

**HIAWATHA USD 415
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 30, 2009**

President Matt Sprick 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, and Dave Thompson. Board member John Wright was absent. Also present were John Severin, Superintendent; Steve Splichal, Assistant Superintendent; Lesli Grimm, Clerk of the Board; Dave Coufal, Middle School Principal; Alan Jeffery, High School Principal; Butch Trabuc, Special Education Director; Greg Bebermeyer, KNZA Radio; Joey May, Hiawatha World; Tom Jones and Chris Jones, Boy Scouts; Pam Smith, patron; and Steve Lukert, Kansas House of Representatives.

B. Roll Call

Steve Lock moved and Dave Thompson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as printed. The motion passed 6-0.

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

Superintendent Severin reviewed funding reductions being considered by the state legislature for the upcoming school year, the resulting impact on the district's 2009-2010 budget and an initial list of reduction measures necessitated by the decrease in state funding. At the present time, it appears that the district will likely face a \$230,000-\$240,000 drop in revenue as a result of the decrease in base budget per pupil funding combined with declining enrollment numbers.

F. Discussion of Budget Issues and Approval of Initial Cuts for 2009-2010

Matt Sprick moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to not fill the vacant teaching positions for high school physical education or high school English, reduce three curriculum council positions, close the Robinson building and move Wolf River Center to the USD 415 Board Office, reduce middle school sports to three coaches per sport and eliminate the activity bus routes. The motion passed 6-0. Savings from the approved cuts should be just under \$145,000.

Representative Steve Lukert spent a few minutes updating the board on issues being addressed during the current legislative session.

John Severin, Denise Eloffner, Matt Sprick and Becky Shamburg shared information received at the four day week presentation they attended.

G. Discussion of Information Received on the Four Day Week

It was the consensus of the board that a four day week schedule not be considered at this time.

Superintendent Severin reviewed proposals for maintenance work needed on the elementary driveway, elementary playground and parking lots at both the elementary school and middle school.

H. Approval of the NL Driveway Maintenance Proposals

Becky Shamburg moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the NL Driveway maintenance proposals as presented, totaling \$19,750. The motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Severin reviewed the proposals received for installation of a new phone and intercom system at the elementary school.

I. Discussion and Approval of the Elementary School Phone and Intercom System

Steve Lock moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to accept the proposal from Rainbow Communications for the elementary school phone and intercom system at a cost of \$19,073. The motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Severin updated the board on the progress of the high school gymnasium acoustics study, which is being performed by the Acoustical Engineering class at the University of Kansas. The class is tentatively planning on presenting their results at the April 27 Board of Education meeting.

J. Approval of Payment to KU Endowment Association for study done on HHS Gymnasium Acoustics

Steve Lock moved and Dave Thompson seconded the motion to pay \$950 to the KU Acoustical Engineering program for expenses incurred during the study of the high school gymnasium acoustics. The motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Severin reviewed the Native American Grant application for the 2009-2010 school year. The \$19,232 grant would primarily be used to support the school social worker's salary and professional development expenses.

K. Approval of the Native American Grant Application

Becky Shamburg moved and Pete Rosá seconded the motion to approve the Native American Grant Application. The motion passed 6-0.

Assistant Superintendent Steve Splichal presented an overview of the MAP Assessment. This assessment would take the place of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and most pre and post tests. The MAP assessment provides individualized student improvement data, which can be used to provide differentiated instruction for the students. Splichal recommended that the district implement the MAP Assessment during the upcoming school year and that the initial staff training be scheduled for May 21, making the last day for students May 20.

L. Approval of the Purchase of the MAP Assessment and Related Training

Becky Shamburg moved and Dave Thompson seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the MAP Assessment and related training and to revise the 2008-2009 school calendar, making the last student day May 20 and conducting the MAP training on May 21. The motion passed 6-0.

Steve Lock moved and Denise Eloffner 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 8:25 pm. John Severin, Steve Splichal and Lesli Grimm were invited into the executive session. Splichal and Grimm exited the executive session at 8:46 pm. At 8:55, 9:10, 9:25 and 9:30 pm, Steve Lock moved and Denise Eloffner seconded motions to extend the executive session 15 minutes, 15 minutes, 5 minutes and 5 minutes, respectively. The motions passed 6-0. The board returned to regular session at 9:35 pm.

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

Denise Eloffner moved and Pete Rosá seconded the motion to give the superintendent permission to advertise for the fourth grade teaching position and the high school secretarial position. The motion passed 6-0.

- N. Action Following Executive Session**

Matt Sprick moved and Denise Eloffner seconded the motion to extend the contracts for all current administrators for one year and to hire David Fitz with a one year contract. The motion passed 6-0.

Other items discussed included the upcoming KASB Spring Regional meeting in Manhattan on April 23.

- O. Other**

Denise Eloffner moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0, and President Sprick declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

- P. Adjournment**

President

Clerk