

**Hinton Community School District**  
**Thursday, February 4, 2010**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

A special board work session of the Hinton Community School District Board of Directors was held in the school library Thursday, February 4, 2010.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The work session was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Rob Held.

**QUORUM**

Roll call was conducted by Superintendent, Larry Williams. Members Present: Lynette Blanchard, Randy Riediger, Rob Held, Ed Vondrak, John Reintzel. Superintendent Williams stated that a quorum was present.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

none

**WELCOME VISITORS**

Norman TeKrony of EDA, Inc., Jason Vandehoef

Mr. Vandehoef raised questions about using the gymnasium for adult and/or youth leagues earlier than 7:00 p.m. when it appears the gym is unoccupied. Mr. Williams indicated the Board had asked him to craft policy and procedures updating Facilities Usage and that the draft would be brought to the Board for first reading at the February 22 meeting. Mr. Vandehoef and the public at large were invited to participate in the review process.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Approve amended agenda: Motion by Riediger, Second by Blanchard, it was RESOLVED: To approve the amended agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

**WORK SESSION**

Mr. Takrony summarized and reviewed several alternatives for the mechanical and lighting systems that could potentially be incorporated into the new elementary. The study is required by the State of Iowa and minimum standards must be met. A public entity can exceed minimal life cycle and energy efficiency minimums if the life cycle costs seem to warrant doing so.

Superintendent Williams introduced a minimally revised calendar for 2010-2011 reflecting two snow days.

A proposal from one vendor for clearing trees for the elementary site was considered to be enough of a departure from original specifications as to warrant a new round of obtaining competitive quotes.

The superintendent was asked to place an ad in the Hinton Times in regards to removing the pole barn from the Held land with the intent to sell the structure to the highest bidder that will also move it at no cost to the district by early spring.

Implications for the State of Iowa's budget and taxing parameters were discussed.

The board and superintendent set forth several policy guidelines and parameters to strive toward in crafting a FY2011 budget including maintaining a 10% solvency ratio, decreasing tax rate in General Fund to approx. \$10.60 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, maintaining a year round unexpended cash balance of at least \$595,000, not jeopardizing or relying on budget authority disproportionately, not transferring the state's budget issues to the local level if possible to avoid.

Board President, Rob Held, led a facilitated brainstorming of ideas by which the general fund budget might be reduced.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Riediger, Second by Reintzel, it was RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.  
Motion carried 5-0.

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BOARD PRESIDENT

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BOARD SECRETARY