HIAWATHA USD 415
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2007

A. Call Meeting to Order

President Matt Sprick called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

B. Roll Call

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; Dave Coufal, Middle School Principal; Alan Jeffery, High School Principal; Butch Trabuc, Special Education Interlocal Director; Amy Larson, Board Clerk for the Special Education Interlocal; Theresa Williams, Brenda Schuetz, Monica Enneking, Nancy Jackson, and Mandy Kern, USD 415 Teachers; Aubrey Wright, Brynn Wright and Sammie Shamburg, USD 415 Students; Rodney Foster, Karen Foster and Michelle Wright, Parents; Stacey Mackey and Stephanie Hartley, EASE; Greg Bebermeyer, KNZA Radio; and Jim Anderson, Hiawatha World.

C. Approval of Agenda

Steve Lock moved and Dave Thompson seconded the motion to approve the agenda, noting that *Approval of Westar Proposal, Approval of Copier Leases, Possible Big 7 League Expansion* and *Terri McNally's Resignation as Middle School Volleyball Coach* would be discussed under item *U. Other*. The motion passed 7-0.

D. Comments From the Public

Aubrey Wright, daughter of board member John Wright, announced that the Wright family had brought treats in honor of John's birthday.

E. Comments From the President

President Sprick noted that congratulations are due to the Hiawatha Middle School for receiving a Certificate of Merit as part of the Challenge Awards given by the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force. The award was earned for their high scores on the 2007 7th grade math assessment.

F. Consent Agenda

Becky Shamburg moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: 1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 8, 2007 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 September 2007; and 4. Accept Contributions. The motion passed 7-0.

G. Presentation to the Board of a Handicapped Swing for the Elementary School Playground

Sammie Shamburg and Brynn Wright, members of the Three Musketeers, presented the board of education with a handicapped accessible swing for the elementary school playground. John and Michelle Wright, Nancy Jackson and the EASE Association were also present and were instrumental in supporting the Three Musketeers in their fundraising efforts.

H. Elementary School Presentation on NCA Second Team Visit

Theresa Williams, Brenda Schuetz and Monica Enneking, members of the Elementary School's Quality Performance Accreditation Team, reported on the elementary school's second team visit for the current NCA cycle.

I. Review of Possible Calendar for the 2008-2009 School Year

Superintendent Severin reviewed two preliminary calendars for the 2008-2009 school year. More discussion will be held before a final calendar is recommended for approval.

J. Review of the Testing Cycle and Testing Schedule for the 2007-2008 School Year

Steve Splichal reviewed the testing schedule for our students for the current school year.

K. Review Proposed Policy Amendments and Resolutions to be Voted on at KASB Annual Convention

It was the consensus of the board to support the Kansas Association of School Boards' proposed policy amendments and resolutions to be voted on at the upcoming Annual Convention.

L. Report on the Final Enrollment Numbers From the SO66 Report and Their Impact on the District's Budget

John Severin reported on the number of students enrolled for the current year compared to the prior year. Lesli Grimm reviewed the effects of the enrollment numbers on the district's budget.

M. Kellogg mini Grant Applications

Steve Splichal presented the three Kellogg Mini Grant Applications recommended for approval by the curriculum council.

John Wright moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the Kellogg Mini Grant Applications as presented. The motion passed 7-0. Grants were awarded to: 1) Trudy Wischropp, $150 to purchase books for an after school program targeting students receiving low scores on targeted assessment indicators in reading; 2) Kim Lillie, $150 to purchase books to be used in differentiated instruction when studying energy; and 3) Carol Boggs, $100 for supplies needed to prepare a PowerPoint presentation to be used as an orientation for new high school students.

N. Approval of Coordinated Health Grant Application

Steve Splichal discussed his proposed Coordinated Health Grant application for the purchase of one or two pieces of cardio fitness equipment in an effort to continue the district's wellness initiative. The equipment would be placed in the high school weight room and would be available to all students and staff in the district.

Denise Elffner moved and Dave Thompson seconded the motion to approve the Coordinated Health Grant Application. The motion passed 7-0.

O. Approval of Overnight Trip Request for the Jazz Band and Headliners to Branson, MO

Becky Shamburg moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the overnight trip request for the High School Jazz Band and Headliners to go to Branson Missouri (March 6-9, 2008). The motion passed 7-0.

P. Approval of Overnight Trip Request for the KSU Concert Band Clinic

Dave Thompson moved and John Wright seconded the motion to approve the overnight trip request for the KSU Concert Band Clinic (January 25-27, 2008). The motion passed 7-0.

Q. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Curriculum Change that would Place an Agricultural Science Elective at the Eighth Grade Level

Mandy Kern, high school vocational agriculture teacher, and Steve Splichal discussed the proposal to place an agricultural science elective class at the eighth grade level.

Steve Lock moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to approve the curriculum change placing an agricultural science elective at the eighth grade level. The motion passed 7-0.

R. Special Education Report

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

S. Executive Session

1. To Discuss Non-Elected Personnel

2. To Discuss Confidential Data

3. To Discuss Student Personnel

Dave Thompson moved and Denise Elffner seconded the motion to recess to executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, confidential data and student personnel. The executive session was necessary to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and to protect the interests of the business to be discussed. The motion passed 7-0. Following a fifteen-minute break, the board recessed to executive session at 8:30 pm. John Severin and Steve Splichal were invited into the executive session. Alan Jeffery was included in the executive session from 8:41 to 8:58 pm. At 9:05 pm, Dave Coufal and Butch Trabuc entered the executive session. Dave Coufal exited the session at 9:35 pm. At 9:00 pm, 9:15 pm, 9:25 pm and 9:35 pm, Dave Thompson moved and Denise Elffner seconded motions to extend the executive session 15 minutes, 10 minutes, 10 minutes and 5 minutes, respectively. The motions passed 7-0. The board returned to regular session at 9:40 pm.

T. Action Following Executive Session

Steve Lock moved and Pete Rosa seconded the motion to appoint Donna Whiteman as the appeal hearing officer for the balance of the school year. The motion passed 7-0.

U. Other

Alan Jeffery discussed the proposed Big 7 League expansion which could include Atchison, Perry Lecompton and Santa Fe Trail. It was the consensus of the board that it would be in the best interest of Hiawatha and the Big 7 to remain as is and not expand at this time.

John Severin presented Westar Energy's proposal to move the 3 phase electrical line at the high school as necessitated by the new weight room addition. Denise Elffner moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to give permission for Westar to reroute the electrical line at a cost up to $15,350.62. The motion passed 7-0.

U. Other *(Continued)*

John Wright moved and Steve Lock seconded the motion to approve the lease of copiers for the board office and the elementary school and the purchase of a small copier/fax/scanner for the board office from Century United with the total first year expenditure being $13,567.55. The motion passed 7-0.

Dave Thompson moved and Becky Shamburg seconded the motion to accept Terri McNally's resignation as middle school volleyball coach. The motion passed 7-0.

Other items discussed included damage to the sidewalk from the construction equipment being used at the site of the weight room addition and the need to prepare a plan to deal with possible enrollment increases if local economic development endeavors are successful.

V. 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 10:02 pm.

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President Clerk