

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HERINGTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 487
CITY/SCHOOL OFFICES
19 NORTH BROADWAY
Monday, August 17, 2009
6:30 P.M.**

David Powell called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education of U.S.D. 487 at 6:30 p.m. August 17, 2009. Board members and other staff present were: Stacey Berndt, Bret Beye, Anna Gustafson, Phil Brockmeier, Beki Denning, Superintendent John Thissen, and Clerk of the Board Robyn Heitfield. Alan Stuart was absent.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Anna Gustafson moved (Brockmeier) to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Stacey Berndt moved (Denning) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 20, 2009 and the special meetings of July 23 and August 5, 2009 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

4. REPORT ON START OF YEAR

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

- Current enrollment stands at 213 students including Little Railer Preschool
- Title I will have the required organizational meeting August 27th at 6:00 p.m. before open house
- Open house is scheduled August 27 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Teachers met on to work on the NCA school improvement plan

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

- Current enrollment at the Middle School is 99 students
- A well attended Food, Facts and Fun night was held at the Middle School for students and parents
- Current enrollment at the High School is 156 students

Mr. Thissen spoke to certified staff during one of the scheduled In-Services.

Several items were discussed:

- Pathogens(H1N1 virus in particular) and additional sanitizing
- Facilities planning update
- Budget committee
- Railer Code of Conduct-this is mirrored from Boys Town which the District is using as social skills strategies

5. **BOE POLICY**

Paul Getto, with Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) was present to discuss the Board's options in proceeding with the recommended changes made to board policy and answer any questions members may have regarding these recommendations. The board agreed teams of two or three will study selected sections of the policy, make changes if necessary and share the changes or if any at the next board meeting.

6. **WORDING ON BOND ELECTION**

Members were presented with and asked to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF A BOND ELECTION IN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 487, DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS (HERINGTON), FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE AUTHORITY TO CALL SAID BOND ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID BOND ELECTION.

Thereupon, on motion of Member Stacey Berndt, seconded by Member Anna Gustafson, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Beki Denning, Stacey Berndt, Bret Beye, Phil Brockmeier, Anna Gustafson and David Powell

Nay:

Thereupon, a majority of the members of the Board having voted in favor of the Resolution, it was declared duly adopted and the Resolution was then duly number Resolution No. **2009-1**; and was directed to be signed by the President and attested by the Clerk. The Clerk was further directed to take all action necessary to proceed with calling said bond election in the manner prescribed by law.

7. **TECHNOLOGY**

Jon Utech reported the events of the technology department:

- Student laptops and cases have been entered into inventory, labeled and individualized for each High School student
- The delay in the phone system has been repaired
- Classroom and staff computers have been updated
- New library software is installed, operating and staff has been trained. Library access is now available on the District's homepage or on the web at www.books.usd487.org
- Computers no longer necessary at the High School have been reimaged and transferred to the Middle and Elementary schools. There is now one computer cart per grade level at both buildings.

8. HOME SCHOOLING

Three separate requests were made by parents regarding student participation in extracurricular or elective classes when the student is attending a virtual school or being home-schooled. Each request was discussed separately. The following was concluded:

A: Home school student participating in extracurricular activities

A student may not participate in extracurricular activities if they are home schooled. This is stated in the Kansas State High School Athletic Association (KSHSAA) handbook.

B: Student attending a virtual school participating in extracurricular activities

Members listened to the request submitted by a family member of the student. Nine stipulations must be met for the student to be eligible to participate. This request was discussed in length addressing many issues that could arise. No action was taken on this request.

C: Home school student attend elective classes i.e. Band, Art, during school

Parents were in attendance and shared with members the rationalization for this request and the value to the students. Benefits as well as concerns were discussed in length. No action was taken on this request.

9. PRESCHOOL COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

An agreement with Heartland Programs regarding Little Railer Preschool for 2009-10 was presented for approval. Phil Brockmeier moved (Gustafson) to adopt the agreement with the following changes; all acronyms be spelled out, insert titles of positions and omit names. Motion carried 6-0. Members requested an evaluation report be included during the school year and suggested adding this agreement to the consent agenda each July.

10. OUT OF DISTRICT REQUESTS

Additional out of district requests were made since the July board meeting. Phil Brockmeier moved (Denning) to approve the list as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

11. PERSONNEL

A. Executive Session

At 8:40 p.m., Phil Brockmeier made a motion (Gustafson) 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 8:43 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. Food Service

C. Asst Football Coach

D. Action on Personnel

In one motion, Anna Gustafson moved (Berndt) to hire Cassie Arnold in Food Service and Emmanuel Torres as High School Asst Football coach. Motion carried 6-0.

E. Employee Overtime

No overtime was reported for July 2009 payroll.

12. 2009-2010 BUDGET ADOPTION

The 2009-10 Budget was presented to Board members for approval. Mr. Thissen did mention less money will be pulled in on LOB than the previous year in attempts to maintain the current mill levy. Anna Gustafson moved (Brockmeier) to approve the 2009-10 Budget. Motion carried 6-0.

13. DICKINSON CO LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

New information was received by Mr. Thissen regarding the possibility of grant money available to the district. Up to 80% of the construction cost could be paid by FEMA upon completion of a newly constructed building that housed a tornado shelter. A suggestion was made to create the shelter within the new elementary gym if the bond issue passes. The following resolution was presented;

Dickinson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Resolution # 2009-2 Adopting the Dickinson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Whereas, the Herington School District USD 487 recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

Whereas, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

Whereas, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Disaster Mitigation Act”) emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards;

Whereas, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

Whereas, an adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

Whereas, the Herington School District USD 487 fully participated in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VII officials have reviewed the “Dickinson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan,” and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body; and

Whereas, the Herington School District USD 487 desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Dickinson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, adoption by the governing body for the Herington School District USD 487 demonstrates the jurisdictions’ commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Whereas, adoption of this legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Herington School District USD 487 adopts the “Dickinson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan” as an official plan; and

Be it further resolved, the Herington School District USD 487 will submit this Adoption Resolution to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VII officials to enable the plan's final approval.

Thereupon, on motion of Member Bret Beye, seconded by Member Beki Denning, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Beki Denning, Stacey Berndt, Bret Beye, Phil Brockmeier, Anna Gustafson and David Powell

Nay:

Passed: 6-0

14. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Budget

A summary was provided through July 2009.

B. Credit Cards

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

C. Construction Manager

Consensus from previous meetings was the desire to utilize a Construction Manager if the Bond Issue passes. References will be checked regarding previous groups that were interviewed. A recommendation will be made at the November board meeting.

15. VOUCHERS

A motion was made by Bret Beye (Gustafson) to approve vouchers as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

16. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A. Bond Election

B. Bowling

C. 4th Grade/High School Innovative Project Presentation

D. Site Council Membership

E. Tour of Buildings 5:00 p.m.

17. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Stacey Berndt informed members the Center for Diseases is recommending everyone receive flu shots due to the H1N1 virus. Contact will be made by her to see if flu vaccinations can be offered to all staff members at a reduced rate.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:08 p.m. Bret Beye made a motion (Denning) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Robyn Heitfield, Clerk of the Board of Education

Attest: _____
David Powell, President

Date: _____