

**HIAWATHA USD 415
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2009**

Edmore Green, Shatah Smith and Carey Wahwahsuck, representing the Sac and Fox Nation, presented \$1,000 donations to ten area school districts. The checks were presented to Rita Johansen, Falls City Public Schools; David Myers, USD 409 Atchison Public Schools; Mary Livingston, Kickapoo Nation Schools; Laurie Kimbrough, Humboldt; Dennis Stones, USD 441 Sabetha; Jerry Odum, USD 442 Nemaha Valley Schools; Stephanie Hicks, USD 335 North Jackson; Tom Hinrichs, USD 377 Atchison County Community Schools; and Becky Shamburg, USD 415 Hiawatha. Not present was USD 430 South Brown County.

A. Presentation of Donation Checks from the Sac and Fox Tribal Council

President Becky Shamburg called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm.

B. Call Meeting to Order

Board members present were Denise Eloffner, 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; Tom Schmitz, Elementary School Principal; Dave Coufal, Middle School Principal; Alan Jeffery, High School Principal; Butch Trabuc, Special Education Director; Kathleen Tryon, Trudy Wischropp and Jean Brintnall, Middle School Teachers; Ellen Hill, Elementary School Teacher; Leah McPeak, Special Education Interlocal Teacher; Jolene Carter, Patron; Greg Bebermeyer, KNZA Radio; and Joey May, Hiawatha World.

C. Roll Call

Denise Eloffner moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

D. Approval of Agenda

Jolene Carter, former HHS bookkeeper, formally apologized to the Board of Education for the funds she had stolen from the high school during the 2008-2009 school year. Carter had previously made full financial restitution.

E. Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the president.

F. Comments From the President

Denise Eloffner 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 November 9, 2009 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 October 2009; and 4. Accept the Resignation of Fred Weaver as a Middle School Assistant Football Coach at the end of the Current School Year. The motion passed 7-0.

G. Consent Agenda

Kathleen Tryon and Trudy Wischropp, members of the Middle School's Quality Performance Accreditation Team, and Jean Brintnall, District NCA/QPA Chairman, presented current school improvement data for the Middle School and reported on their final accreditation visit for the current cycle. The Middle School was awarded an additional 5-year accreditation and received many positive comments from the review team.

H. Presentation by the Middle School NCA/QPA Steering Committee

Matt Sprick moved and Pete Rosá seconded the motion to extend the consignment agreement with the Gerald Peter's Gallery until February 8, 2010. The motion passed 7-0.

I. Review and Possible Approval of an Extension of the 180 Day Agreement with the Gerald Peter's Gallery

Superintendent Severin reviewed the budget information he presented to the district employees on December 1 and an updated handout comparing the actual operating funds in the 2008-2009 school year with the current year's funding level following the Governor's cut in November. Severin reviewed budget cuts that have already been made and additional, proposed cuts to make up the \$522,590 revenue reduction.

J. Review of District Budget Issues for the 2009-2010 School Year

Superintendent Severin presented a possible calendar for the 2010-2011 school year. Further discussion will be held over the next few months.

K. Review of a Possible Calendar for the 2010-2011 School Year

John Wright, Becky Shamburg, Steve Lock, Dave Thompson, John Severin, Steve Splichal and Lesli Grimm plan to attend the Legislative Luncheon in Sabetha on January 5th.

L. Discuss Registration for Legislative Luncheon in Sabetha

Steve Lock moved and Denise Eloffner seconded the motion to dismiss school at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 23, 2009. The motion passed 7-0.

M. Approval of a 1:00 pm Dismissal on Wednesday, December 23, 2009

Dave Thompson, Steve Lock, Denise Eloffner, Matt Sprick and Becky Shamburg reported on the KASB Annual Convention they attended the first weekend in December.

N. Report on the KASB Annual Convention and Delegate Assembly

Steve Lock moved and Pete Rosá seconded the motion to give permission to the superintendent to use the Contingency Reserve Fund for payroll purposes in the event of cash flow problems at the state level for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. The motion passed 7-0.

O. Discuss Using the Contingency Reserve Fund for Payroll Purposes if State Aid Payments Do Not Arrive in a Timely Manner

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

P. Special Education Report

John Wright moved and Denise Eloffner seconded the motion to recess to executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, student personnel and negotiations. The executive session was necessary to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract. The motion passed 7-0, and the board recessed to executive session at 9:00 pm. John Severin, Steve Splichal and Alan Jeffery were invited into the executive session. Jeffery exited the executive session at 9:18 pm. At 9:30 pm, John Wright moved and Denise Eloffner seconded the motion to extend the executive session 15 minutes. The motion passed 7-0. The board returned to regular session at 9:45 pm.

Matt Sprick moved and John Wright seconded the motion to reopen negotiations with the Teachers' Association. The motion passed 7-0.

Denise Eloffner moved and Dave Thompson seconded the motion to extend Karen Searight's leave of absence through the third nine-weeks. The motion passed 7-0.

No discussion or action was taken under *Item S. Other*.

Denise Eloffner moved and Pete Rosá seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0, and President Shamburg declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

- Q. Executive Session**
 - 1. To Discuss Non-Elected Personnel**
 - 2. To Discuss Student Personnel**
 - 3. To Discuss Negotiations**

- R. Action Following Executive Session**

- S. Other**

- T. Adjournment**

President

Clerk