

**HIAWATHA USD 415
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 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, and Dave Thompson. Board member John Wright was absent. Also present were 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; Ann Severin, Mandy Kern, Chris Vitt, Jean Brintrnall, Damian Johnson, Sarah Kleopfer and Ellen Hill, teachers; Grant Stoner, Tiffany Lammon, Jessica Bauerle and Meghan Shoop, students; Nicholas Reese, Alex Reese, Nate Boyer, Tyler Tryon, and Jeremy Tryon, students and Boy Scout members; Greg Buser, Tim Boyer, Denise Tryon, Pam Smith and Terry Smith, patrons; and Pat Loyd, Beckham Smith, Kevin Hill, Troy Boswell, Carl Nelson and Joe Koechner, Hiawatha Kiwanis Foundation.

B. Roll Call

Denise Elffner moved and Dave Thompson seconded the motion to approve the agenda, noting that *Chris Vitt's Bahamas Trip Expenses*, the *2008-2009 Auditing Contract with Lowenthal Singleton Webb & Wilson*, and the *KASB Spring Regional Meeting* would be discussed under *Item P. Other*. The motion passed 6-0.

C. Approval of Agenda

On behalf of the Kiwanis Foundation, Kevin Hill presented a \$47,000 donation to the district for renovations to the high school auditorium sound system. Graciously accepting the check on behalf of the district was Damian Johnson, band director. Other Kiwanis Foundation members present were Pat Loyd, Beckham Smith, Troy Boswell, Carl Nelson and Joe Koechner.

D. Comments From the Public

President Sprick congratulated Mandy Kern for being named the Outstanding Teacher of the Year for the Kansas Association of Agriculture Educators; Jacob Wisdom for winning 2nd place with his public service announcement on bullying in the Kansas School Safety Hotline competition; Sammie Shamburg for winning the Brown County Spelling Bee; the Freshmen Boys Basketball Team for winning the Big 7 League Tournament; and Chris Atlakson for placing 5th at State Wrestling. Sprick also thanked Damian Johnson for arranging the band concert with the Children's Band from Oaxaca, Mexico and welcomed the Boy Scout members in attendance working on their Communication Badges.

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 February 9, 2009 Regular Board Meeting and the February 25, 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 January 2009; and 4. Accept Contributions. The motion passed 6-0.

F. Consent Agenda

The presentation on the high school grading scale was given following *Item P*.

Ann Severin, Mandy Kern and Chris Vitt, members of the high school's Quality Performance Accreditation Team, presented current school improvement data for the high school.

Dave Thompson moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to put the district's property and casualty insurance out for bid with agents within the district's boundaries. The motion passed 6-0.

It was the consensus of the board to not add a second drama production next school year given the uncertainty of the budget due to the state's current economic situation. The request will be revisited when the district's budget is more certain.

Assistant Superintendent Splichal reviewed the updated Three Year Facility Improvement Plan for 2009-2011.

Splichal reviewed the preliminary District Goals and Objectives for March 2009 to February 2010.

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

Denise Elffner moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to recess to executive session for 10 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, and the board recessed to executive session at 7:35 pm. Steve Splichal was invited into the executive session. The board returned to regular session at 7:45 pm.

- G. Presentation by HHS Student Council Members Regarding the High School Grading Scale**
- H. Presentation of School Improvement Data by the High School Steering Committee**
- I. Discussion Regarding Putting the Property and Casualty Insurance out for Bid**
- J. Review the Request for Two Play Productions Next School Year**
- K. Review and Update the Three Year Capital Outlay Plan and Discuss Projects for the Summer of 2009**
- L. Begin Discussion Regarding the District Goals and Objectives for 2009-2010**
- M. Special Education Report**
- N. Executive Session**
 - 1. To Discuss Non-Elected Personnel**
 - 2. To Discuss Negotiations**

Denise Eloffner moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to accept with regret the resignation of Mary Haug as High School Counselor (effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year). The motion passed 6-0.

O. Action Following Executive Session

Becky Shamburg moved and Denise Eloffner seconded the motion to give the superintendent permission to advertise for a high school counselor. The motion passed 6-0.

P. Other

Steve Lock moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to approve the auditing contract with Lowenthal Singleton Webb & Wilson for the year ending June 30, 2009 at a cost of \$6,640. The motion passed 6-0.

Becky Shamburg moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion for the district to pay Chris Vitt's Biology Club Bahamas Trip expenses in the amount of \$1,124.20. The motion passed 6-0.

Board members will attend the KASB Spring Regional meeting in Manhattan on April 23.

The meeting was recessed from 7:50-8:20 pm to allow two students giving the grading scale presentation to arrive from the HHS Vocal Concert.

High School Student Council members, Grant Stoner, Tiffany Lammon, Jessica Bauerle and Meghan Shoop, presented the results of their recent student survey regarding the current high school grading scale. It is the recommendation of the Student Council that the grading scale be changed to a traditional 10 point scale.

G. Presentation by HHS Student Council Members Regarding the High School Grading Scale

The decision regarding the grading scale will be made when the Board approves the High School Student Handbook for the 2009-2010 school year.

Becky Shamburg moved and Denise Eloffner seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0, and President Sprick declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Q. Adjournment

President

Clerk