

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HERINGTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 487
CITY/SCHOOL OFFICES
19 NORTH BROADWAY
Monday, June 16 2008**

Mr. David Powell called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education of U.S.D. 487 at 7:00 p.m. June 16, 2008. Board members and other staff present were: Mr. Bret Beye, Mr. Alan Stuart, Mrs. Diana Floyd, Mrs. Stacey Berndt, Superintendent John Thissen, and Clerk of the Board Robyn Heitfield. Mr. Phil Brockmeier was absent.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Diana Floyd made a motion (Erickson) to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion passed 6-0

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Stacey Berndt moved (Floyd) to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2008 meeting and the special meetings of May 22, 2008 and June 9, 2008 as presented.
Motion carried 6-0.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

4. REPORT MILITARY ASSISTANCE

Mr. John Thissen and Mr. Rich DeMont gave brief reports regarding the visit made to Ft. Riley on May 19, 2008. The purpose of the meeting was to share ideas with surrounding communities and determine ways to help families in the District whose loved one is in the military.

5. PROJECT BASED LEARNING REPORT

John Thissen and David Powell provided the Board with a power point presentation on the recent trip taken to Minnesota where they toured three facilities implementing project based learning.

6. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

Mr. Rich DeMont reported on the following items at the Elementary:

- Summer school consists of 36 students and is in full swing
- Currently thirty Kindergarten students will be tested during the summer months for the 2008-09 school year

Mr. John Thissen reported on the following activities at the MS/HS:

- Letters went out to fifteen families where students did not attend or fulfill their obligation to summer school as required. Makeup classes will be offered in August. If these classes are not attended, the student will not be in "good standing" at the beginning of the school year and therefore would not be able to participate in activities.

Mr. Jon Utech reported on the following:

- Skyward training is full circle right now
- Antivirus software is being upgraded to protect the District's operating system

7. BOND ELECTION

A confirmation letter was sent to Mr. Thissen by the Dickinson County Courthouse on behalf of Sandra Emig Burris stating the District would not be required to pay for the recent bond election.

Discussion began regarding the decisions made at the bond election work session that was held on June 9, 2008. After reviewing all options and comments previously discussed and careful consideration, Mr. Rod Erickson moved (Berndt) to proceed with a November bond election in the amount of \$29,900,000 to allow for the increase in inflation. After additional discussion the motion passed 6-0. A request was then made by the Board for Mr. Thissen to contact other architects and allow them the opportunity to bid on the project as presented by PBA Architect.

8. IBB/NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

Ratification of the Negotiated Agreement for the 2008-09 school year was concluded by certified staff and presented to the Board for approval. Bret Beye made a motion (Floyd) to approve the 2008-09 Negotiated Agreement as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

9. CLASSIFIED WAGE SCALE

Two classified wage scales were presented to the Board with the recommendation by Mr. John Thissen to approve the extended plus 1% increase which **on average** gives classified staff members a 4.5% increase. Bret Beye moved (Floyd) to approve the extended plus 1% increase wage scale. Motion carried 6-0.

10. BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND MILK FEES

A list was provided to Board members identifying 2008 meal pricing for Kansas School Districts. After conversation with other superintendents, John Thissen advised the Board many Districts indicate the need to increase current prices due to cost increase in food and fuel. Ms. Jennifer Lollar, food service supervisor, recommends an increase of no less than five cents on milk and fifteen cents on meals. The Board will consider this recommendation and act during the July regular meeting.

Discussion then followed regarding the backpack program the District introduced to students during the 2007-08 school year. Mr. John Thissen informed the Board the program was very well utilized.

11. WIRELESS ASSETS

Three bids have been turned in by vendors regarding the purchase of the District's wireless assets. Two bids consist of 30 year lease proposals while the other bid offers an actual purchase over a 30 year period. After careful review by the Board, Mr. Alan Stuart made a motion (Berndt) authorizing Mr. John Thissen to prepare a formal contract to Independent Spectrum regarding the purchase of the District's wireless assets. Motion carried 6-0.

12. PERSONNEL

A. Executive Session

At 9:13 p.m., Stacey Berndt made a motion (Floyd) for the Board to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; with the Board returning to the open meeting at 9:23 p.m. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals. Motion carried 6-0.

Upon returning to the open meeting, Stacey Berndt moved (Stuart) for the Board to return to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the Board returns to the open meeting at 9:28 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Upon returning to the open meeting, Rod Erickson moved (Stuart) for the Board to return to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the Board returns to the open meeting at 9:33 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Upon returning to the open meeting, Stacey Berndt moved (Floyd) for the Board to return to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the Board returns to the open meeting at 9:38 p.m. with Mr. Thissen attending. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Employee Overtime

The Board was given the employee overtime report for May 2008 payroll.

C. Action on Personnel

Mr. Alan Stuart moved (Beye) to increase the five administrators' salaries \$1,600.00 per contract for the 2008-09 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

13. VEHICLE PURCHASE

A used minivan was located and presented to the Board for purchase approval. Bret Beye made a motion (Erickson) to purchase the 2008 Chevrolet Uplander LS at a purchase price of \$17,250.00. Motion carried 6-0.

14. TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE

Mr. Jon Utech presented the Board with a detailed breakdown of technology expenditures for the 2007-08 school year that included instructional, administrative and salaries. He asked that the Board take action on the proposal to purchase 56 laptops totaling \$59,640.00 so software could be installed and ready for use at the start of the 2008-09 school year. Stacey Berndt made a motion (Floyd) directing Mr. John Thissen to purchase 56 laptops at a cost of \$59,640.00. Motion carried 6-0.

15. ART AND SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM

An update was given by Mr. John Thissen regarding the Social Studies curriculum work that has transpired to date. All work has been completed with the exception of sixth grade. Materials will be made available by the end of the 2008-09

school year so staff can familiarize themselves with it prior to the start of the 2009-10 year.

A motion was made by Bret Beye (Berndt) to adopt the Art Curriculum as presented by Mrs. Cathy Crouch during the April board meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

16. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Budget

A budget summary was presented to the Board through May 31, 2008.

B. Credit Cards

Credit card statements were not available for the Board to look over.

C. Special BOE meeting for Transferring Funds

A motion was made by Bret Beye (Floyd) to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 487 hereby authorizes the superintendent to make transfers to the following funds in the amount that the statutes and local budget allow: Special Education, Capital Outlay, Food Service Parent Education, Contingency Reserve, Driver's Education, At Risk, Professional Development.

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 487 further authorizes the superintendent to make the end-of-year purchases as presented as funds allow.

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 487 further authorizes the superintendent to expend all General Fund and Local Option Budget dollars to their legal maximum for the 2007-2008 school year.

ADOPTED by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 487 the 16th day of June 2008.

17. VOUCHERS

A motion was made by Mr. Bret Beye to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

18. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- A. Consent Items
- B. Bids for Fuel, Milk, Waste and Vehicle Service
- C. Election of Officers
- D. Senior Request for Open Lunch
- E. Boys Town
- F. Salaries for Clerk, Food Service and Transportation Director and Technology Coordinator

19. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mrs. Peggy Hilliard is taking care of the Fair Booth items. The suggestion was made to hand out brochures promoting the School District and upcoming Bond Election.

20. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:35 p.m. Bret Beye moved (Floyd) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried
6-0.

Robyn Heitfield, Clerk of the Board of Education

Attest: _____
David Powell, President

Date: _____