

**REGULAR MEETING
UMATILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #8R, HERMISTON
July 11, 2006**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those present.

BOARD PROCEDURES – Superintendent Darce Driskel reported that we have a revised agenda with one addition to Action Items/Consent Grouping, Item 8T – Personnel Appointment-Temporary. We also have replacement recommendations for Item 8A Extra Responsibility Contracts; Item 8B Personnel Appointments; Item 8D Personnel Resignations; all with additions, and one additional recommendation for Item 8T Personnel Appointment-Temporary.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – There were no public statements.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Recognition of Excellence - Chairman Sherman presented Recognition of Excellence to Business Manager Jim Thompson for being awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States. This certificate is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by Mr. Thompson and his staff.

COMMUNICATIONS

Oregon School Employees Association – OSEA President Bonnie Luisi has been doing some association work at the state level and enjoying the summer.

Hermiston Association of Teachers – HAT President Lorrie Wade reported that over 200 teachers enjoyed the June Institute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting of June 6, 2006 - A motion was made by Dave Drotzmann, seconded by Don Rankin, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting of June 6, 2006.

Special Meeting of June 14, 2006 – A motion was made by Phil Hamm, seconded by Roger Bounds, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 14, 2006.

ACTION ITEMS

Election of Board Officers – Chairman Karen Sherman opened the nominations for a new Chairman.

Dave Drotzmann nominated Phil Hamm and Tom Ditton seconded the nomination. Roger Bounds moved and Dave Drotzmann seconded that the nominations be closed. Phil Hamm was elected the new Chairman of the Board by a vote of 6 for and 1 abstention (Hamm).

Newly-elected Chairman Phil Hamm opened the nominations for a new vice chairman.

Roger Bounds nominated Dave Drotzmann and Alfredo Aceves seconded the nomination. Tom Ditton moved and Roger Bounds seconded that the nominations be closed. Dave Drotzmann was elected the new Vice Chairman of the Board by a vote of 6 for and 1 abstention (Drotzmann).

Karen Sherman thanked the Board for their support during her two years of serving as the chairman. Phil Hamm commended Mrs. Sherman for her outstanding leadership to the Board.

Approval of Board Policies for 2006-2007 – A motion was made by Roger Bounds, seconded by Karen Sherman, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the School Board Policies for 2006-2007.

All district polices are now available on the Hermiston School District website at www.hermiston.k12.or.us. Superintendent Darce Driskel asked the Board members to please return their old policy books as they are not up-to-date.

Approval of Early Graduation Requests – Assistant Superintendent Sheri Marlow presented three early graduation requests for approval.

A motion was made by Karen Sherman, seconded by Alfredo Aceves, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the Early Graduation Requests for:

Daniel Thornton
Jakki Maxwell
Bryson Wood

Personnel Resignation – Superintendent Darce Driskel presented the resignation and request for 10 days compensation of Highland Hills Elementary Principal Tammy Ashbeck. A motion was made by Roger Bounds, seconded by Karen Sherman, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel Resignation of Tammy Ashbeck, Principal of Highland Hills, and approve compensation for 8 unused vacation days and provide compensation for 2 additional days in July to complete transition tasks.

Chairman Phil Hamm commended Tammy Ashbeck for her leadership and service to the district.

Personnel Appointment – Interim Principal – Assistant Superintendent Sheri Marlow presented the recommendation of Niki Arnold-Smith as interim principal at Highland Hills Elementary for the 2006-2007 school year, which would allow the district time to conduct a thorough search next spring.

A motion was made by Dave Drotzmann, seconded by Don Rankin, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel Appointment-Interim Principal for the 2006-2007 school year for:

Niki Arnold-Smith Principal Highland Hills Elementary

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT GROUPING

Chairman Phil Hamm asked if there were any items to be pulled for discussion. It was requested that items F – School Board Meeting Times, H – Determination of Borrowing Amount, L – Determination of Fidelity Bond Amounts, and S – Acceptance of Gifts, be pulled for discussion.

It was recommended that the Board of Education:

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

Steve Hoffert	.5 Math Curriculum Leader	Hermiston High School
Larry Russell	.5 Math Curriculum Leader	Hermiston High School
Jerry Carlson	.5 Science Curriculum Leader	Hermiston High School
Tim McCreary	.5 Science Curriculum Leader	Hermiston High School
Tim Colley	LA Curriculum Leader	Hermiston High School
Tom Spoo	PTE/Fine Arts Curriculum Leader	Hermiston High School
Tim Zacharias	SAS Curriculum Leader	Hermiston High School
Maureen Crossley	Business Curriculum Leader	Hermiston High School
Kris Mulvihill	Foreign Language Curriculum Leader	Hermiston High School
Jocelyn Jones	PE/Wellness Curriculum Leader	Hermiston High School
Steven Tucker	.5 Team Leader	Armand Larive Middle School
Sandra Hoffert	.5 Team Leader	Armand Larive Middle School
Royceann Taft	Team Leader	Armand Larive Middle School
John Culligan	.5 Team Leader	Armand Larive Middle School
Rob Doherty	.5 Team Leader	Armand Larive Middle School
Neely McKay	Team Leader	Armand Larive Middle School
Brook White	Marching Band	Armand Larive Middle School
Brook White	Vocal	Armand Larive Middle School
Vicki Foster	Yearbook Advisor	Armand Larive Middle School
Todd Sprong	Athletic Director	Armand Larive Middle School
Greg Kaatz	Head Baseball Coach	Hermiston High School
Casey Arstein	Freshman Basketball	Hermiston High School

Personnel Appointments – approve the following Personnel Appointments for the 2006-2007 school year for:

Jolene Davis	1 st Grade	Rocky Heights Elementary
Greg R. Kaatz	Special Education	Hermiston High School
Jacquelynn Whitesell	Special Education	Sunset Elementary
Laura Christianson	7 th & 8 th Humanities	Armand Larive Middle School
Megan Reeve	Unassigned	Sunset Elementary
Joyce Barak	.5 Title One	Sunset Elementary
Jenny Miller	.5 ELL	Sunset Elementary
Susan Richards	Ag/Science	Hermiston High School
Joshua Linn	4 th Grade	Rocky Heights Elementary
Jill Miller	.5 Title One	West Park Elementary

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

Tony Wise	District Safety Coordinator
Delores Piersol	District Safety Coordinator
Liz Marvin	Project College Bound Coordinator

Personnel Resignations – approve the following Personnel Resignations of:

Amy Pitner	.5 Media	West Park Elementary
Sue Pederson-Pastor	Special Education	Sunset Elementary
Ronda Wallace	1 st Grade	Desert View Elementary
Ron Cooper	Special Ed.	Hermiston High School
Suzanne Robare	Kindergarten	Desert View Elementary
Susan Arnold	3 rd Grade	Rocky Heights Elementary

Designation of Fiscal Officers – name Darce Driskel Superintendent/Clerk and Executive Officer of Hermiston School District #8R for the 2006-2007 fiscal year and that James Thompson be named Business Manager/Deputy Clerk/Budget Officer and Custodian of Funds for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Authorization of Signatures for Bank Accounts – approve James Thompson, Business Manager; Darce Driskel, Superintendent/Clerk; and Sheri Marlow, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; be the authorized signatures on fiscal, payroll, and debt service checks.

P.L. 81-874 Authorization - authorize the Business Manager/Deputy Clerk to apply for P.L. 81-874 funds for the 2006-2007 school year and authorize him to execute all required documents.

Federal and State Grant Authorization - authorize the Superintendent/Clerk and Business Manager/Deputy Clerk to apply for appropriate Federal and State Grants for the 2006-2007 school year and authorize him to execute all required documents.

Designation of Newspapers of Record - designate the Hermiston Herald and East Oregonian as the district newspaper(s) of record for fiscal year 2006-2007.

Surplus Property Authorization - designate Darce Driskel, Sheri Marlow, James Thompson, and Brian Romeike as authorized representatives of the Hermiston School District to acquire federal surplus property from the Oregon State Agency for Surplus Property under P.L. 94-519.

Authorization of Interfund Loan Funds - authorize short term, non-interest loans between funds when necessary due to timing of receipts and expenditures for fiscal year 2006-2007.

Designation of Annuity Companies - approve the attached list of Annuity Companies for Hermiston School District #8R for Fiscal year 2006-2007.

Substitute Teacher Rate of Pay - establish a 2006-2007 substitute teaching rate of pay as set by legislative action or Department of Education ruling. At present, the Department of Education has set the rate of \$142.28 per day up to ten (10) consecutive days in the same assignment and \$157.60 per day when working in the same assignment for more than ten (10) consecutive days.

Approval of Designation of Local Public Contract Review Board - approve its designation of Local Public Contract Review Board.

Designation of Auditor - designate Dickey & Tremper, LLP as the auditor for Hermiston School District #8R for fiscal year 2006-2007.

Personnel Appointment-Temporary – approve the following Personnel Appointment – Temporary for the 2006-2007 school year for:

Stella Naillon	6 th Grade	Armand Larive Middle School
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A motion was made by Karen Sherman, seconded by Alfredo Aceves, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the Action Items/Consent Grouping A – T, excluding F, H, L, and S.

School Board Meeting Times – A motion was made by Roger Bounds, seconded by Tom Ditton, and passed unanimously that the Board will continue regular meeting times for 2006-2007 on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 PM, with the exception of the July, 2007 meeting being held on July 10, due to the 4th of July holiday.

Determination of Borrowing Amount – Roger Bounds suggested that we add Hermiston School District to the recommendation in front of Custodian of Funds.

A motion was made by Roger Bounds, seconded by Dave Drotzmann, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve a borrowing limit of up to one million dollars be established for the 2006-2007 fiscal year for the Hermiston School District Custodian of Funds to be used for operating purposes only.

Determination of Fidelity Bond Amounts – Roger Bounds inquired about the typical limit for a district with a budget our size and asked that Business Manager Jim Thompson report this back to the Board.

A motion was made by Dave Drotzmann, seconded by Roger Bounds, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve surety bonds for Darce Driskel, Superintendent/Clerk and James Thompson, Business Manager, be approved in the amount of \$100,000.

Acceptance of Gifts – Dave Drotzmann questioned the list of gifts and donations as the recommendation and the memo did not match. This was a clerical error.

A motion was made by Dave Drotzmann, seconded by Alfredo Aceves, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the Acceptance of Gifts as listed in the memo:

- Hermiston High School received \$1,000 from Wal-Mart for Girls Basketball
- Hermiston Ed. Foundation received \$2,500 from the Ward Family Fund
- Rocky Heights received \$300 from Faith Baptist Church
- West Park received \$2,500 from the Good Shepherd Foundation

REPORTS

Calendar Update - Assistant Superintendent Mark Mulvihill presented the July calendar and added that summer school began July 10th with 652 (K-12) students in attendance. July 15 is the OSBA Summer Board Conference and Karen Sherman and Don Rankin will be attending. July 31st is the Board Retreat from 5 – 9 PM in the boardroom. August is filled with professional development activities.

Enrollment - Assistant Superintendent Sheri Marlow reported that we ended the year with 52 more students this year than last year. Summer school began with 568 students the first day and increased to 652 on the second day.

COMMUNICATIONS

Board of Education – There was discussion about adding another day to the July 31st Board Retreat. The Board will discuss this further at the retreat. Chairman Phil Hamm asked members to please get agenda items for the retreat to him or Vice Chairman Dave Drotzmann.

Karen Sherman explained that the July 27th session for public agencies was not particularly aimed at school districts and that OSBA provided this information at some of their meetings.

Administration – Superintendent Darce Driskel commended and thanked Karen Sherman, on behalf of the cabinet, for her service and leadership as Board Chairman that last two years.

Also, information regarding the August 4th Oregon Chalkboard Project is available in their website. Superintendent Driskel reported that they have invited people who are interested to attend a meeting that talks about teacher compensation or incentive pay. He will be attending and asked that any Board members who are interested to please let him know.

Superintendent Driskel reported that the Planning for Growth committee will be meeting in the boardroom on July 12th at 7 PM with additional new members to the committee. They will be reviewing information to bring new members up to speed.

Superintendent Driskel reported that the West Park project is to be completed in two weeks. Utility systems have been repaired.

Superintendent Driskel congratulated new Chairman Phil Hamm and Vice Chairman Dave Drotzmann for their election to Board leadership.

Chairman Hamm called for a 5 minute recess at 8:01 PM before going into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Hamm called the Executive Session to order at 8:06 PM.

Personnel ORS 192.660 (1)(i) – Item removed from agenda. No discussion took place.

Litigation ORS 192.660 (2)(f), ORS 40.225 – The Board discussed a pending legal issue.

Chairman Hamm reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:37 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hamm adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:37 PM.

Date

Chairman

Superintendent/Clerk

Secretary