.

Board gave their consensus for the go ahead to do this if it is o.k. with the elementary principals.

5. FFA request to go to Nationals

Mr. Larison provided board members with information on the trip to Indianapolis, Indiana. FFA members Dillon Klahr, Mary Burns, Amanda Spade and Carrie Karns presented to the board what they would be doing at Nationals for Parliamentary Procedure. They are requesting to take one Suburban that will take out 8 students (3 graduated seniors and one alternate in addition to the 4 who attended the board meeting.)

A motion was made by Member Arnold and seconded by Member Ford to allow the students to attend Nationals along with providing for expenses as noted in the Out of State Student Activity Policy. Motion carried, 6-0.

6. Acceptance of Insurance Renewal

Cindy Hower asked if there were any additional questions the board had from the information presented at last months meeting. None were noted.

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Patch to approve the contract between USD 336 and Kellerman/SIG for the period of October 18,2009-October 18, 2010 for \$9,000. Motion carried, 6-0.

7. Vehicle Use Guidelines

Cindy Hower and Dr. Karleskint presented a draft of a policy in which employees who transport students in their own vehicles must sign before they can transport students.

A point of clarification was asked by Dr. Karlskint on the use of facilities. Anyone requesting use of facilities must have at least \$300,000 in liability.

8. Washburn Tech Institute Enrollment and Travel

Dr. Karleskint informed the board that this year we have 6 students enrolled and are also transporting 2 Jackson Heights students in a van.

Member Arnold would like to see more emphasis applied to this opportunity in the upcoming school year.

9. Update on on-going projects

Currently we need to add more smoke alarms to the MS stairwells and at the bottom of the corridors.

The door has been cut in the wall in Bob's old room and instead of adding a wall we were able to use some old lockers and place them strategically so that they create a barrier.

Heartland security project has the hardware installed and now are working to complete the electronic drops.

McElroy's had presented a bid that was handed out to members that consists of multiple options on expansion tank replacement, and automated glycol feeder system and glycol. BOE members would like to have another estimate on this project.

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Phillips to accept the McElroy or comparable bid. Motion carried, 6-0.

10. Report from committee on Zibell/Schirmer/Knouft gifts

Committee has narrowed it down the three items. A bid was presented to BOE members on conversion of Channel 19 to digital. Also a schematic for the handicap area at the football field was discussed along with an estimate from Topeka Landscape for the courtyard improvement project.

A motion was made by Member Phillips and seconded by Member Ford to accept the \$ 7,751.00 quote for the digital conversion by Mega Hertz. Motion carried, 6-0.

11. Building Funds

Dr. Karleskint clarified with administration that any funds from the Pepsi contract be received at the district office and then will be distributed to the buildings. Expenses are to be monitored and reported to the board on how the money is being utilized.

12. Report on enrollment figures

Dr. Karleskint let the board know that we are down 15-18 students for the year with count coming up on Monday September 21st.

13. Ratify contract change

New language is as follows:

USD 336 monthly contributions will be made for each employee, based on years of experience to USD 336 as per the above table, until they reach the age of 60. At age 60, USD 336 contributions would change to the entry-level amount, as per the above table, until the employee retires from and/or terminates employment with USD 336. However, the employee may continue to contribute to the account.

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Patch to accept the ratification of the 09-10 negotiated contract. Motion carried, 6-0.

President Bowser called for a 5 min recess at 9:25.

Returned to regular session at 9:30.

A motion was made by Member Arnold and seconded by Member Phillips that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:32 p.m. for 15 minutes returning to regular session at 9:47 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 9:47 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Holaday that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:47 p.m. for 5 minutes returning to regular session at 9:52 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 9:52 p.m.

PERSONNEL:

1) New employment

A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Arnold to approve contracts for Jennifer Clark; RVES SE Para, LaDonna Snyder; KSD SE Para, Corrin Tanking; Asst SB coach, Elizabeth Staab; Central RE Para, Eryn Coverdale; Central RE Para.

And to approve resignation for Lisa Wade; HMS office Aide.

And to approve transfers of Pearl Williams from Central to HMS and Jennifer Berges from Colorado RE to Central SE.

Motion carried, 6-0.

No further action taken.

President Bowser adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 12th - Board of Education Meeting

Minutes as recorded by:

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