

**HIAWATHA USD 415
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2008**

Prior to the Board Meeting, a webinar training was held on recent legislative changes to the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

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, Becky Shamburg, Matt Sprick, Dave Thompson and John Wright. Board member Pete Rosá was absent. Also present were John Severin, Superintendent; Steve Splichal, Assistant Superintendent; Lesli Grimm, Clerk of the Board; Butch Trabuc, Special Education Director; Tom Schmitz, Elementary School Principal; Dave Coufal, Middle School Principal; Alan Jeffery, High School Principal; Grant Stoner, High School Student Council President; Greg Bebermeyer, KNZA Radio; and Joey May, Hiawatha World.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Approval of Agenda

No comments were received from the public regarding the proposed budget for the 2008-2009 school year.

D. Budget Hearing for the 2008-2009 Budget

Steve Lock moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to adopt the 2008-2009 budget as published. The motion passed 6-0.

There were no comments from the public.

E. Comments From the Public

President Sprick thanked the administration for their efforts in finding quality employees to fill the recent teaching vacancies. Sprick also thanked Morrill & Janes Bank & Trust for providing the activity calendars and the TextCaster notification system for the district. Finally, he congratulated Superintendent Severin on his upcoming 40th wedding anniversary.

F. Comments From the President

Becky Shamburg moved and Dave Thompson seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: 1. Approval of the Minutes of the July 14, 2008 Regular Board Meeting and the July 23, 2008 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 June 2008; and 4. Accept Contributions. The motion passed 6-0.

G. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Severin discussed the request to hire an assistant for the High School Counselor. The assistant would perform secretarial functions for the counselor, which would give the counselor time to expand the current counseling program. In addition, some of those secretarial functions are currently being performed by the office secretaries, which takes time away from their regular duties.

H. Discussion on Adding a HHS Counseling Assistant Position

Matt Sprick moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to create a halftime assistant position for the high school counseling program and to hire Cathy Robert to fill that position. The motion passed 5-1, with John Wright casting the nay vote.

Steve Lock moved and John Wright seconded the motion to purchase the equipment for six smart classrooms at a cost of \$17,859. The motion passed 6-0.

I. Approval to Purchase Equipment for Six Smart Classrooms

John Wright moved and Dave Thompson seconded the motion to accept the requests as presented for the Horton, Sabetha and Midway Districts to enter our district to transport students and for Hiawatha to enter their districts to transport students. The motion passed 6-0.

J. Approval of Renewal Requests to Transport Students Between Districts

Superintendent Severin discussed issues involving the Big Seven League expansion.

K. Discuss Big Seven League Expansion Issues

It was the consensus of the board for Alan Jeffery to vote to accept Perry Lecompton and Santa Fe Trail into the Big Seven League.

Denise Elffner moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to give the superintendent permission to make a fuel purchase not to exceed \$31,000. The motion passed 6-0.

L. Give the Superintendent Permission to Make a Fuel Purchase not to Exceed \$31,000

Becky Shamburg moved and Dave Thompson seconded the motion to recess to executive session for 10 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 7:39 pm. John Severin and Steve Splichal were invited into the executive session. At 7:49 pm and 7:54 pm, Becky Shamburg moved and Dave Thompson seconded motions to extend the executive session 5 minutes and 1 minute, respectively. The motions passed 6-0. The board returned to regular session at 7:55 pm.

M. Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel

Dave Thompson moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to pay Chris Vitt for his ¼ credit, overload class. The motion passed 6-0.

Steve Lock moved and Denise Eloffner seconded the motion to pay the administrators' organizational dues as done in the prior year. The motion passed 5-1, with John Wright casting the nay vote.

Dave Thompson moved and John Wright seconded the motion to declare the equipment and furniture stored at the Robinson facility, old computer equipment, and the old car at the vocational building as surplus property which can be liquidated. The motion passed 6-0.

The New Teacher, Board of Education and Administrator Picnic will be held on August 20, 6:30 pm, at the Middle School.

No other discussion or action was taken.

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 8:02 pm.

N. Action Following Executive Session

O. Declare Surplus Property to be Liquidated

P. Set Date for New Teacher Picnic

Q. Other

R. Adjournment

President

Clerk