

**HIAWATHA USD 415  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2009**

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

**A. Call Meeting to Order**

Board members present were Denise Elffner, Steve Lock, Becky Shamburg, Matt Sprick (arrived at 7:49 pm), Dave Thompson and John Wright. Board member Pete Rosá was absent. 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; Butch Trabuc, Brown County Special Education Director; Greg Bebermeyer, KNZA Radio; Joey May, Hiawatha World; Kathleen Tryon, Mandy Kern and Trish Gibson, teachers; Cody Weis and Daniel Kruse, students; Dwight Kruse, parent; and Matthew Young, Brown County Extension Agent.

**B. Roll Call**

Steve Lock moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to approve the agenda after adding *Accepting Joseph Kern's Resignation as Middle School Assistant Football Coach to Item F. Consent Agenda, Approval of FFA Leader Lab and All State Band Trips under Item M. Approval of Overnight Trip Requests*, and noting that the *Lights on Red Hawk Drive* would be discussed under *Item R. Other*. The motion passed 5-0.

**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 John Wright seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: 1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2009 Regular Board Meeting and the January 16, 2009 Special 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 December 2008; 4. Accept Contributions; and 5. Accept the Resignations of Katie Kettler as a School Nurse Effective at the End of the 2008-2009 School Year and Joseph Kern as a Middle School Assistant Football Coach. The motion passed 5-0.

**F. Consent Agenda**

The report on the high school grading scale was given following *Item I*.

**G. Report on Study of the Current High School Grading Scale**

Kathleen Tryon, a member of the middle school's Quality Performance Accreditation Team, presented current school improvement data for the middle school.

**H. Presentation of School Improvement Data by the Middle School Steering Committee**

Mandy Kern, Matthew Young, Cody Weis and Daniel Kruse, presented information on a possible community garden project.

Board President Matt Sprick arrived at 7:49 pm and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Principal Alan Jeffery reported on the survey recently given to both teachers and students on the current high school grading scale and the results he received. The Student Council will be making a presentation to the Board of Education next month on their recommendations regarding the grading scale.

John Severin reviewed the 2009-2010 school calendar option preferred by the district's teachers.

John Wright moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the school calendar for 2009-2010 as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Severin reviewed the agenda for the Board Facilities Tour and Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 25.

Assistant Superintendent Splichal reviewed the District Technology Plan as revised by the District Technology Committee. Dave Thompson moved and Denise Eloffner seconded the motion to approve the District Technology Plan as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Becky Shamburg moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the overnight trip requests for the BPA State Leadership Conference, FFA Leader Lab and All State Band as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

John Severin reviewed changes in the current school year's budget reduction plan as necessitated by reduced state funding.

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

Denise Eloffner moved and John Wright seconded the motion to recess to executive session for 30 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 6-0. Following a short break, the board recessed to executive session at 8:50 pm. John Severin, Steve Splichal, and Tom Schmitz were invited into the executive session. Tom Schmitz exited the executive session at 8:58 pm. At 9:20 and 9:35 pm, Denise Eloffner moved and John Wright seconded motions to extend the executive session 15 minutes and 10 minutes, respectively. The motions passed 6-0. The board returned to regular session at 9:45 pm.

- I. Presentation on a Possible Community Garden Project by Mandy Kern**
- G. Report on Study of the Current High School Grading Scale**
- J. Approval of the 2009-2010 School Calendar**
- K. Review Agenda for Board Facilities Tour**
- L. Review and Approval of the District Technology Plan**
- M. Approval of Overnight Trip Requests**
- N. Review of Changes to the Budget Reduction Plan**
- O. Special Education Report**
- P. Executive Session**
  - 1. To Discuss Non-Elected Personnel**
  - 2. To Discuss Negotiations**

Denise Elffner moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to transfer Briana Jones from a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position to a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teaching position for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion passed 6-0.

**Q. Action Following Executive Session**

Becky Shamburg moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to give the superintendent permission to advertise for a school nurse for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion passed 6-0.

Matt Sprick moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2009-06 (Resolution to Adopt a Local Option Budget). The motion passed 6-0.

**R. Other**

Other items discussed included future repair options for the street lights along the circle drive in front of the high school.

Dave Thompson moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0, and President Sprick declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

**S. Adjournment**

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President

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Clerk