

## **APPROVED**

Holton USD #336  
Board of Education --Second Regular Meeting  
April 26, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steven Bowser, Todd Holaday, Mike Ford, Bob Phillips, Allen Arnold, Shelby Patch, Jay Watkins (arrived 6:02)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** NONE

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

**A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Ford** to approve the agenda of the April 26, 2010, regular board meeting. Motion carried: 6-0.

Member Watkins arrived.

**A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Patch** to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2010, regular board meeting. Motion carried, 7-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Capital Outlay Protest Petition**

Dr. Karleskint distributed the petition to the board members along with the newspaper article explaining the resolution and a history of USD 336 Mill levies. Dr. Karleskint and board members have received calls from patrons who felt they were misled when asked to sign the petition. Anyone who wanted to remove his or her name from the petition had 3 days from the date it was submitted to the county clerk. It was submitted last Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. At this time the board has four options:

- 1) Hold a special election at the cost of the district. This would take around 30 days for the county clerk to get all of it ready. The district would need to decide how many polling places and where. Rental of the facilities, cost to print ballots and payment of workers are estimated to be \$3,000 to \$4,000.
- 2) The district could participate in the August primary election. This would require the district to make two budgets due to the fact that the election is scheduled August 4<sup>th</sup> then the budget has to be published 2 weeks in a row and then a hearing has to be held and the budget submitted to the state by August 25<sup>th</sup>. This would create an extremely tight schedule. There would also be some costs the district would have to incur.
- 3) The district could participate in the November general election and the 2010-2011 School year budget would go with a zero mill levy for Capital Outlay. The district would then get no funds from the state as well as no funds from the tax levy.

4) The district could wait 9 months and choose to not participate in any elections and then form a new resolution with the possibility that it would meet with the same issues we are currently facing.

**A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Ford**

to approve a special election with three polling places (Court House, Ja Co Fair Building and Denison) to be held the week of May 24<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried, 7-0.

2. **Technology Updates** - Tom Sextro presented to the board handouts on expenses and different scenarios for budget cuts to the tech dept for next year. Tom and Stephen Vermillion fielded questions from the board. They would like some direction on which way the board feels the technology in the district needs to be headed. Board would like some additional feedback from teachers on the usage in the classroom and what they feel the effect of technology in the district is having on our students.

3. **Facilities Usage-**

Board members asked Mitch Beims for an update on the weight room security and supervision. There are concerns that there is a security issue with having access to the weight room and a direct route into the HS building along with usage of the facility by unsupervised students. Board members are worried about the liability to the school district if a student was injured with no adult supervision in place. Mitch said there were problems with the internal door locking and also the exterior door locking. They currently were both fixed and now should pose no security problems. Supervision in the weight room to his knowledge was what it should be. He said there were some problems of unsupervised kids getting into the weight room and other areas of the building during basketball games. It was left open for the janitors to clean and then locked when they were done cleaning. Board members asked Mitch to put together a schedule for student usage and supervision and also a time when staff could access the facilities.

4. **BCBS Rates**

**2009 -  
2010**

	<b>Emp/Dep</b>	<b>Emp/Sp</b>	<b>Emp/Ch</b>	<b>Emp</b>
<b>Option 1</b>	1048.51	731.34	657.77	340.59
<b>Option 2</b>	996.86	695.06	625.51	323.71
<b>Option 3</b>	955.23	665.8	599.53	310.10

**2010 -  
2011**

	<b>Emp/Dep</b>	<b>Emp/Sp</b>	<b>Emp/Ch</b>	<b>Emp</b>
<b>Option 1</b>	1085.46	756.91	681.08	352.52
<b>Option 2</b>	1038.36	723.81	651.67	337.13

<b>Option 3</b>	997.23	694.91	625.99	323.68
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Will be between a 3.5% to 4.4% increase for the different options.

**A motion was made by Member Watkins and seconded by Member Ford** to approve renewal of BC/BS contract for school year 10-11. Motion carried, 7-0.

## 5. Maintenance

North Wall at Central- Still needs fixed. Need to get current bid from Dean Stous along with additional bids.

Fences at Elementary Schools- Had bid but the person backed out due to personal reasons. Need to get current bid due to the issues of child safety/security.

Security of buildings at Elementary Schools- Completion on the MS and HS and we had projected to continue with the elementary buildings this spring. Estimate of \$3,000 per building.

Cameras at High School- Continuation of an ongoing project. Get updated bids.

This is not all inclusive. Dr. Karleskint will bring additional transportation needs to the next BOE meeting. With the limbo of the Capital Outlay for next year BOE will need to prioritize projects for this summer and next year.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

Science teachers: Audrey Baxter, Brad Weilert, Jon Holliday, Jason Larison and Mike Spade

All five teachers expressed their concern with the plan for division of the MS and HS science classes. They don't understand the vision, concern with class sizes and test scores in the future for the assessment testing that is coming. Fear that class sizes will get too big for lab based classes that are more hands on learning and that there will be a drop in opportunities for those students wanting to take more of the advanced biology and chemistry classes. All are concerned that this will make 2 years in a row that there have been cuts in teachers in this curriculum area. They also expressed the support they have for Mr. Bartel and that he is an excellent teacher.

Teachers encouraged the board to assess the cuts and look at those that would have less of an impact on the students and their learning.

Morgan Smith and Cole Mosier, two current Holton High School students, both expressed their supportive opinions on Mr. Lang and his current teaching impact on them. Both also expressed their negative opinions on moving towards IDL classes with

their experience with previous IDL classes they have taken. They stated that they are not hands on enough and lack interaction with the teaching staff.

**10 minute break. Reconvene at 7:33.**

**A motion was made by Member Arnold and seconded by Member Ford** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 7:35p.m. for 25 minutes returning to regular session at 8:00p.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.

Jim Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 8:00p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Phillips** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 8:00p.m. for 10 minutes returning to regular session at 8:10p.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.

Jim Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 8:10p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Phillips** to accept each listed cut as provided. Motion carried, 7-0.

Tier 1 cuts for 2010-2011 School Year:

<u>Tier One</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>Running Total</u>
Medical Careers Class at High School	\$25,000	\$25,000
Reduce Fresh Start staff by .5	\$15,000	\$40,000
Middle School at-risk - hired back as a para	\$44,000	\$84,000
Reduce Kindergarten teacher to 1/2 time position	\$32,500	\$116,500
Crossing Guard .5 - Custodian to assume cross guard duties @ Central	\$6,500	\$123,000
Crossing Guard at Colorado on Hwy 75	\$3,300	\$126,300
Dropping 1 wrestling date (after league tourney) MS	\$300	\$132,800
Dropping end of the year volleyball tournament - MS	\$300	\$133,100
Freeze on new athletic uniforms - MS	\$4,500	\$137,600
Eliminate school sponsored insurance	\$12,000	\$149,600
HS Athletics -HS Uniforms and eliminate one of the following activities: Freshman football game, Freshman volleyball game, JV Cross country meet, Freshman Girls basketball game, Freshman boys basketball game, JV wrestling tournament, JV baseball game, JV softball game, JV track meet, JV golf meet, and a Vo Ag contest	\$5,000	\$154,600
10% on building budget	\$12,000	\$166,600
Technology Budget ( subject to change based on outcome of Protest Petition Election)	\$100,000	\$266,600
Vo Ag Extended Hours	\$6,000	\$272,600
One teacher at High School	\$48,000	\$320,600
Second teacher at High School (transfer to MS 1/2 time)	\$34,500	\$355,100
Band Aide	\$10,000	\$365,100
Extend waiting period on disability insurance	\$18,000	\$383,100

**A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Arnold** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 8:16p.m. for 60 minutes returning to regular session at 9:16p.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.

Jim Karleskint and Mitch Beims remained in executive session with the board.

Mitch Beims and Jim Karleskint exited at 8:55.

Mark C. Wilson entered at 8:55.

Jim Karleskint re-entered at 9:00.

Returned to regular session at 9:16p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Ford and seconded by Member Watkins** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:16p.m. for 15minutes returning to regular session at 9:31p.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.

Jim Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 9:31p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Phillips and seconded by Member Ford** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:31p.m. for 15 minutes returning to regular session at 9:46p.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.

Jim Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 9:46p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Patch** that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 9:50 p.m. for 10 minutes returning to regular session at 10:00p.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.

Jim Karleskint remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 10:00p.m.

**A motion was made by Member Watkins and seconded by Member Arnold** to extend regular session for 60 minutes at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried, 7-0.

**PERSONNEL:**

**1) Resignations**

**A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Ford** to approve the resignation of Vicki Smith; Sped Asst Director. Motion carried, 7-0.

**3) Non-renewal motions and resolutions**

**A motion was made by Member Holaday and seconded by Member Arnold** to act on resolution presented and non-renew tenured contracts with Luke Lang; HHS Math and Teri Johnson; Colo ECH. Motion carried, 7-0.

**A motion was made by Member Watkins and seconded by Member Holaday** to act on resolution presented and non-renew non-tenured contracts with Denise White; Fsh St Teacher, Shari Frey; Sa Elem, Nikki Heiman; Sa Elem, Anne Hobbs; SMS, Robyn Wright; JH/Wet Speech, Addie Larson; JH/Wet/Onaga Psych, Kathy Meier; Onaga Elem, Sherri Petersen; RVMS, Melissa Peven; JH Elem, Tammy Slayton; RVMS, Stacey Kramer; HHS, Sherri Alverson; OHS. Motion carried, 7-0.

Upcoming:

- May 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5 p.m. Negotiations
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – BOE Mtg
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Graduation
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – Last Day of Classes
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – Last Day for staff

No further action taken.

President Bowser adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

Minutes as recorded by:

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