

APPROVED

Key: A.I. – Action Item
I.I. – Information Item

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 336
BOE – First Regular Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Bob Phillips, Orin Marshall, Rex Frazier, Carl Matousek, Allen Arnold, Shelby Patch

Members Absent: Mike Ford

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

1.A.I. Adopt the agenda as prepared or amended.

A motion was made by Member Frazier and seconded by Member Phillips to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried, 6-0.

2. A.I. Consent Agenda:

1. Approve minutes from Jan. 16th, 2017 regular BOE meeting.
2. Approve minutes from the Jan. 17th, 18th, 19th, 23rd and 25th, 2017 Sp BOE meetings.
3. Approve payment of warrant numbers 61073 through 61194 for the amount of \$823,634.83
4. Approve Feb Payroll for the amount of \$1,139,272.62
5. Resignations:
 - a. Abby Strathman-Sped Teacher, Axtell, end of school year
 - b. Nancy Hedges-Sped Interpreter HHS, end of school year
6. New Hires:
 - a. Dakotah Watkins- Para, RE HES
7. Donations:
 - a. Donation of \$483.00 from Golden Gloves Club for HS softball. The Holton Ag Dept received a gift from the KS Corn Growers Assoc of \$1,500 for lab supplies. In June, Mr. Larison and Mr. Bartel will attend a two-day workshop in Lawrence and will each take away \$500.00 in additional teaching supplies.

A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Frazier to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

3.I.I. Hear from the Public / School Principals

Rod Wittmer said the play was this weekend. The shades were installed on Friday and all went well with the production.

Beth Smith said they have been doing some training sessions with staff and are looking forward to more coming up.

Carolyn Cochren said her sixth student completed their credits today. She is on target to graduate 20 Fresh Start students by the end of the year.

Amy Haussler has just completed four days of staff development and finishing up teacher evaluations.

Michael Kimberlin presented a Holton Banner to the BOE. Lifetouch gave us this free with our student picture package. They designed one but the Holton admin decided to ask our student graphic arts class to come up with ideas. Cully had the class divide into two businesses and they each had to develop and present their ideas. The admin picked one and had them tweak a few items on it to come up with the winner. They then gave to Lifetouch to create the final product. We will utilize this banner at job fairs, open houses, enrollment etc.

4.A.I. Hear and approve guidelines for the district preschool.

Principal Smith presented the BOE her new handbook for the pre-school, which is an addendum to the current elementary handbook. She also wanted to let the BOE know that pre-enrollment for students already enrolled in our program will begin Friday, February 17th and enrollment will begin for NEW students on Monday, February 27th. Applications will be available Thursday, February 16th on the Holton district website or may be picked up at Holton Elementary School and may be turned in at Holton Elementary School. She will be advertising on the USD 336 website, Facebook, brochures and the Holton Recorder.

A motion was made by Member Marshall and seconded by Member Matousek to approve the pre-school handbook as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

5.I.I. Updates on Legislative budget proposals

Supt Stones passed out some of the bills that are being discussed at the legislative sessions. Bill 2270 is the one to keep an eye on, as it is the one that takes some of the old formula along with parts from some suggestions of new formulas and creates a usable scenario for a formula for next school year. The other bill is one that they are working on to get us out of the current year we are in. They are looking at potential cuts from 1.5% to 8.56%. So far they have focused on cuts that would affect our district

from \$400,000 to \$600,000 plus. Supt Stones also discussed some of the other varied information that he heard while listening to the webinars.

6.I.I. Updates on HHS auditorium

Blinds are up and everything looks very nice. The color combinations all blend well together and it really has improved the facilities look. There is still some work to be done on the sound system and we will be continuing to assess its needs and getting things updated on it.

7.I.I. Mike Porter with Maintenance Updates

Mike Porter said that he had some issues with the hot water circulators for the heating system at the MS. When looking at new ones the cost are around \$800 each and to take our old one and have it rebuilt was \$250 so he opted to get ours rebuilt. We have one left over from Central that is relatively new so the rebuilt one will be a back up for us. The HS has had some issues with the safety strap on a basketball goal. We have replaced that one. The west side of bleachers in the main gym has motors going out. We need to replace 5-8 of them and have some wheels replaced that are worn. Received an estimate on the repairs and it will be around \$8,900. Once they get in and are able to get a better look at each one to make sure they are taken care of they will also do our yearly inspection. When one or two motors start lagging they put extra strain on the other good motors to start pulling which creates a drag effect and starts bowing the alignment. We want to fix this before it causes more issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

8.A.I. Approve 2017-2018 school calendar

Michael Kimberlin presented two options for the school calendar. The two differences are moving a day from after winter break to before winter break and a staff development day in September vs. October. After sending out the survey to teaching staff to see what they would prefer the committee received back 32 votes for Option 1 and 21 for Option 2. This was feedback from 52 out of our 82 teaching staff.

A motion was made by Member Phillips and seconded by Member Marshall to approve the Option 1 2017-2018 school calendar as presented. Motion carried, 5-1. (Frazier opposing)

9.A.I. Student trip request for science bowl.

Mike Spade is requesting the use of a vehicle to take 10 students and 2 sponsors to the Science Knowledge Bowl in K.C., Mo. on March 5th.

A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Phillips to approve the trip request from Mike Spade for the Science Knowledge Bowl as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

10.I.I. Audit of Utility Costs, Utility Cost Control.

Supt Stones had sent out questions on the Supt List Serve and received feedback on the different audits that are out there and varied responses. Most who have done it agreed it was a good decision on their part. To have the utility bills looked at won't cost the district anything. It is only if we decide to seek savings that the companies would get any payout. One has a three-year contract we would have to sign that if we received any compensation during that time they would get a percentage. The BOE said it couldn't hurt if we just had then look at our bills since it would not cost us anything. We could then decide if we wanted to pursue negotiations with our utilities.

11.A.I. Executive session for negotiations

A motion was made by Member Phillips and seconded by Member Patch that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 7:04p.m. for 15 minutes returning to regular session at 7:19p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a. Discuss negotiations. To protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract. Motion carried, 6-0.

Dennis Stones and Joe Kelly remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to open session at 7:19p.m. with no decisions being made.

A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Matousek that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 7:20p.m. for 15 minutes returning to regular session at 7:35p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a. Discuss negotiations. To protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract. Motion carried, 6-0.

Dennis Stones and Joe Kelly remained in executive session with the board.

Dennis Stones and Joe Kelly exited executive session with the board at 7:32p.m.

Returned to open session at 7:35p.m. with no decisions being made.

A motion was made by Member Marshall and seconded by Member Frazier that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 7:35p.m. for 5 minutes returning to regular session at 7:40p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- a. Discuss negotiations. To protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract. Motion carried, 6-0.

Returned to open session at 7:40p.m. with no decisions being made.

12.A.I. Executive session for discussion of non-elected personnel.

A motion was made by Member Phillips and seconded by Member Frazier that Holton USD #336 recess to executive session at 7:45PM for 30 minutes returning to regular session at 8:15PM 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.

Dennis Stones and Joe Kelly remained in executive session with the board.

Returned to regular session at 8:15pm with no decisions made.

13.A.I. Any necessary decision regarding personnel

A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Frazier to approve the termination of Laura Motto, Fd Svc employee as requested. Motion carried, 6-0.

A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Frazier to approve the resignation of Sheila Hooshmand, SE RVHS teacher as requested. Motion carried, 6-0.

14.A.I. Set salary procedures for the school nurse

The school nurse yearly base rate of pay will be the base of the certified teachers salary schedule for that school year. The benefits will include BCBS, Salary Protection and Group Life the same as 12-month staff rates. Personal and Sick leave will also be accumulated the same as classified staff amounts.

A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Frazier to approve the nurse salary and benefit structure as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

15.A.I. Approve contracts for the district administrators and directors

Mike Adkins, Carolyn Cochren, Amy Haussler, Joseph Kelly, Mike Kimberlin, Mike Porter, Jeff Price, Tom Sextro, Beth Smith and Rod Wittmer.

A motion was made by Member Patch and seconded by Member Marshall to approve one-year contracts for administrators and directors as provided for the 17-18 school year. Motion carried, 6-0.

16. A.I. Adjourn

President Arnold adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Feb 22 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4p.m. – 8p.m.

Feb 23 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8a.m. – 7p.m.

Feb 24 No School

March 10 End of 3rd Quarter

Minutes as recorded by:

Deirdré (Dee) Folk

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