

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HERINGTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 487
CITY/SCHOOL OFFICES
19 NORTH BROADWAY
Monday, September 19, 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., September 19, 2011. Board members and other staff present were: Stacey Berndt, Ben Meyer, Anna Gustafson, David Powell, Rod Erickson, Superintendent John Thissen and Clerk of the Board Robyn Heitfield. Alan Stuart was absent.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

David Powell moved (Gustafson) to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anna Gustafson moved (Meyer) to approve the regular minutes of the August 15, 2011 and the special minutes of August 22, 2011. Motion carried 6-0.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

4. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Lucas Hasnaoui and Kanokphan “Poy” Sudpresert are two of the district’s seven foreign exchange students who wish to graduate from Herington at the end of the 2011-12 school year. High school counselor, Kristen Gant compared required courses needed at Herington to graduate and the courses the two students have completed in their home countries. She presented the board with this information and assured members both students were on track to graduate if passing grades are earned with the current courses. Poy spoke to members telling them by allowing her to graduate in America will provide her more opportunity in America as well as home country Thailand. David Powell moved (Gustafson) to allow the two students to graduate with the Class of 2012 pending they meet all requirements. Motion carried 6-0.

5. ENROLLMENT REPORT

Mr. Thissen updated the board with current enrollments numbers; Elementary 206 students, Middle School 94 students, and High School 145 students for a total of 445 students, up 12 students since the August report. The preschool is full with 30 students and the community learning center is at 24 students, down from the previous year.

6. GIFT ACCEPTANCE

A letter was received by Mr. Thissen from Heartland Programs granting ownership of the Head Start modular building to the Herington School District. The property was released by the Federal Government on August 4, 2011. This transfer of ownership will greatly assist in the sale of the old elementary property as the First Baptist Church was interested in the building to use as their office if they purchase the property.

Stacey Berndt moved (Gustafson) to accept the gift of the Head Start building. Motion carried 6-0.

7. STATUS OF OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPERTY

Four bids have been received to remove asbestos at the old elementary building. These bids are based upon demolition of the building and consist of removing approximately 7,000 sq ft of asbestos:

- Remediation Contractors Inc-Wichita, KS \$34,790
- ACM Removal-Wichita, KS \$38,880
- Associated Insulation Inc.-Manhattan, KS \$57,890
- iSi Environmental Services-Wichita, KS \$38,260

No action was taken.

Kaw Valley Engineering was hired to survey and split the property description to identify two separate pieces of property. This allows the district to retain Tripp Field for now.

A letter was received from First Baptist Church (FBC) offering \$25,000 for approximately 7 acres (as a clean lot) including the preschool building and parking lot.

At 6:50 p.m., David Powell made a motion (Meyer) for the Board to go into executive session to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract; with the Board returning to the open meeting at 7:00 p.m. inviting Mr. Thissen into the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Upon returning to the open meeting, David Powell moved (Erickson) for the Board to return to executive session to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract; and that the Board returns to the open meeting at 7:05 p.m. and invited Mr. Thissen into the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Upon returning to the open meeting, Anna Gustafson moved (Meyer) for the Board to return to executive session to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract; and that the Board returns to the open meeting at 7:10 p.m. and invited Mr. Thissen into the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Upon returning to the open meeting, no action was taken.

8. TRIPP FIELD

Discussion began regarding future use of Tripp Field. Several options have surfaced since the north field at the new track complex will be ready in the near future for football games. One option is to donate Tripp Field to the City of Herington. Another idea is to keep with Tripp tradition and leave it a football field. Members urged Mr. Thissen to proceed with the purchase of goal posts and build up the turf so it will be ready for next fall. More discussion will follow during the next board meeting.

9. OUT OF DISTRICT REQUESTS

Three out of district requests were made since the August board meeting. David Powell moved (Berndt) to allow the out of district requests for the three students. Motion carried 6-0.

10. CAPITAL OUTLAY MILL LEVY AUTHORIZATION

The last Capital Outlay Resolution was approved in 2007 for up to 8 mills. This resolution must be renewed every 5 years. Although the resolution was approved, the Board chose not to implement a tax levy during these 5 years. A new resolution must be approved before 2012. A new resolution will be included in the October agenda to be acted on.

11. PERSONNEL

A. Executive Session

At 7:53 p.m., Anna Gustafson made a motion (Powell) 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 8:08 p.m. inviting Mr. Thissen into the meeting. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of identifiable individuals. Motion carried 6-0.

Upon returning to the open meeting, Stacey Berndt 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 8:18 p.m. and invited Mr. Thissen into the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Upon returning to the open meeting, Ben Meyer moved (Powell) 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 8:28 p.m. and invited Mr. Thissen into the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Upon returning to the open meeting, Rod Erickson moved (Meyer) 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 8:30 p.m. and invited Mr. Thissen into the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Coaches, Cook, Aide

In one motion, Rod Erickson moved (Gustafson) to transfer Pat Baalman to the high school football head coach position; hire Greg Hackerott as an additional assistant high school football coach and pay both coaches according to the supplemental schedule; Christine Barnett to fill the open food service position and Brenda Griffith as a part-time elementary aid and part-time cook. Motion carried 6-0.

C. Employee Overtime

The Board reviewed the employee overtime report for August 2011.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Budget

A summary was provided through August 2011

B. Credit Cards

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

C. GovDeal.com

The company will be at the old elementary on October 6 to begin preliminary work on the auction process. The timeline has changed a little. The work will be done by GovDeals.com prior to the asbestos abatement.

D. Baseball Collaborative

Mr. Thissen received word from White City school officials that they no longer wish to pursue the issue of a collaboration with baseball.

13. VOUCHERS

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

14. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- A. Storage Building
- B. Sale of Elementary School Property
- C. Capital Outlay Mill Levy Authorization

15. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Members wished Mr. Thissen a “Happy Birthday.”
- On behalf of Bud Peterson and his family, Bret Beye expressed appreciation to the district for everything they have done for him and his family.
- Members showed appreciation to MS/HS principal Ken Arnhold for the time spent between buildings.

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:42 p.m., Bret Beye declared the meeting adjourned.

Robyn Heitfield, Clerk of the Board of Education

Attest: _____
Bret Beye, President

Date: _____