HIAWATHA USD 415
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 29, 2008

A. Call Meeting to Order

President Matt Sprick called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Roll Call

Board members present were Denise Elffner, Steve Lock, Pete Rosá, Becky Shamburg, Matt Sprick, Dave Thompson (arrived at 6:05 pm) and John Wright. Also present were John Severin, Superintendent; Steve Splichal, Assistant Superintendent; Lesli Grimm, Clerk of the Board; Greg Bebermeyer, KNZA Radio; and Burton Dunbar.

C. Approval of Agenda

Steve Lock moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to approve the agenda, noting that *Parents as Teachers,* an *Overnight Trip Request for State Forensics* and the *Native American Grant Application* would be discussed under Item *K. Other*. The motion passed 6-0.

D. Comments From the Public

There were no comments from the public.

E. Comments From the President

There were no comments from the president.

F. Review of the Changes in the 2007-08 Budget and Board Approval to Republish the Budget

Lesli Grimm reviewed the need to republish the district's 2007-2008 budget due to additional Special Education Aid available from the State of Kansas and a higher than expected At Risk enrollment. The amendment is necessary in order to receive additional state funding. It will not increase local taxes.

Denise Elffner moved and Pete Rosá seconded the motion to republish the budget. The motion passed 6-0.

G. Discussion of Bus Bid and Possible Purchase

Steve Splichal reviewed the bids that were received for the purchase of a new school bus.

Board member Dave Thompson arrived at 6:05 pm.

Steve Lock moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to purchase a 65 passenger bus reconfigured to a 60 passenger from Midwest Bus Sales, trading in Bus #4 and adding tinted windows, for a net cost of $68,941.87. The motion passed 7-0.

H. Approval of Textbook Adoption and New Textbook Purchases

Steve Splichal reviewed the textbook adoptions and purchases for Spanish, 7-12 Language Arts and World Geography.

Becky Shamburg moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to approve the textbook adoption and new textbook purchases as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

I. Executive Session

1. To Discuss Non-Elected Personnel

2. To Discuss Negotiations

3. To Discuss Confidential Data

Dave Thompson moved and John Wright seconded the motion to recess to executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, negotiations and confidential data. The executive session was necessary to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract and to protect the interests of the business to be discussed. The motion passed 7-0, and the board recessed to executive session at 6:20 pm. John Severin, Steve Splichal and Burton Dunbar were invited into the executive session. Burton Dunbar exited the executive session at 6:46 pm. At 6:50 pm, 7:05 pm, and 7:10 pm, Dave Thompson moved and John Wright seconded motions to extend the executive session 15 minutes, 5 minutes and 5 minutes, respectively. The motions passed 7-0. The board returned to regular session at 7:15 pm.

J. Action Following Executive Session

Denise Elffner moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to accept Curt Weldon's resignation as Target Area Chair. The motion passed 7-0.

John Wright moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to give the superintendent permission to advertise for any open positions before the next board meeting. The motion passed 7-0.

K. Other

Denise Elffner moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the overnight trip request for Forensics State Champs. The motion passed 7-0.

John Wright moved and Dave Thompson seconded the motion to approve 3 units of Parents as Teachers for the 2008-2009 school year at a cost of $11,300. The motion passed 7-0.

Steve Lock moved and Pete Rosá seconded the motion to approve the Native American Grant Application. The motion passed 7-0.

The public hearing for amending the district's 2007-2008 budget will be held on Monday, May 19, at 6:30 pm.

Other items discussed included the very positive preliminary results of the district's current year state assessment testing.

L. Adjournment

Denise Elffner moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0, and President Sprick declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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President Clerk