

**HIAWATHA USD 415  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 11, 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 (Arrived at 7:07 pm), Matt Sprick, Dave Thompson and John Wright (Arrived at 7:02 pm). 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 Interlocal Director; Greg Bebermeyer, KNZA Radio; Joey May, Hiawatha World; Jean Brintnall, Jill Hrencher and Julie Splichal, Middle School MTSS Committee; and Tom Jones, Elementary School Counselor.

**B. Roll Call**

Denise Eloffner moved and Pete Rosá seconded the motion to approve the agenda, after adding *Review of Bids Received for the High School Science Pod Ceilings* under *Item N. 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**

Pete Rosá moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: 1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 13, 2009 Regular Board Meeting, April 27, 2009 Regular Board Meeting and the April 29, 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 March 2009; and 4. Accept Contributions. The motion passed 5-0.

**F. Consent Agenda**

Board member John Wright arrived at 7:02 pm.

**G. Approval of Handbook Changes for the High School, Middle School and Elementary School for the 2009-2010 School Year**

Alan Jeffery, Dave Coufal and Tom Schmitz each explained the requested changes to their respective student handbooks for the 2009-2010 school year.

Board member Becky Shamburg arrived at 7:07 pm.

Julie Splichal, Jill Hrencher and Jean Brintnall explained how the MTSS program will be implemented at the Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year.

Denise Eloffner moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to approve the handbook changes as presented for the Elementary School and High School and to approve the Middle School handbook with the grading scale changed to agree with the High School grading scale. The motion passed 7-0

At the March 30 Board of Education meeting, the board voted to close the Robinson building and move Wolf River Center to the USD 415 Board Office as a cost saving measure for the 2009-2010 school year. Once Wolf River Center has moved out, the building will only contain some district storage and one tenant. Superintendent Severin discussed the expenses involved with maintaining the building and various options for its future.

It was the consensus of the board members that the Superintendent should investigate the possibility of selling the school building in Robinson.

Superintendent Severin discussed the budget cuts needed for the 2009-2010 school year based on recently passed State legislation. Nearly \$380,000 will need to be cut from the budget due to reduced state funding combined with declining enrollment.

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

Becky Shamburg moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to recess to executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and student personnel. The executive session was necessary to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed. The motion passed 7-0. Following a short break, the board recessed to executive session at 8:25 pm. John Severin and Steve Splichal were invited into the executive session. At 8:28 pm, Tom Schmitz, Dave Coufal and Alan Jeffery were invited into the executive session. At 8:55 pm and 9:05 pm, Becky Shamburg moved and Steve Lock seconded motions to extend the executive session 10 minutes and 5 minutes, respectively. The motions passed 7-0. The board returned to regular session at 9:10 pm.

Becky Shamburg moved and Dave Thompson seconded the motion to approve the early graduation request for Meghan Shoop. The motion passed 7-0.

Denise Elffner moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to give the superintendent permission to hire a school nurse and a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. The motion passed 7-0.

John Wright moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the budget cuts as presented. The motion passed 7-0. The approved cuts consisted of the part-time, summer position at the bus barn, one high school golf coach, one unit of Parents as Teachers, 1.5 secretarial positions, the high school tutor position and not filling the open counselor position. These cuts should save nearly \$121,000 and, when combined with the cuts approved on March 30 and other cost saving measures, should reduce the operating budget by the \$380,000 necessary to offset reduced funding in the coming year.

**H. Discussion Regarding the School Facility at Robinson**

**I. Budget Revisions for the 2009-2010 School Year**

**J. Special Education Report**

**K. Executive Session**  
**1. To Discuss Non-Elected Personnel**  
**2. To Discuss Student Personnel**

**L. Action Following Executive Session**

*See Item L. above.*

John Wright moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to accept the low bid of \$46,180 from Herner Construction for ceiling renovations in the high school science pod. The motion passed 7-0. The renovations are needed to comply with State Fire Marshal requirements.

Other items discussed included the upcoming Hiawatha Invitational track meet.

Steve Lock moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0, and President Sprick declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

**M. Consideration of an Early Graduation Request**

**N. Other**

**O. Adjournment**

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President

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Clerk