

**HIAWATHA USD 415
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 27, 2009**

President Matt Sprick called the meeting to order at 7:05 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; Butch Trabuc, Special Education Director; Greg Bebermeyer, KNZA Radio; Joey May, Hiawatha World; Professor Bob Coffeen and four students from the University of Kansas Acoustic Studio; Steve Brown, Progressive Electronics; and Jim Postlewai; Consultant for Progressive Electronics.

B. Roll Call

Steve Lock moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to approve the agenda, noting that *Item K. Other* would include *Consideration of a Food Service Equipment Grant*. 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

Professor Bob Coffeen and four students from his Acoustic Studio at the University of Kansas presented the results of their study of the High School Gymnasium. The class analyzed the current acoustical conditions and then used an EASE model to determine the changes necessary to improve the acoustics, including suspending acoustical tile from the ceiling and placing acoustical material along the walls. Once the improvements are in place, the study recommended mounting 35 speakers on the ceiling which would direct the sound down toward the people. Professor Coffeen warned that no sound system will be effective until the acoustical problems are addressed. Steve Brown and Jim Postlewai also gave short comments on the study and suggested improvements.

F. Report on the Acoustical Study of the High School Gymnasium

The Board recessed for a 10 minute break and returned to regular session at 8:20 pm.

Dave Thompson moved and John Wright seconded the motion to approve the early graduation request from David Duenow. The motion passed 7-0.

G. Review and Possible Approval of an Early Graduation Request

Steve Lock moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to approve the retirement resignations of Tim Sullivan and Larry Gnagi as Bus Drivers and Chris Vitt as a Golf Coach and NCA/QPA Steering Committee member effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed 7-0.

H. Approval of Retirement Resignations from Tim Sullivan, Larry Gnagi and Chris Vitt

Becky Shamburg moved and Denise Eloffner seconded the motion to recess to executive session for 40 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 8:25 pm. John Severin, Steve Splichal, and Lesli Grimm were invited into the executive session. Pete Rosá exited the executive session at 8:45 pm and returned at 8:47 pm. At 9:05 pm, 9:25 pm, 9:35 pm, 9:40 pm and 9:45 pm, Becky Shamburg moved and Denise Eloffner seconded motions to extend the executive session 20 minutes, 10 minutes, 5 minutes, 5 minutes and 2 minutes, respectively. The motions passed 7-0. The board returned to regular session at 9:47 pm.

No action was taken following executive session.

Matt Sprick moved and Denise Eloffner seconded the motion to approve the application for a Food Service Equipment Assistance Grant, which would be used to purchase a new oven at the Middle School. The motion passed 7-0.

Matt Sprick, Steve Lock, Denise Eloffner and John Wright will present diplomas at the high school graduation ceremony. Becky Shamburg, John Wright, Dave Thompson and Pete Rosá will assist with the eighth grade recognition ceremony. Steve Lock will present diplomas at the SOS graduation ceremony.

The annual Board of Education dinner for retiring employees will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at the Country Cabin.

A Special Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00 pm.

Steve Lock moved and Dave Thompson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0, and President Sprick declared the meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm.

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

- J. Action Following Executive Session**

- K. Other**

- L. Adjournment**

President

Clerk