

**HIAWATHA USD 415
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

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, 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; Butch Trabuc, Special Education Director; Tom Schmitz, Elementary School Principal; Dave Coufal, Middle School Principal; Alan Jeffery, High School Principal; Beckham Smith, Joe Koechner, Carl Nelson and Pat Loyd, Hiawatha Kiwanis Foundation Board; 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, noting that an *Overnight Trip Request for the National FFA Convention* and *Work Comp Insurance* would be discussed under item Q. *Other*. The motion passed 7-0.

C. Approval of Agenda

There were no comments from the public.

D. Comments From the Public

President Sprick commented that the school district is very thankful for the donations and support that are received from the community throughout the year.

E. 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 August 11, 2008 Regular 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 July 2008; and 4. Accept Contributions. The motion passed 7-0.

F. Consent Agenda

Pat Loyd, Carl Nelson, Beckham Smith and Joe Koechner presented President Sprick with a check for \$19,359 from the Hiawatha Kiwanis Foundation--\$17,859 to purchase the equipment for six smart classrooms and \$1,500 for a camcorder, portable sound system and a mixer board for the fine arts program.

G. Presentation of Check by the Hiawatha Kiwanis Foundation

To date, the Kiwanis Foundation has distributed approximately \$91,000 to the school district from the Harold and Alberta Wolf estate.

Superintendent Severin presented board member Becky Shamburg with a Level I Certificate from the Kansas Association of School Boards for the training seminars she attended last school year.

H. Presentation of Boardmanship Award

Tom Schmitz, Dave Coufal and Alan Jeffery reported on the beginning of the school year in each of their respective buildings.

I. Beginning of the School Year Reports

The consideration of the early graduation requests were tabled until after the executive session.

J. Review and Possible Approval of Early Graduation Requests

Tom Schmitz reported that the Elementary Grade Report will be available to parents on Power School very soon. It will look very similar to what was used in the previous school year.

K. Presentation on Computerized Elementary School Grade Report

President Sprick appointed Becky Shamburg as GRN and Voting Delegate for the KASB State Convention in December.

L. Appointment of the GRN and Voting Delegate for the State Convention

Denise Elffner, Steve Lock, Matt Sprick, Dave Thompson, Becky Shamburg, John Severin, Steve Splichal and Lesli Grimm plan to attend the KASB Fall Regional meeting on October 22 at Jefferson County North Elementary School in Nortonville.

M. Regional and State Convention Registration

Becky Shamburg, Steve Lock, Matt Sprick and John Severin plan to attend the KASB State Convention in Wichita, December 5-7.

Denise Elffner reported on action taken at the recent Special Education Interlocal board meeting. Butch Trabuc discussed changes in the gifted program and the move toward a more inclusive special education approach.

N. Special Education Report

John Wright 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 10 minute break, the board recessed to executive session at 7:55 pm. John Severin, Steve Splichal and Alan Jeffery were invited into the executive session. Alan exited the executive session at 8:00 pm, and Steve Splichal left at 8:11 pm. At 8:25 pm and 8:27 pm, John Wright moved and Steve Lock seconded motions to extend the executive session 2 minutes and 1 minute, respectively. The motions passed 7-0. The board returned to regular session at 8:28 pm.

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

Returning to the tabled agenda item regarding early graduation requests, Becky Shamburg moved and Pete Rosá seconded the motion to approve the early graduation requests as presented (for Lacey Betts, Paige Backer and Robert Hullman). The motion passed 7-0.

P. Action Following Executive Session

Matt Sprick moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to approve the Overnight Trip Request for the National FFA Convention to be held October 21-24 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The motion passed 7-0. The Hiawatha FFA Chapter will be called on stage at the convention to accept a 3 Star Gold Chapter award.

Q. Other

Other items discussed included the district's work comp insurance audit.

John Wright moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0, and President Sprick declared the meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

R. Adjournment

President

Clerk