

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
HERINGTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 487  
CITY/SCHOOL OFFICES  
19 NORTH BROADWAY  
Monday, January 17, 2011  
6:30 P.M.**

Bret Beye called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education of USD 487 at 6:30 p.m., January 17, 2011. Board members and other staff present were: Stacey Berndt, Anna Gustafson, David Powell, Superintendent John Thissen and Clerk of the Board Robyn Heitfield. Ben Meyer, Alan Stuart and Rod Erickson were absent.

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Changes were made to the following items;

- **8. BOE POLICY** - Recent KASB recommendations will not be discussed.
- **9C. Evaluation** – The Superintendent’s evaluation will be postponed until the next board meeting so all members can participate.
- **10D. Maintenance** – This item will be discussed at a later date.

David Powell moved (Gustafson) to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 4-0.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Stacey Berndt moved (Gustafson) to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2010 regular meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**

On behalf of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, mothers Tammie Roe and Shannon Granzow asked members to reconsider the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Worlds of Fun trip at the end of the school year. Trips that did not have educational purpose were cancelled for this school year to try and save money. Mrs. Roe asked members if they would consider providing the bus for the trip if the class paid for admission to the park, fuel and the driver. District employees that have 8<sup>th</sup> grade children would sponsor the trip. The trip would be scheduled on a Saturday in May. David Powell expressed concern and other members agreed that reward trips were important for students. Consensus was to provide a bus and allow the trip.

**4. CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Kevin Nelson with Hollis + Miller was present to introduce several mural options that will be displayed at the front entrance, gym and cafeteria windows of the new elementary building. Suggestions were made as to changes on the entrance mural and bolder colors to the gymnasium mural. Mr. Nelson will take the suggestions back with him and return with more options.

Hutton Construction superintendent, Wayne McGrane was present to update members on the project. The weather delayed roofers from preliminary work on the media center. Framing will begin once the roofs are completed. The entire construction

should be under decking within two weeks. Concrete will be poured on the floors of the FEMA structure by the end of the week.

## **5. CHINESE PROGRAM**

The IDL system was utilized at Monday's meeting as members sat in on a Mandarin Chinese lesson given by teacher, Miss Hily of Smoky Hill Education Service Center. The demonstration was arranged so members could see what the district's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are learning during their sessions. Students will be given oral assessments at the end of the year but no grade will be tied the assessments. Members asked to review the assessments at the conclusion of this year. This program was made available through a federal grant written by Laura Hawkins of Smoky Hill.

## **6. OUT OF DISTRICT REQUEST**

An out of district request was made by former student Danny Watson who moved to Abilene in October 2010. David Powell moved (Gustafson) to allow the out of district request. Motion carried 4-0.

## **7. SALE OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Representatives with the First Baptist Church (FBC) met Sunday to discuss options in the possible acquisition the old elementary school property. A letter was provided to Mr. Thissen from Darrell Geist, pastor of the FBC stating "the church may be interested in a clear, approved construction site for a new church facility." Discussion followed to possibly contact the local real estate agents and the district's attorney and move forward with the attempt to sell the property without demolition of the school.

At 8:10 p.m., David Powell made a motion (Gustafson) for the Board to go into executive session to discuss confidential financial data to protect the interests of the business to be discussed; with the Board returning to the open meeting at 8:15 p.m. and invited Mr. Thissen into the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

No action was taken when open session resumed.

## **8. BOE POLICY (KLM) & ~~KASB RECENT RECOMMENDATIONS~~**

Anna Gustafson (Berndt) moved to approve BOE Policy KLM as amended with the knowledge Mr. Thissen will have KG thru KGA updated prior to the 2011-12 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

## **9. PERSONNEL**

### **A. Executive Session**

At 8:20 p.m., David Powell 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 8:22 p.m. inviting Mr. Thissen into the meeting. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals. Motion carried 4-0.

Upon returning to the open meeting, David Powell moved (Gustafson) 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 8:24 p.m. and invited Mr. Thissen into the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

**B. Resignation**

A resignation letter was submitted by Irasema Savin, part-time elementary secretary. Stacey Berndt moved (Powell) to accept the resignation. Motion carried 4-0.

~~C. Evaluation~~

**D. Employee Overtime**

The Board reviewed the employee overtime report for December 2010.

**10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Budget**

A summary was provided through December 2010. KSDE had informed districts cuts would probably happen in November. Jobs Funding money was distributed to districts from the federal government to avoid those cuts. The money was used to cover October payroll.

**B. Credit Cards**

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

**C. TEEN Mashup**

Teachers attended the annual TEEN mashup in Marion for the scheduled in-service day on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Thissen with help from member Anna Gustafson gave a brief description of the day. Herington has expressed interest in hosting next year's Mashup.

~~D. Maintenance~~

**E. IBB**

The first IBB meeting is scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Facilitator, John Doern will be attending.

**11. VOUCHERS**

A motion was made by David Powell (Berndt) to approve vouchers as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

**12. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

A. BOE Policy

B. Construction Project

C. Sale of Elementary School Property

D. Evaluation

E. Maintenance Report/Work Orders/Completion

**13. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:43 p.m., Bret Beye declared the meeting adjourned.

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Robyn Heitfield, Clerk of the Board of Education

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bret Beye, President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_