

**HIAWATHA USD 415
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2010**

President Becky Shamburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

A. Call Meeting to Order

Board members present were Denise Eloffner, Steve Lock, Pete Rosá, Becky Shamburg, Matt Sprick, Dave Thompson and John Wright. Also present were John Severin, Superintendent; Steve Splichal, Assistant Superintendent; Lesli Grimm, Clerk of the Board; Tom Schmitz, Elementary School Principal; Butch Trabuc, Special Education Director; Theresa Williams and Monica Enneking, HES Quality Performance Accreditation Team; Greg Bebermeyer, KNZA Radio; and Joey May, Hiawatha World.

B. Roll Call

Denise Eloffner moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

C. Approval of Agenda

There were no comments from the public.

D. Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the president.

E. Comments From the President

Dave Thompson moved and Pete Rosá seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: 1. Approval of the Minutes of the December 14, 2009 Regular Board Meeting; 2. Approval of the Check Register, Preliminary Check Register, Addendum to the Preliminary Check Register, Outstanding Purchase Order Detail Report and Credit Card Purchase Logs; 3. Accept the Treasurer's Report for the Month of November 2009; 4. Accept Contributions; 5. Approve a Leave of Absence for Christina Bryant for the Remainder of the School Year; and 6. Approve Second Semester Contract for Curt Weldon. The motion passed 7-0.

F. Consent Agenda

Theresa Williams and Monica Enneking, members of the Elementary School's Quality Performance Accreditation Team, presented current school improvement data for the Elementary School and reported on their final accreditation visit for the current cycle. The Elementary School was recommended for an additional 5-year accreditation and received many positive comments from the review team.

G. Presentation by the Elementary School NCA/QPA Steering Committee

Assistant Superintendent Splichal met with other representatives from the various local and county governmental units to develop a plan identifying the natural and man-made disasters and hazards that agencies may encounter and a plan to deal with those issues. The plan will be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for approval.

H. Approve Resolution #2010-06 for the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Matt Sprick moved and Pete Rosá seconded the motion to approve Resolution #2010-06 (Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan). The motion passed 7-0.

John Wright moved and Denise Eloffner seconded the motion to approve the curriculum changes for the High School Vocal Department. The motion passed 7-0.

Effective for the 2010-2011 school year, General Choir will be replaced with Vocal Methods, a class focusing on the basic skills necessary for singing and reading music. In addition, Concert Choir will be open to freshmen students.

In planning future school calendars, it was the consensus of the Board to keep a similar format as in the past years, with approximately 175 student contact days per year.

Denise Eloffner reviewed recent action taken by the Special Education Interlocal board.

John Wright moved and Pete Rosa seconded the motion to recess to executive session for 45 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and negotiations. The executive session was necessary to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract. The motion passed 7-0, and the board recessed to executive session at 7:32 pm. John Severin, Steve Splichal and Lesli Grimm were invited into the executive session. At 8:17 pm, 8:47 pm and 9:02 pm, John Wright moved and Pete Rosa seconded motions to extend the executive session 30 minutes, 15 minutes and 30 minutes, respectively. The motions passed 7-0. Splichal and Grimm exited the executive session at 9:12 pm. The board returned to regular session at 9:32 pm.

Denise Eloffner moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to accept Helen Sourk's resignation as High School Student Council Sponsor at the end of the current school year. The motion passed 7-0.

Dave Thompson moved and Matt Sprick seconded the motion to approve the retirement resignation of Nancy Ramer effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. The motion passed 7-0.

Discussion and action regarding budget reductions were tabled.

- I. Review and Approval of Curriculum Changes for the 2010-2011 School Year**
- J. Discussion on the Number of Instructional Days in the School Year**
- K. Special Education Report**
- L. Executive Session**
 - 1. To Discuss Non-Elected Personnel**
 - 2. To Discuss Negotiations**
- M. Action Following Executive Session**
- N. Approval of the Retirement Resignation of Nancy Ramer Effective at the End of the 2009-2010 School Year**
- O. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Plan to Reduce the Current Budget**

Other items discussed included the Schools for Fair Funding lawsuit, the Governor's State of the State Address, nominating the Hiawatha Kiwanis organization for a Friends of Education award, class sizes, elective classes at the high school, and the use of TextCaster.

P. Other

Matt Sprick moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0, and President Shamburg declared the meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm.

Q. Adjournment

President

Clerk