

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HERINGTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 487
CITY/SCHOOL OFFICES
19 NORTH BROADWAY
Monday, August 18, 2008**

Mrs. Diana Floyd called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education of U.S.D. 487 at 6:30 p.m. August 18, 2008. Board members and other staff present were: Mr. Alan Stuart, Mr. Phil Brockmeier, Mr. David Powell, Mr. Bret Beye, Superintendent John Thissen, and Clerk of the Board Robyn Heitfield. Mr. Rod Erickson and Mrs. Stacey Berndt joined the meeting at 6:33.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Bret Beye made a motion (Brockmeier) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Phil Brockmeier moved (Stuart) to approve the minutes July 21, 2008. Motion carried 7-0.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Dani Jackson voiced her concern of safety regarding the lack of a bus stop on Franklynn Street. Her child is enrolled in Kindergarten and has to walk to school.

Jacob Mueller, Kris Mueller and Torey Berndt were present to show support for the spirit bus that travels to away activities. They asked that the Board consider retaining the spirit bus for this year and charging a small fee to anyone riding.

4. PRESENTATION OF NORTH CENTRAL ACREDITATION HONOR

Dr. Trudy Salsberry with Kansas State presented Herington Schools with a banner for receiving the North Central Accreditation honor.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Vice-President

Phil Brockmeier nominated (Stuart) Mrs. Stacey Berndt. Bret Beye nominated (Erickson) Mr. David Powell. Mr. David Powell was elected to the Vice-President position by a 4-3 vote.

6. ADMINSTRATORS' REPORT

Mr. Steve Mies gave the following report on the Middle School and High School:

- Mr. Bill Cordes will speak to students at both buildings on September 9
- Changes for the 2008-09 school year include schedule revisions, eligibility policy, and a new student management system
- Student enrollment at the Middle School and High School was 119 and 168 respectively

Mr. Jon Utech gave the following report:

- Numerous training sessions were held on the new laptops and the student management system (Skyward)

Mr. Rich DeMont reported on the Elementary school:

- Enrollment was at 200 as of the first day of school

7. SUMMER SCHOOL/SATURDAY SCHOOL

Mr. Steve Mies gave a brief presentation regarding the purpose of summer school and what impact it has had on students at all grade levels. He recognized the teachers involved with the past summer's program and thanked them for all their hard work.

8. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Mr. John Thissen discussed the proposal introduced to HEA members, Board Members and Administration regarding the After School Program at the Elementary. Mrs. Stacey Berndt recommended a change in the *Cost of Parents* section to read \$20 instead of \$20 an hour. David Powell moved (Stuart) to adopt the proposal with the recommended change. Motion carried 7-0.

9. FUEL SAVING S REPORT

Mr. Mark Cook addressed the Board regarding cost concerns on transportation to away activities. Several ideas were presented to lower the cost associated with traveling. A minimum number will be required and a small fee will be assessed to all patrons wishing to ride.

10. HERINGTON COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER GRADUATES

Mrs. Julie Schlesener, director of the Community Learning Center proposed a solution in determining when a student of the Community Learning Center could become eligible to participate in graduation ceremonies and the High School. Mr. David Powell made a motion (Berndt) to allow students that have fulfilled all criteria and are enrolled at the Community Learning Center prior to September 20th (the date that determines State aid for the District) the option to participate in graduation ceremonies at the High School. Motion carried 7-0.

11. ROOF SURVEY REPORT

Information was provided regarding estimates on roof repairs and replacements received from EMC Insurance, the District's insurance provider. Alarming costs and time frames were discussed by Board members.

12. BOND ELECTION (ARCHITECT, CM, AND COMMUNITY MEETING)

Written quotes were submitted by four architect firms regarding the upcoming bond election. These quotes include the pre-bond and post-bond fees if the bond issue passes. Phil Brockmeier moved (Powell) to retain the services of PBA Architects PA as the company for the project with the understanding there will be no pre-bond expenses paid out. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion began with regards to the timeliness of finding a construction manager at-risk (CM At-Risk) if the Board so chooses. David Powell moved to pursue shopping for a construction manager. Motion died for lack of a second.

New statutes set by legislature require four months of processing before a CM At-Risk can be attained. Discussion began as to whether to start the process now and have a good head start if the bond issue passes or wait and see if the bond issue passes and then start the process and fall behind. The Board then evaluated five factors to determine the appropriateness of a CM-At Risk. David Powell moved (Berndt) that the Board determined the use of CM at-risk is appropriate for the project. It will publish its intention and solicit public comments at a board meeting before commencing the CM-selection process. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board directed Mr. Thissen to contact the facilities committee and schedule a meeting to determine a date, place and time for a third community meeting.

13. OUT OF DISTRICT REQUESTS

Additional requests were made for out of district students to attend Herington Schools. David Powell made a motion (Beye) to approve the out-of-district student list as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

14. PERSONNEL

A. Executive Session

At 9:00 p.m., David Powell made a motion (Berndt) 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 9:20 p.m., and that Mr. Thissen attend. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals. Motion carried 7-0.

Upon returning to the open meeting, David Powell moved (Brockmeier) 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 9:30 p.m., and that Mr. Thissen attend. Motion carried 7-0.

Upon returning to the open meeting, Stacey Berndt moved (Brockmeier) 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 9:35 p.m., and that Mr. Thissen attend. Motion carried 7-0.

B. New Hires, Contract, Teacher Assignment

C. Supplementals

D. Action on Personnel

David Powell moved (Berndt) to offer contracts to Mary Stuart for the part-time elementary secretary, Julie Richmond for the High School evening custodian, Rachel Beaver for the High School secretary and Charles Ballentine for Special Education transportation. Motion carried 7-0.

David Powell made a motion (Stacey) to add \$500.00 to MS/HS Assistant Principal Mark Cook's contract. Motion carried 7-0.

David Powell moved (Beye) to transfer Tony Hoops from MS Assistant Football Coach to HS Assistant Cross Country, a MS/HS musical supplemental would be

paid to Anne Otte in the event of a production and offer contracts to Jamie Schrader and Amy Mortensen for NCA Building Committee. Motion passed 7-0.

E. Employee Overtime

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

F. High School Science Teacher

Word was received by Mr. Thissen that HS Science teacher Nancy Ubias would be in Herington Friday or Saturday from the Philippines. He would cover her classes until she is here.

15. BIDS FOR PEST CONTROL

A single bid was submitted by Young Termite & Pest Control for the District's exterminating service. Stacey Berndt moved (Beye) to accept the bid as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

16. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Budget

B. Credit Cards

Credit card statements were not received at the time of the Board meeting.

C. Wireless Assets

D. Administrators Retreat

E. Special Education Transportation

F. Tornado Refuge Site Assessment Checklist

Mr. Thissen presented the Board with a Tornado Refuge Site Assessment Checklist. KSDE is requiring completion of the assessment by December

G. Budget Hearing on August 25

A special board meeting will be held at 7:00 a.m. to adopt the 2008-09 budget.

H. Changes with Radio Communication

New radio equipment is being updated to administer to the needs of transportation communication.

I. Auction off Bus

A bus that was replaced this summer needs to be auctioned off.

J. Staff Picnic

The annual staff picnic will be held on Sunday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m., at the Elementary School.

17. VOUCHERS

A motion was made by Mr. David Powell (Beye) to approve vouchers as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

18. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A. Board Policy Updates

B. Tour of Facilities (5:30 pm)

C. Bond Election

D. Site Councils-new members

19. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Thissen reported the two day orientation for new teachers went well and was very beneficial.

20. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:06 p.m., David Powell moved (Stuart) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Robyn Heitfield, Clerk of the Board of Education

Attest: _____
Diana Floyd, President

Date: _____