

**HIAWATHA USD 415
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 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; Greg Bebermeyer, KNZA Radio; and Joey May, Hiawatha World.

B. Roll Call

Denise Elffner moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the agenda, noting that *Fuel Purchase Approval, Elementary School Playground Policy, Middle School Wrestling Coach and High School Assistant Pep Club/Cheerleading Sponsor* would be discussed under *Item P. Other*. 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

Becky Shamburg moved and Pete Rosá seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: 1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 8, 2008 Regular Board Meeting and October 1, 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 August 2008; 4. Accept the Resignation of Niki Tollefson as the Assistant Pep Club/Cheerleader Sponsor; and 5. Accept Contributions. The motion passed 7-0.

F. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Severin reported on the actual budget for the 2008-2009 year compared to the budget published in August. The district's budget is intentionally published slightly higher than what is expected to avoid having to republish when the enrollment numbers are determined on the official count day, September 22. For the current year, the actual budgets for the General and Supplemental Funds will be approximately \$110,000 less than what was originally approved.

G. Comparison of Published Budget to Actual

John Severin also reported on possible implications for the 2009-2010 budget, taking into account the current year's enrollment information and anticipated State Department of Education formulas. If the district's enrollment remains steady, there could be a decrease in next year's budget of \$43,000 to \$132,000 depending on the Base Budget Per Pupil rate funded by the State of Kansas. The decrease could be even larger if the enrollment numbers continue to drop.

H. Final Head Count and Possible Implications for Next School Year

Severin reviewed the report from Dan Knight, with Anderson Knight Architects, who inspected the designated tornado shelter areas in the district's attendance centers to determine the level of protection they would provide. Knight also provided recommendations of ways the shelters could be improved or changed to increase the level of protection.

I. Tornado Refuge Site Assessment

Severin reviewed two proposals received for improvements to the sound systems in the high school auditorium and gymnasium. The proposals were gathered in response to the Kiwanis Foundation's interest in improving the auditorium's sound system.

J. Proposals for Sound Systems for the High School Auditorium and Gymnasium

John Wright moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the Biology Club's Bahamas trip April 2 through April 9. The motion passed 7-0.

K. Approval of an Overnight Trip Request to the Bahamian Field Station April 2 Through April 9

Steve Lock moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to give the superintendent permission to liquidate excess food service equipment. The motion passed 7-0.

L. Food Service Surplus Property

Denise Elffner reported on action taken at the recent Special Education Interlocal board meeting.

M. Special Education Report

No motion was made to recess to executive session.

N. Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel

No action was taken as no executive session was held.

O. Action Following Executive Session

Following a short break, the board returned to regular session at 8:00 pm.

In recent weeks, problems have been experienced with older children gathering on the elementary school playground. Police officers can not address the loitering issue if there is not a district policy prohibiting such action.

P. Other

Steve lock moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to approve the playground policy as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

The gates of the elementary school playground will be locked at dusk, and the area will remain closed until 7:00 am to prevent vandalism and security issues at the school. The police department will check the area each evening to help enforce the policy.

Dave Thompson moved and Pete Rosá seconded the motion to give the superintendent permission to make a fuel purchase up to \$30,000. The motion passed 7-0.

John Wright moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to hire Richard Lehmkuhl as the Hiawatha Middle School Wrestling Coach. The motion passed 7-0.

Matt Sprick moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to advertise and hire a half-time Assistant Pep Club/Cheerleading Sponsor. The motion passed 7-0.

Denise Elffner moved and Pete Rosá seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0, and President Sprick declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Q. Adjournment

President

Clerk