

APPROVED

Holton USD #336
Board of Education –Special Meeting
February 8, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shelby Patch, Allen Arnold, Mike Ford, Steve Bowser, Jay Watkins, Todd Holaday, Bob Phillips.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

President Bowser addressed the staff members and citizens alike. He said we are all here to share ideas and he also wanted to clarify that all the listed items are proposed cuts that are not set in stone and are also not all inclusive.

COMMUNICATIONS:

6:00 Staff meeting

Eight staff members signed up to speak to the board. Many had input from groups that had gotten together to look at the proposed cuts and had thoughts on how they would like to see the cuts prioritized. Many were in favor of keeping the block scheduling. Input was received by the board on a cross section of the proposed cuts that were published in the paper as well as e-mailed to current staff. Multiple speakers had data on their items of concern and board member Jay Watkins asked that any data that had been collected be presented to the board in written form to enable the board members to utilize this information when it came time to make specific cuts. The floor was opened up with fifteen minutes left to receive any additional input from staff who didn't sign up.

President Bowser read to the group some of the e-mails and letters he had received from patrons/staff that were unable to be here for the meeting.

Dr. Karleskint handed out a list of addresses for anyone interested to write to the Senator, Representative and Governor. He encouraged any and all staff and patrons to please write to the listed individuals and let them know your thoughts on the proposed cuts for education. At this time they are not feeling the pressure from the local people as to how these cuts are effecting our kids and community.

7:00 Community meeting

President Bowser addressed the community members present. He said we are all here to share ideas and he also wanted to clarify that all the listed items are proposed cuts that are not set in stone and are also not all inclusive.

Dr. Karleskint started the meeting with a short presentation of information he presented to the Senate Ed Committee a few weeks ago. It was an outline of all the budget cuts USD 336 has experienced since 2008-2009 school year. It also included the current list of potential budget reductions for the 2010-2011 school year.

Six community members signed up to address the board. Patrons would like to see a more detailed breakdown of the individual areas where lump sums are listed. Also questions were asked where the district could use help if citizens would be willing to volunteer time and/or make donations for specific district needs. Citizens would also like to see clarification of a plan/vision of where the district is headed even in these tough times of budget reductions. The floor was opened up during this discussion as well and four additional patrons voiced their thoughts.

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No further action taken.

President Bowser adjourned the meeting at 8:00p.m.

Minutes as recorded by:

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