

Hinton Community School District
Monday, March 21, 2011

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A regular board meeting of the Hinton Community School District Board of Directors was held in the school library on Monday, March 21, 2011.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Board President, Rob Held.

QUORUM

Roll call was conducted by Board Secretary, Melissa Sanders .
Members Present: Lynette Blanchard, Randy Riediger, Rob Held, Ed Vondrak, John Reintzel.
Board Secretary Sanders stated that a quorum was present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also in attendance were: Larry Williams, Superintendent;
Jane Krehbiel, Elementary Principal; Pete Stuerman, Middle School Principal;
Sue Martens, High School Principal; Paula Schreck, Business Manager

WELCOME VISITORS

Ann Mosher, Emily Dunkel, Amy Eaton, Tina Johnson-Zimney, Jacquie Sitzmann, Ben Hertenstein, Jan Heimgartner, Bruce Held, Jodi Cook, Brett Stanley, Linda Ward, Doug Lacey, Gail Lacey, Michelle Linden, Nick Knuth

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Approve minutes: Motion by Vondrak, Second by Reintzel, it was RESOLVED: To approve the previous minutes.
Motion carried 5-0.

Approve monthly claims: Motion by Blanchard, Second by Riediger, it was RESOLVED: To approve the following fund disbursements:
General Fund, \$80,994.73; Management Levy Fund, \$3,756.69; Physical Plant & Equipment Fund, \$707.24; Capital Projects Fund (Voted Bond), \$663,358.60; Capital Projects Fund, \$8,033.97; Nutrition Fund, \$14,405.32; Before & After School Program, \$216.27; Preschool, \$1,108.91, Student Activity Fund, \$29,069.68.
The total of all fund disbursements \$801,651.41.
Motion carried 5-0.

Approve monthly financial reports: Motion by Vondrak, Second by Reintzel, it was RESOLVED: To approve the monthly financial reports.
Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS/INFORMATION

Mr. Williams presented FY12 budget information to be printed in the Hinton Times, prepared by Paula Schreck, Business Manager.
Superintendent Williams gave an overview of soft costs estimated for the new Elementary School, and related those to the project costs as a whole.
Nick Knuth reported on the Case tractor the district will receive at no cost to the district other than insurance and routine maintenance. He also presented feasible options for transporting students north of C 60 and west of Hwy 75, the siting of the Transportation Workshop and the possible disposal of some older buses.

PUBLIC INPUT

Brett Stanley addressed the Board, starting by commending the board for hiring

Pete Stuerman as the new superintendent. But he criticized the board for the fact that all members will attend the NSBA Conference in San Francisco this year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Responding to the earlier concern conveyed by Mr. Stanley, Chairperson Held confirmed that for the first time ever, all five members of the Hinton Community School board of education will be attending the annual conference of the National School Board Association (NSBA). He elaborated on the unique merits of this conference, focusing especially on student achievement, curriculum and policy. In addition to the educational sessions, there is an exhibitor expo that will feature over 300 vendors of education-related products and services.

The only expense being paid from the school's general fund is the conference registration fee (\$695 per registrant). Being aware of the need for fiscal responsibility, board members will utilize a special fund for all other expenses (airfare, lodging and meals). This fund accrues from the community service of one of the board members, but would be permitted for this use only if all board members attend according to the school auditor. Flights out of Omaha were much less expensive than from Sioux City, and hotels were booked online at much less than the conference hotel rates.

There were additional comments from the floor as well as the superintendent. The members in the audience were thanked for their concern and interest in the district, and were invited back.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve resignation: Motion by Vondrak, Second by Blanchard, it was RESOLVED: To approve Melissa Wurth's resignation as yearbook sponsor. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve resignation: Motion by Riediger, Second by Reintzel, it was RESOLVED: To approve Robin Charbonneau's resignation as Food Service Director. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve contract: Motion by Riediger, Second by Reintzel, it was RESOLVED: To approve Chad Sussex as yearbook sponsor for 2011-2012. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve resolution to levy property tax for the fiscal year 2011-2012 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa (Budget Guarantee): Motion by Blanchard, Second by Riediger, it was RESOLVED: To approve that the Board of Directors of the Hinton Community School District will levy property tax for fiscal year 2011-2012 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Roll call vote: Held, aye; Blanchard, aye; Reintzel, aye; Vondrak, aye; Riediger, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve bid for furniture/furnishings: Motion by Vondrak, Second by Riediger, it was RESOLVED: To approve accepting the low bid from School Specialty for furniture/furnishings as recommended by the superintendent. Roll call vote: Blanchard, aye; Riediger, aye; Held, aye; Vondrak, aye; Reintzel, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve bid for custodial equipment/tools: Motion by Riediger, Second by Blanchard, it was RESOLVED: To approve accepting the low bid as recommended by the superintendent for a total cost of \$35,788.00 (including a quote from Stan Houston for \$7850.00). Motion carried 5-0.

Approve quote for Elementary School Card Access installation: The superintendent recommended deferring action on this item until a later meeting in order to gather additional information. There was no objection from the board, so no action was taken.

Approve quote for Elementary School video camera installation: Motion by Riediger, Second by Reintzel, it was RESOLVED: To approve accepting Electronic Systems quote for the video camera installation as recommended by the superintendent. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve quote for Elementary School video intercom door security: The superintendent recommended deferring action on this item until a later meeting in order to gather additional information. There was no objection from the board, so no action was taken.

Approve alternate to install road and sidewalk from present school to new school: Motion by Vondrak, Second by Blanchard, it was RESOLVED: To approve alternate to install road and sidewalk from present school to new in the amount of \$59,822.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve the tentative agreement with the Hinton Education Association: Motion by Riediger, Second by Blanchard, it was RESOLVED: To approve the tentative agreement with the Hinton Education Association. The total settlement package is at least \$94,657; and an additional estimated \$20,000 increase in teacher pay will be the result of several teachers moving to higher lanes on the salary schedule. Roll call vote: Vondrak, nay; Blanchard, aye; Reintzel, nay; Held, aye; Riediger, aye. Motion carried 3-2.

Approve parameters for compensating other employee groups: Motion by Vondrak to approve accepting the recommendation of the superintendent excluding the one time adjustment. Motion failed due to lack of second. Motion by Blanchard, Second by Riediger, it was RESOLVED: To approve the superintendent's recommendation as it stands for compensating other employee groups. Roll call votes: Reintzel, nay; Blanchard, aye; Vondrak, nay; Riediger, aye; Held, abstained to avoid a conflict of interest. Motion failed 2-2.

Approve Comprehensive School Improvement goals as recommended by the District Advisory Committee: Motion by Riediger, Second by Blanchard, it was RESOLVED: To approve the Comprehensive School Improvement goals as recommended by the District Advisory Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The following topics were discussed: Annette Held's property line, trees promised to Annette Held, Crow's nest, damage to exterior locker room door, dirt for the city, portables.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 23 - Begin 4th quarter
April 4 - Special Board Meeting 7 p.m.
April 18 - Regular Board Meeting 7 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Reintzel, Second by Blanchard, it was RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY