

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HERINGTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 487
HERINGTON ELEMENTARY
1403 NORTH D STREET
CITY/SCHOOL OFFICES
19 NORTH BROADWAY
Monday, August 15, 2011
5:30 P.M.**

Bret Beye called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education of USD 487 at 5:30 p.m., August 15, 2011. Board members and other staff present were: Stacey Berndt, Alan Stuart, Ben Meyer, Anna Gustafson, David Powell, Rod Erickson, Superintendent John Thissen and Clerk of the Board Robyn Heitfield.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

David Powell moved (Berndt) to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

2. TOUR OF FACILITIES

Board members met at the new elementary building to take a quick tour in anticipation of the grand opening the following day. The first stop was in the gymnasium. The newly installed sound system was playing as members showed approval. Each wing (learning yard) of classrooms was then visited as members stepped in to several rooms to view the different ideas created by teachers. The group then moved through the media center, resource (special education) room and office. A quick tour of the high school and middle school gymnasiums were done to listen to the sound systems installed in each one. With the tour ending, members headed back to the district office.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Stacey Berndt moved (Meyer) to approve the regular minutes of the July 18, 2011 and the special minutes of July 25, 2011. Motion carried 6-0. Anna Gustafson was absent for the vote but returned shortly.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Janet Wade with the Convention Visitors Bureau invited schools and organizations and asked for the support of board members to participate in the upcoming Rails to Trails Festival September 24th. Several suggestions included sponsoring kids' games, displaying artwork, class competitions or working activities during the festival.

5. VIRTUAL SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Larry Patrick, director of Smoky Hill Education Service Center, presented the board with a handout explaining Kansas Learns Online (KLO). KLO is a Kansas Virtual School Program for grades 3-12, sponsored by the Kansas Association of Education Service Agencies and participating districts. Smoky Hill offers this program as an option for the Herington district. This program is ideal for students residing in the District's boundaries who may not be currently attending public school or need a different option.

Student success in the program is dependant on the maturity of students that possess self discipline. Parent involvement is also a huge factor in a student's success. The board will continue to review this option.

6. ENROLLMENT REPORT

Mr. Thissen reported current enrollment numbers at each building. The elementary not including preschool stands at 205 students, down a little from last year. The middle school's current enrollment is 93 students which are up. The high school is at 139 students which are down.

7. STATUS OF OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPERTY

Mr. Thissen spoke with members of the First Baptist Church recently. They are still interested in the property and asked Mr. Thissen to be included on the September agenda as they are putting together an offer to present to the board. Once the furniture still in the old elementary has been decided on to keep is moved to the MS/HS and the asbestos is removed, Mr. Thissen will contact GovDeals.com to begin plans to auction off the building and contents. His goal is September or October. Utilities will be disconnected as soon as possible.

8. GIFT ACCEPTANCE

Korey Hensley, director of Heartland, received permission from the Federal Government for the preschool building to be given to the district in exchange for services/furniture already provided to Heartland by the District. Paperwork is in process.

9. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. Thissen provided a list of items not completed at the new elementary and track complex.

- Completion of the roof over the kitchen and high school will be delayed due to rain.
- The storage building for track equipment and maintenance equipment is scheduled for completion in October.
- Installation of the bleachers at the high school will begin August 29th.
- Rock is scheduled to be laid for the walking path to the school. This path will keep children from walking along D Street.
- The track sound system is scheduled to be installed mid September.

The board expressed much appreciation to all staff in their efforts to have the new building ready for the start of school.

10. OUT OF DISTRICT REQUESTS

Additional out of district requests were presented to members for approval. Stacey Berndt (Gustafson) moved to approve the additional students as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

11. BOE POLICY (KASB RECOMMENDATIONS)

Each school year, KASB releases suggestions for additions/changes to a board's current policy. Small revisions were suggested to Policy **GAAD Child Abuse** and **GAOE Workers Compensation and Disability Benefits**. Alan Stuart moved (Berndt) to approve the recommendations as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

12. PERSONNEL

A. Executive Session

At 8:12 p.m., David Powell made a motion (Gustafson) for the Board to go into executive session after a 5 minute break for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; with the Board returning to the open meeting at 8:22 p.m. inviting Mr. Thissen into the meeting. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Football Coach

No action was taken.

C. Employee Overtime

The Board reviewed the employee overtime report for July 2011.

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Budget

A summary was provided through July 2011. A special meeting will be held Monday, August 22 at 5:00 p.m. to approve the 2011-12 budget as published in the Herington Times.

B. Credit Cards

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

C. Grand Opening

Mr. Thissen reminded members of the grand opening at the elementary on Tuesday, August 16th at 6:30 p.m. He encouraged all members to attend.

14. VOUCHERS

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

15. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- A. Construction Project
- B. Sale of Elementary School Property
- C. Out of District Requests
- D. Capital Outlay Mill Levy Authorization
- E. White City Baseball

16. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:36 p.m., Bret Beye declared the meeting adjourned.

Robyn Heitfield, Clerk of the Board of Education

Attest: _____
Bret Beye, President

Date: _____