

**HIAWATHA USD 415
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2009**

President Matt Sprick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

A. Call Meeting to Order

Board members present were Denise Elffner, 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; Dave Coufal, Middle School Principal; Alan Jeffery, High School Principal; Greg Bebermeyer, KNZA Radio; Joey May, Hiawatha World; and Abram Chrislip, Lowenthal Singleton Webb & Wilson.

B. Roll Call

Steve Lock moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to approve the agenda, noting that a *Potential Bus Sale* and *Jane Crider's Supplemental Cell Phone Contract* would be discussed under *Item N. Other*. The motion passed 7-0.

C. Approval of Agenda

There were no comments from the public.

D. Comments From the Public

President Sprick announced that 7th Grade English teacher, Lisa Twombly, was a winner of a 2009 Horizon Award. The Kansas Horizon Awards are sponsored by the Kansas State Department of Education and recognize exemplary first-year educators. Sprick also wished a "Happy Birthday" to HHS Principal, Alan Jeffery.

E. Comments From the President

Becky Shamburg 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 8, 2008 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 2008; 4. Accept Contributions; and 5. Accept Donna Patton's Retirement Resignation as a First Grade Teacher Effective at the End of the 2008-2009 School Year. The motion passed 7-0.

F. Consent Agenda

Abram Chrislip, of Lowenthal Singleton Webb & Wilson, presented the district's audit report for the year ended June 30, 2008.

G. Presentation of Audit Report by Lowenthal Singleton Webb & Wilson

Dave Thompson moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to accept the audit report. The motion passed 7-0.

Superintendent Severin reviewed two possible calendars for the 2009-2010 school year. It was the consensus of the board to have the teachers vote between the two options.

H. Review of Final Calendar Options for the 2009-2010 School Year

Steve Splichal reviewed a proposed curriculum change for the 2009-2010 school year. The proposal would create a new course, Theatre and Drama, which would be an additional Fine Arts elective for 10th-12th grade students.

I. Review and Possible Approval of a Language Arts Curriculum Change for 2009-2010

Matt Sprick moved and Denise Eloffner seconded the motion to approve the Language Arts curriculum change subject to adequate enrollment in the class and the availability of a properly certified teacher. The motion passed 6-1, with John Wright casting the nay vote.

A committee has been meeting for over a year exploring the need for a community childcare center. At this point, letters of support are being sought to help with grant applications and requests for other forms of funding for the necessary startup costs.

J. Discuss the Proposed Community Childcare and Letter of Support

John Wright moved and Denise Eloffner seconded the motion for the Board of Education to send a letter of support for the proposed community childcare center. The motion passed 7-0.

Denise Eloffner reported on action taken at the recent Special Education Interlocal board meeting.

K. Special Education Report

Becky Shamburg moved and Denise Eloffner 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. Following a short break, the board recessed to executive session at 7:45 pm. John Severin, Steve Splichal, Lesli Grimm, Alan Jeffery, Dave Coufal and Tom Schmitz were invited into the executive session. At 8:30, 9:00 and 9:05 pm, Becky Shamburg moved and Denise Eloffner seconded motions to extend the executive session 30 minutes, 5 minutes and 5 minutes, respectively. The motions passed 7-0. Alan Jeffery, Dave Coufal, Tom Schmitz and Lesli Grimm exited the executive session at 8:54 pm. The board returned to regular session at 9:10 pm.

L. Executive Session
1. To Discuss Non-Elected Personnel
2. To Discuss Negotiations

Denise Eloffner moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to accept Joe LaLonde's resignation as Middle School Quiz Bowl Sponsor. The motion passed 7-0.

M. Action Following Executive Session

Becky Shamburg moved and John Wright seconded the motion to hire Lisa Twombly as the Middle School Quiz Bowl Sponsor. The motion passed 7-0.

Dave Thompson moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to increase Jane Crider's Supplemental Cell Phone Contract to \$70.00 per month. The motion passed 7-0.

N. Other

Other items discussed included the possible future sale of a used bus to a local church.

Becky Shamburg moved and John Wright seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0, and President Sprick declared the meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

O. Adjournment