

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HERINGTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 487
CITY/SCHOOL OFFICES
19 NORTH BROADWAY
Monday, May 19, 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. May 19, 2008. Board members and other staff present were: Mr. Bret Beye, Mr. Alan Stuart, Mrs. Diana Floyd, Mr. Phil Brockmeier, Mrs. Stacey Berndt, Superintendent John Thissen, and Clerk of the Board Robyn Heitfield.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Phil Brockmeier made a motion (Beye) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Stacey Berndt asked that a correction be made to the minutes of April 21, 2008, Agenda Item 10 Herington Adult Learning Center Requests. The “no” vote was cast by Board member Phil Brockmeier. Mrs. Stacy Berndt moved (Brockmeier) to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2008 meeting as amended and the special meetings of April 24 and April 28, 2008 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

4. REPORT ON SUMMER SCHOOL IMPACT

Mr. Steve Mies, HS/MS principal, reported on the positive impact the 2006-07 summer school program had on the assessment tests for this year. Thirty-two HS/MS students attended the nine day classes.

Mr. Rich DeMont gave a brief presentation regarding the Elementary summer school program for 2006-07 and the impact it had on the thirty-five elementary students that attended the program.

5. STATE ASSESSMENT RESULTS REPORT

Reports were furnished by Mr. Steve Mies and Mr. Rich DeMont regarding the 2007-08 State Assessment test results. Both building principals reported all grades levels taking the tests met AYP goals in both Reading and Math.

6. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

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

- Field Day activities were rescheduled for May 14 due to weather conditions on May 7
- Fifth graders traveled to the Middle School to tour the facilities in preparation for next year’s classes
- Fifth grade DARE Graduation and Recognition is May 21
- Class picnics will be held on May 22, the last day of school

- Results from the MAPPS testing completed in May will be sent home to parents

Mr. Steve Mies reported on the following activities at the MS/HS

- Baccalaureate, awards assemblies, Senior night and graduation are some of the activities students are involved with at the High School
- Steve and Carol Mies attended the Governor's Scholar Awards Program which recognized Senior, Missy Traskowsky
- Middle school students are preparing for the awards assemblies and end of year dance
- "Deal or No Deal" was an assembly presented by Middle school staff to reward students for their assessment test scores. The "winning" suitcase earned students a trip to the Salina Teen Center for an afternoon

Mr. Jon Utech reported on the following:

- The state department is reviewing preliminary state test scores and informed Mr. Utech results showed a very good school
- Intense Skyward training is scheduled throughout the month of June
- Mr. Utech is in the process of identifying the summer workload schedule

7. INSURANCE AGENT

Mrs. Tandi Arevalo, insurance agent for Herington Mutual Insurance, gave a brief presentation to the Board on the benefits of a local insurance company handling the District's insurance needs and asked for an Agent of Record change for the upcoming July 1, 2008 renewal. Following discussion, Diana Floyd moved (Stuart) to allow an Agent of Record Change from Sunflower Insurance Group to Herington Mutual Insurance. Motion carried 6-0.

8. TREE HUGGER CLUB

Mrs. Kim Coover, High School Science teacher and Ms. Brooklyn Osburn, student at Herington High School introduced the Bylaws and Constitution of the Environmental Club recently formed at the High School. This group is actively involved in several community projects geared toward promoting the environment.

9. BOND ELECTION

The events leading to the loss of the Bond Election (357-369) was described by Mr. John Thissen in a brief presentation. A certification of canvass of votes was given to Board Members identifying total votes for each ward. Notification was given by County Clerk, Sandra Emig-Burris, that the county would not bill the District for the cost of the special election. A special board meeting will be held Monday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m. to determine the Board's next step and options that can be taken.

10. IBB

A summary was handed out to the Board listing all issues, options, and yearly costs determined by the IBB committee in recent Negotiations meetings. The next IBB meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Financial issues were discussed and acceptance of the issues was encouraged.

11. CLASSIFIED HANDBOOK REVISIONS

Additions and revisions were made to the Classified Handbook by a committee of several staff members representing all classified departments throughout the District. The Board reviewed the handbook and requested revisions made to Early Retirement Benefits and Sick Leave. Diana Floyd made a motion (Berndt) to approve the Classified Handbook with the revisions made but not to include the wage scale until negotiations were completed in IBB. Motion passed 5-1 with David Powell casting the no vote.

12. CALENDAR

Requested collaboration days have been added to the 2008-09 school calendar. Stacey Berndt moved (Beye) to approve the 2008-09 calendar as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

13. ELIGIBILITY

A revised Eligibility Policy was presented to the Board by Mr. Mark Cook. Phil Brockmeier made a motion (Berndt) to accept the Eligibility policy as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

14. SCHOOL HANDBOOKS

Changes to the current student handbooks for each building were identified and given to the Board for approval. Suggestions were made to change the wording in some areas, replace the new Eligibility policy and delete the fee schedule. Mr. Alan Stuart made a motion (Beye) to approve the 2008-09 school handbook with the revisions. Motion passed 6-0.

15. PERSONNEL

A. Executive Session

At 9:10 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 9:30 pm. and that Mr. Thissen attend. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Employee Overtime

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

C. Action on Personnel

Stacey Berndt moved (Floyd) to support the retention of Kenny Roe as HS Baseball Assistant Coach. Motion passed 6-0.

Diana Floyd made a motion (Brockmeier) supporting the addition of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) as a new supplemental position at a 2% supplemental rate. Motion carried 6-0.

Bret Beye moved (Floyd) to hire Lana Miller as Dance Team Coach, Nicole Monnington as Cheer Sponsor and Julie Albrecht as FBLA sponsor for the 2008-09 school year. Motion passed 6-0.

Phil Brockmeier moved (Beye) to allow a personal day for Laural Marshall on May 20, 2008. Motion passed 6-0.

16. VEHICLE PURCHASE

Bids were obtained regarding the purchases of a new bus, suburban and minivan. Upon the recommendation of transportation director, Gene Geissert and Mr. John Thissen, Alan Stuart moved (Brockmeier) to accept the bid from American Bus Sales for \$55,900 to purchase a new bus. Motion carried 6-0.

Phil Brockmeier moved (Stuart) to purchase a suburban from Wilson Sales in the amount of \$31,472. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board asked that Mr. Geissert expand his search on the minivan and come back with additional bids at the June board meeting.

17. TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE

Mr. Jon Utech gave a brief presentation regarding technology purchases made during the 2007-08 school year and a proposed list of future equipment, instructional and license purchases that will be needed for the upcoming school year. The Board asked Mr. Utech to bring a detailed breakdown separating the cost of instructional supplies, equipment, software purchases and other expenses to the June board meeting.

18. GIFTS TO DISTRICT

Mr. Leon Baronda donated numerous items to the District in recent months. Items donated were wall lockers, cabinets and bathroom partitions totaling \$16,200. Stacey Berndt made a motion (Beye) to recognize and thank Mr. Baronda for his generosity to the District. Motion passed 6-0.

A suggestion was made to offer Mr. Baronda a season pass to all home events for the 2008-09 school year.

19. REPUBLISH BUDGET

Due to increased enrollment, At-Risk formula changes and additional funding for Special Education teachers, three funds need to be amended and republished in the 2007-08 Budget. Bret Beye moved (Berndt) to accept and republish the budget amendments to the General, At-Risk and Special Education funds. Motion passed 6-0.

20. CURRICULUM COORDINATING COUNCIL

Three new elective courses are being recommended for implementation at the High School for the 2008-09 school year. A summary was given to the Board for approval. Phil Brockmeier made a motion (Floyd) to approve Career Exploration in Science, Aerobics and Leadership for Success as new elective courses. Motion passed 6-0.

21. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Budget

B. Credit Cards

Credit card statements were presented to the Board for all District cardholders.

C. Special Board Meeting

Due to the Bond Election not passing, a special board meeting will be necessary to address the next step for the District.

D. Roofing Report

District roofs were inspected by a representative of the District’s insurance company. A verbal report was given to Mr. John Thissen regarding the needed repair and replacement of individual buildings. Total cost over the two years will exceed \$600,000.

E. Summer School Plans

Summer school at the Elementary will begin on Tuesday, May 27 and conclude on Thursday, July 3. Three teachers and one aide have been hired. Few changes will be made for the Middle School/High School summer program.

F. District Wireless Assets

Mr. John Thissen will be contacting Unisom and asking for their best and final offer regarding the wireless assets the District owns.

G. Overspent Bond and Interest

Bond and Interest in the Budget was incorrectly published at \$40,788. The correct payment was \$45,788. The District will be sited by the state for this error.

22. VOUCHERS

Bret Beye made a motion (Berndt) to approve all vouchers as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

23. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- A. Military Family Assistance
- B. Project Based Learning
- C. Boys Town

24. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

25. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:32 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: _____