

Hinton Community School District
Tuesday, April 26, 2011

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

A special board meeting of the Hinton Community School District Board of Directors was held in the school library on Tuesday, April 26, 2011.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Board 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.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also in attendance were: Larry Williams, Superintendent

WELCOME VISITORS

Tina Johnson-Zimney, Kory Zimney

Tina Zimney, school nurse, asked the board to consider increasing her contract for next year from 7/8 time to full-time due to increased duties.

The board president thanked Tina, explaining that this evening was a work session at which no action can be taken, but that the board could decide to take up the question at a subsequent meeting.

Mrs. Zimney thanked the board.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

WORK SESSION

The substance of the meeting was for board members who had attended the recent National School Board Conference to reflect on the several and varying conference session themes can lead to improved education.

Frequent communication was one prevalent strand. Surveying student, teacher and/or parent/community needs; inviting input in multiple ways; developing an increased sense of ownership ran through several sessions. Pre-planning for communication was also cited. Having a suggestion box and having a student representative on the board were mentioned. Accessibility of the board to its public was another theme which led to the suggestion of having a "meet the board" table during Open House and Parent-Teacher Conferences. Perceptions become reality in the absence of information was another recurring theme. The importance of "knowing your kids" and talking with them was also a pervasive theme that promotes social correctness, a positive school climate yielding superior performance.

The changing face of negotiations, teacher evaluation systems, teacher compensation were other sessions and topics of interest.

The significance of measures that assure that every child is progressing the equivalent of at least one grade is more important, in all likelihood, than standardized test measures.

"IQ" means less than "I will" as an educational outcome, and as students progress in the adventure of learning, it is the process of understanding that has greater relevance than the final product.

A last strand pertained to lobbying on behalf of high-quality education. Sharpening lobbying skills and developing lasting relationships was emphasized. One can't communicate with legislators at all levels enough.

In other topics, the board discussed options the district may have, or can develop, as it contends with a major experience gap in its School Nutrition/Food Services staff.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Vondrak, Second by Riediger, it was
RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.
Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY