

**HIAWATHA USD 415
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2009**

President Matt Sprick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

A. Call Meeting to Order

Board members present were Steve Lock, Pete Rosá (Arrived at 7:02 pm), Becky Shamburg, Matt Sprick, Dave Thompson and John Wright. Board member Denise Elffner was absent. Also present were John Severin, Superintendent; Steve Splichal, Assistant Superintendent; Lesli Grimm, Clerk of the Board; Alan Jeffery, High School Principal; Butch Trabuc, Special Education Director; Greg Bebermeyer, KNZA Radio; and Joey May, Hiawatha World.

B. Roll Call

Becky Shamburg moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the agenda, noting that *Transportation Requests for the 2009-2010 School Year* and *2009-2010 Potential Budget* would be discussed under *Item P. 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 minutes from the June 8, 2009 Regular Board Meeting, June 15, 2009 Special Board Meeting and the June 29, 2009 Special Board Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

F. Approval of Minutes from the June 8, 15 and 29 Board Meetings

Board member Pete Rosá arrived at 7:02 pm.

G. Election of Officers for the 2009-2010 School Year

John Wright moved and Dave Thompson seconded the motion to elect Becky Shamburg as President for the 2009-2010 School Year. The motion passed 6-0.

Becky Shamburg assumed her role as president of the board and conducted the balance of the meeting.

Steve Lock moved and Matt Sprick seconded the motion to elect Dave Thompson as Vice President for the 2009-2010 School Year. The motion passed 6-0.

President Shamburg appointed Steve Lock to represent USD 415 on the Brown County Kansas Special Education Interlocal Board.

H. Appointment of a Special Education Board Member

A special board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 7:00 am to review the preliminary budget for the 2009-2010 school year and to approve the publication of notice of hearing.

I. Set Special Meeting for the Review of the 2009-2010 Preliminary Budget and Approval for Publication of Notice of Hearing

Matt Sprick moved and Pete Rosa seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: 1. First of Year Policy Statements and Appointments; 2. Accept the Treasurer's Report for the Month of May 2009; 3. Approval of the Check Register, Outstanding Purchase Order Detail Report and Credit Card Purchase Logs; and 4. Accept the Retirement Resignation from Becky Howard Effective at the end of the 2009-2010 School Year and Delbert Larson's Resignation as the High School Physics Teacher. The motion passed 6-0.

J. Consent Agenda

Alan Jeffery presented information on two alternatives for assigning points to grades to determine a student's grade point average. He recalculated the GPA's for a sample of students to show the effects of each proposal.

K. Presentation from Alan Jeffery on Points Assigned to Grades for Determining a Student's GPA

Matt Sprick moved and Dave Thompson seconded the motion to adopt Proposal 1 as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

The adopted point method will be effective beginning with the 2009-2010 school year and will award 4 points for all A's, 3 points for all B's, 2 points for all C's and 1 point for all D's.

The Board of Education received a request from the City of Hiawatha for the district to abate back taxes and penalties on the lots purchased by the City at the Sherriff's sale.

L. Review a Request to Abate Back Taxes and Penalties on Properties Purchased at the Sheriff's Sale

The Board tabled a decision on the request pending further information.

John Severin reviewed the Kansas Association of School Board's recommended Board Policy changes and additions.

M. Review of KASB Recommended Board Policies

Matt Sprick moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the KASB Recommended Board Policy changes as presented by the Superintendent. The motion passed 6-0.

Policies approved included DC (Annual Operating Budget), GAAB (Complaints of Discrimination), GAOE (Workers Compensation), IIBGA (Children's Internet Protection Act), MA (Goals and Objectives), JGECA (Racial Harassment), and KN (Complaints). Policy EBAA (Workers' Compensation) was deleted, as the new GAOE combines both the old GAOE and EBAA.

Pete Rosá moved and John Wright seconded the motion to recess to executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. The executive session was necessary to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed. The motion passed 6-0, and the board recessed to executive session at 7:40 pm. John Severin and Steve Splichal were invited into the executive session. At 7:55 pm and 7:58 pm, Pete Rosá moved and John Wright seconded motions to extend the executive session 3 minutes and 5 minutes, respectively. The motions passed 6-0. The board returned to regular session at 8:03 pm.

N. Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel

Matt Sprick moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to gratefully accept the bench donated by Judith Strahm in the memory of Gene Strahm. The motion passed 6-0.

O. Action Following Executive Session

Steve Lock moved and Matt Sprick seconded the motion to pay the professional dues for administrators for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion passed 5-1, with John Wright casting the nay vote.

John Wright moved and Pete Rosá seconded the motion to pay a \$1,500 retention bonus to Joe Kern for teaching chemistry and physics during the 2009-2010 school year. The motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Severin reviewed requests for the Horton, Sabetha and Midway districts to enter our district boundaries to transport students and for Hiawatha to enter the Horton district boundaries to transport students.

P. Other

Matt Sprick moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the transportation lists for the 2009-2010 school year as presented by the superintendent. The motion passed 6-0.

Severin also reviewed the estimated General Fund and Supplemental General Fund for 2009-2010 as adjusted for the additional cuts in state aid announced on July 2.

Dave Thompson moved and John Wright seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0, and President Shamburg declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Q. Adjournment

President

Clerk