

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HERINGTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 487
SCHOOL FACILITIES
CITY/SCHOOL OFFICES
19 NORTH BROADWAY
Monday, September 15, 2008
5:00 PM**

Mrs. Diana Floyd called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education of U.S.D. 487 at 5:00 p.m. September 15, 2008. Board members and other staff present were: Mr. Alan Stuart, Mr. David Powell, Mr. Bret Beye, Mrs. Stacey Berndt, Mr. Rod Erickson, Superintendent John Thissen, and Clerk of the Board Robyn Heitfield. Mr. Phil Brockmeier was absent.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. John Thissen informed the board an addition was needed. *Item 13E White City Softball Collaboration* will be added. David Powell made a motion (Erickson) to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

2. TOUR OF FACILITIES

A. Elementary

Improvements made:

- Security cameras have been installed in the building. Monitoring is done in the office.
- Battery operated atomic clocks were purchased and are waiting installation
- Updated the sound system in the gym
- A key box has been installed at the entrance for emergency personnel to utilize
- Lunch room was made sound proof over the summer
- Computers and air conditioning units were replaced in the computer lab
- A storage room was remodeled into a quiet room
- Siding was replaced where the music room is
- New phone system now connected to the preschool
- Outside doors on the northwest side of gym replaced
- Replaced timber on play structures

Areas still needing work:

- Camera installation to the parking lot
- Paint scheme in gym needs upgraded
- Leaks in the roof of the gym and hallways. These leaks have already been repaired by an outside vendor
- Southwest doors need to be replaced per fire marshal
- West gym doors need to be replaced now. \$6,000 for both doors.

B. Middle School

Improvements made:

- Activity buses parked in east parking lot
- Security cameras installed

- Mounts installed on classroom ceilings for projectors
- Smart boards have replaced TV's

Areas still needing work

- Parking lot holes need to be filled
- Uneven areas where parking lot on front sidewalk meet
- Drainage problems remain by weight room and connection to the High School
- Outside trash cans needed
- Hot water heater will need to be replaced soon
- Roof leaks in hallway between the two buildings

C. High School

Improvements made:

- Mini blinds installed in the art room
- Computer monitors replaced in the shop
- New table saw purchased for the shop
- Letter boards replaced in commons area
- Replaced two computer carts

Areas still needing work:

- Tinting needed on upper portion of single pane windows in the art room
- Vent area in lunchroom needs to be painted
- Visitor door landscaping needs improvement

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After reconvening to the District office at 6:30, David Powell moved (Erickson) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2008, and the special meetings of August 25 and August 26, 2008. Motion carried 6-0.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

5. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

Mr. Steve Mies and Mr. Mark Cook were attending MANDT training and therefore were not available to report happenings at the Middle/High School. A written report was distributed to Board members in their absence.

Mr. Jon Utech reported the following:

- Skyward was up and running
- Grades online are now available
- MAPPS testing is in progress

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

- Students completed Dibels testing
- Open house was held August 28
- After school program began September 9
- Kansas Assessments scores were downloaded and printed for parents
- An analysis was done by Mr. DeMont showing the major change that has taken place in the use of technology "now vs. then"

6. HERINGTON COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER (Virtual School & Home School)

Julie Schlesener submitted a letter requesting the Board to consider the possibility of utilizing virtual learning and home schoolers to increase FTE. The Board agreed to continue discussion at the next meeting but asked the items be viewed as two separate issues.

7. ASBESTOS REMOVAL REPORT

An estimate in excess of \$600,000 was submitted by Associated Insulation Inc. regarding the removal and disposal of asbestos in five buildings. A third party will have to be hired to complete the final or clearance air monitoring service.

8. BOARD POLICY (GACCA & GAGA)

Preliminary discussion began regarding these policies. Several suggestions were made and considered. No action was taken.

9. BOARD POLICY SECTION I (Part 2: IEC-IHB)

The District's current policy and KASB's recommended policy were submitted to the Board for comparison purposes. Consensus was to delete sections of the District's current policy, have the policy revised and bring back for Board consideration at the next regular meeting. Mr. Thissen informed the Board he will be meeting with Mr. Paul Getto of KASB to review the District's current policies.

10. BOND ELECTION (CM & Community Meeting)

Updates were given by Mr. John Thissen regarding the procedures of selecting a Construction Manager. Interviews could begin as early as November if the Bond Issue passes. An information handout was prepared for distribution and a panel of district patrons was selected to discuss the current issues at the third community meeting scheduled September 16, 2008.

11. SITE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIPS

A list of 2008-09 site council members was presented to the Board for approval. David Powell moved (Beye) to approve the current list pending addition of a student to the High School site council. Motion passed 6-0.

12. PERSONNEL

A. Executive Session

At 8:35 p.m., David Powell made a motion (Beye) 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 8:45 p.m., and that Mr. Thissen attend. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals. Motion carried 6-0.

B. New Hire

C. Supplementals

D. Action on Personnel

David Powell made a motion (Beye) on the following:

- Retain Cindy Mowat as the replacement Elementary Lunchroom aide
- Offer Linda Strome a supplemental contract for Middle School assistant volleyball coach
- Offer Cathy Crouch and Shasta Acheson supplemental contracts for the unfilled high school NCA positions

Motion carried 6-0.

E. Employee Overtime

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

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Budget

The Board was given the current budget summary through August 2008. Mr. Thissen informed the Board additional At Risk money has been identified to be used mainly for salaries.

B. Credit Cards

Credit card statements were supplied for all cardholders for Board review.

C. Tornado Refuge Site Assessment Checklist

Changes have been made regarding the tornado refuge site assessment checklist the state is putting in place. Mr. Thissen gave a brief update regarding those changes.

D. MRSA

Updates were given by John Thissen regarding the current situation on confirmed cases and what steps are being taken to control the problem.

E. White City Softball Collaboration

White City contacted the District regarding the extension of the last year's Cooperative Agreement with the District on the softball program. A request has not been received in writing yet. Centre district has also shown interest in the program.

14. VOUCHERS

A motion was made by Mr. David Powell (Stuart) to approve vouchers as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

15. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- A. Board Policy Updates
- B. Bond Election
- C. State Assessment Results
- D. Softball
- E. Community Learning Center

16. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

A reminder of the community meeting September 16 from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m.

The table tents distributed around the town do not show any information on current school activities.

Positive comments were received regarding the teacher collaboration day on September 10.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:13 p.m. Alan Stuart moved (Beye) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Robyn Heitfield, Clerk of the Board of Education

Attest: _____
Diana Floyd, President

Date: _____