

REGULAR MEETING
UMATILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #8R, HERMISTON
October 3, 2006

The Regular Meeting was called to order in the boardroom of the district office by Chairman Phil Hamm at 7:00 PM with the following members present: Alfredo Aceves, Roger Bounds, Tom Ditton, Dave Drotzmann, Don Rankin, and Karen Sherman. Also in attendance were Superintendent Darce Driskel, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Sheri Marlow, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Mark Mulvihill, and Business Manager Jim Thompson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those present.

BOARD PROCEDURES – Superintendent Darce Driskel reported that we have one replacement for Tab 6 Extra Responsibility Contracts and a replacement for the October Calendar with one change.

Chairman Hamm introduced Jerry Carlson who is the advisor for the Leadership Class at the high school. Mr. Carlson introduced the Student Body President Mitch Drinkwater. Mr. Drinkwater introduced his student body officers. The leadership team treated everyone to root beer floats.

Chairman Hamm welcomed the leadership team and thanked them for the root beer floats that are always appreciated and enjoyed.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – There were no public statements.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Recognition of Excellence – Chairman Hamm recognized Kay Burns of the Hermiston Day Care Center for her dedication and commitment to making KidSpace an outstanding program for our kids and providing quality programs for before, and after, school for over 20 years.

Chairman Hamm also recognized 5th grader Rikki Hector for going above and beyond in fundraising to raise funds for a family friend who was in need of medical assistance. Miss Hector took her prize she received for raising the most money--a bicycle, and auctioned it off to raise more money for her friend. Chairman Hamm expressed the Board’s appreciation and gratitude for Miss Hector’s significant caring and unselfish giving of her special gift of kindness.

Food Service Update – Food Services Director Kathy Pitzer reviewed how the food services were progressing this year. Services at the high school are up 6% for breakfast and 8% for lunches. Not much change at the elementary level. They are offering more nutritious foods at all grade levels. No more salad bars are being offered at the elementary level, but students do have the option of taking seconds of fruits and vegetables.

COMMUNICATIONS

Oregon School Employees Association – OSEA Representative Bonnie Luisi reported that staff is preparing for Parent/Teacher Conferences with their teachers and enjoying the school year.

Hermiston Association of Teachers – HAT President Lorrie Wade said the new teachers have hit the ground running and are doing well. HAT will be busy in October discussing the ballot measures that are so important to our schools.

Chairman Hamm expressed the Board's appreciation to all of the staff members for their dedication and a job well done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of September 5, 2006 - A motion was made by Karen Sherman, seconded by Roger Bounds, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2006.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution #06-07-04: Budget Adjustments – Business Manager Jim Thompson presented the budget adjustments to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Dave Drotzmann, seconded by Alfredo Aceves, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve Resolution #06-07-04: Budget Adjustments.

Resolution #06-06-05: Opposing Measure 41 – Federal Deductions – Business Manager Jim Thompson explained the effects of Measure 41 that would reduce revenues to our schools and recommended this resolution opposing Measure 41 for Board approval.

A motion was made by Tom Ditton, seconded by Karen Sherman and passed by a vote of 5 in favor with two (Roger Bounds and Don Rankin) abstaining.

Resolution #06-06-06: Opposing Measure 48 – State Spending Limit – Business Manager Jim Thompson presented the effects of Measure 48 that would undermine adequate funding for public schools in Oregon and recommended this resolution opposing Measure 41 for approval.

Roger Bounds stated, “Measure 48 was not a clone of Colorado’s similar measure as claimed by opponents and that continued government growth at the expense of the private sector was dangerous in the long run.”

A motion was made by Dave Drotzmann, seconded by Karen Sherman, and passed by a vote of 5 in favor and 2 (Roger Bounds and Don Rankin) opposed.

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT GROUPING

Chairman Phil Hamm asked if there were any items to be pulled for discussion. There were none requested to be pulled. Tom Ditton expressed his continuing concern that some of the Extra Duty Contracts are still coming to the Board after the fact.

It was recommended that the Board of Education:

Extra Responsibility Contracts – approve the Extra Responsibility Contracts for 2006-2007 for:

Dave Shepard	8 th Grade Football Coach	Sandstone Middle School
Jessica Brown	.5 Cheerleading Coach	Hermiston High School
Kathy Brown	.5 Cheerleading Coach	Hermiston High School
Shanna Griffin-Herman	Assistant to the Principal	Rocky Heights Elementary
Debby Sprong	Assistant to the Principal	West Park Elementary
Jay Zwiefelhofer	Football	Sandstone Middle School
Philip Anderson	Football	Sandstone Middle School

Randy Smith	Football	Sandstone Middle School
Rachelle Walchli	Volleyball	Sandstone Middle School
Kyla Latham	Volleyball	Sandstone Middle School
Tonya Langley	Volleyball	Sandstone Middle School
Lisa Nino	Volleyball	Sandstone Middle School
Aaron Lind	Boys Basketball	Sandstone Middle School
Blaine Braithwaite	Boys Basketball	Sandstone Middle School
John Strop	Boys Basketball	Sandstone Middle School
Webster Castaneda	Boys Basketball	Sandstone Middle School
Rachelle Walchli	Girls Basketball	Sandstone Middle School
Stacie Johnson	Girls Basketball	Sandstone Middle School
John Strop	Girls Basketball	Sandstone Middle School
Webster Castaneda	Girls Basketball	Sandstone Middle School
Kent Gutierrez	Wrestling	Sandstone Middle School
Mark Millard	Wrestling	Sandstone Middle School
Terry Russell	Cross Country	Sandstone Middle School

Extra Duty Contracts – approve the Extra Duty Contracts for 2006-2007 for:

Mike Royer	Gear Up Coordinator	Hermiston High School
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Approval of 2007-2008 Budget Planning Calendar – approve the Budget Calendar for 2007-2008.

Appointment of Budget Committee Members - appoint the following Budget Committee members for a 3-year term effective July 1, 2006 as listed:

- Jeff Snell (Initial appointment of 3-year term)
- Kathy Eldrige (Re-appointment of 3-year term)
- Kelly Bissinger (Re-appointment of 3-year term)

Acceptance of Gifts – approve the Acceptance of Gifts as listed:

- \$2,190 to Hermiston High School Cross Country from John Spomer
- \$1,500 to Hermiston High School Athletics from John Spomer

A motion was made by Dave Drotzmann, seconded by Don Rankin, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the Action Items/Consent Grouping.

REPORTS

Calendar Update - Assistant Superintendent Mark Mulvihill reviewed the October calendar. The Breakfast of Champions has been moved up a week to October 11, at 7 AM, at the Hermiston Convention Center. All of the other listed events stand as written on the calendar.

Enrollment – Assistant Superintendent Sheri Marlow reported that our enrollment of 4,805 is up 75 students from last month.

Financial Report – Business Manager Jim Thompson presented the financial report.

OSBA Conference Plans and Report – Superintendent Darce Driskel reminded the Board members that they will all depart from the District Office on October 4 at 5:30 PM to attend the OSBA Regional meeting in Pendleton. The OSBA Convention in Portland is November 9 – 12; all Board members have been registered.

Superintendent Driskel commended the Board members for their 100% participation at OSBA state and regional meetings which shows their dedication to our schools.

Professional Day Activities – Assistant Superintendent Mark Mulvihill reviewed the Professional Day Activities. K-5 staff will be participating in 4-Square writing at Sandstone Middle School with a national presenter. Grades 6-8 staff will be attending a variety of conferences in La Grande. The 9-12 staff will be working on AYP—how we support reading, math, and writing across the curriculum.

COMMUNICATIONS

Student Board Representative – Student Board Representative Ross Worstell reported that the leadership team participated in team building activities with the National Guard. Mr. Worstell reviewed activities taking place at the high school: Homecoming Week is coming up October 16-21 with special activities, assemblies, games, and dance; a Blood Drive on October 30th, and an update on high school sports.

Board of Education – Karen Sherman thanked West Park staff for hosting the Board work session and for the great song written by Kathy Turner that was performed.

Mrs. Sherman also reported that the Hermiston Education Foundation Fun Run Walk was a great success with 206 participants and great sponsorship from the community. Mrs. Sherman asked the building principals to encourage their staff to think about how they want to spend the funds raised by the Foundation. Grant applications will be accepted up until October 27th.

Chairman Hamm expressed his appreciation for the support our schools receive from the community.

Chairman Hamm extended his congratulations to the Hermiston Board of Education for their commitment and for earning an outstanding achievement award by the OSBA.

Tom Ditton expressed his condolences to those school districts in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Colorado who have suffered tragedies recently and asked that a note as such be sent to these school districts.

Administration – Superintendent Driskel reported that ChalkBoard is having training for trainers on October 31st in Pendleton on improving communication skills with parents and community. Trainers will then return to their school and train other teachers. Superintendent Driskel will be attending and he welcomed any interested Board members to attend with him. It was suggested that a member of the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee should attend as well.

Superintendent Driskel reported that the district will be doing another Harris Survey in November to include climate survey, safety issues, and communication—how well do the schools and administration serve the community. This is part of strategic planning to generate data, and helps the CIP plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hamm adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM.

Date

Chairman

Superintendent/Clerk

Secretary