

REGULAR MEETING
UMATILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #8R, HERMISTON
January 2, 2007

The Regular Board 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: 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, Business Manager Jim Thompson and Hermiston Herald Reporter Luke Hagdal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those present.

BOARD PROCEDURES – Superintendent Darce Driskel reported that we have a financial report handout; a Governor’s Proclamation declaring January to be School Board Recognition Month; and press releases for Hermiston School District’s Administrator of the Year and Educator of the Year.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – There were no public statements.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent’s Annual Report – Superintendent Darce Driskel presented the 2007 Hermiston School District Annual Report that covers the 2005-2006 year and up through December 2006. Superintendent Driskel reviewed the District Goals that have been approved by the Board through 2008 and reviewed the activities and programs that have taken place this past year to support those goals.

COMMUNICATIONS

Oregon School Employees Association – OSEA Representative Bonnie Luisi thanked the Board on behalf of the OSEA for their support and leadership. The association is planning a custodial academy after school is out. Trainers will come in and provide classes with all of the custodians in the district.

Hermiston Association of Teachers – HAT President Lorrie Wade thanked the Board for their support of education and staff. Mrs. Wade also extended congratulations to Administrator of the Year Sheri Marlow and Educator of the Year Neely Kirwan.

Umatilla/Morrow ESD – ESD Representative Heather Cordie gave recognition to the School Boards in Umatilla and Morrow Counties. She gave an update on the local service plan for 2007-2008 which has been completed and will be arriving in the districts next month. After the service plan has been approved in each district, it will then go to the ESD Board of Directors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of December 5, 2006 - A motion was made by Dave Drotzmann, seconded by Karen Sherman, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2006.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution #06-07-09: Budget Adjustments – Business Manager Jim Thompson requested approval of this resolution to accommodate additional funds received from the Gear-up Grant.

A motion was made by Roger Bounds, seconded by Don Rankin, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve Resolution #06-07-09: Budget Adjustments.

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT GROUPING

Chairman Hamm asked if there were any items that needed pulling for discussion. There were none.

Acceptance of Gifts – Business Manager Jim Thompson presented the recommendation for Acceptance of Gifts.

A motion was made by Dave Drotzmann, seconded by Tom Ditton, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the Acceptance of Gifts as listed:

\$1,000 to Hermiston High School from Wal-Mart/Video

\$1,500 to Rocky Heights from K & L Farms

REPORTS

Calendar Update – Assistant Superintendent Mark Mulvihill reviewed the January calendar to include: January 10 Breakfast of Champions; January 16 DSA Banquet; January 23 Board Work Session; and January 29, Department of Education Community Forum in the Boardroom.

Enrollment Report – Sheri Marlow reported we have 4,783 students as of 12/12/06 which is up 2 from the previous month.

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

2006-2007 Assurance Form – Superintendent Darce Driskel requested we bring this item back under “Reports” at the February Board Meeting

Educators of the Year – Superintendent Darce Driskel announced to the Board that the District Administrator of the Year is Assistant Superintendent Sheri Marlow and the District Educator of the Year is Neely Kirwan, science teacher at Armand Larive Middle School.

COMMUNICATIONS

Student Board Representative – Student Board Representative Ross Worstell reported that the high school leadership team will hold an assembly and talk about the Sparrow Club. This involves finding a donor who will match funds raised for an individual who has cancer. The HHS Leadership Team will be holding a lasagna dinner to raise funds for a high school leadership team student who has cancer on January 20, 2007. Tryouts for the spring play begin this week. There will be a wrestling auction and dessert on January 30 from 6 – 9 PM. Basketball teams began league games this past weekend. The Boys’ Wrestling Team won the Best of the West duals in Pasco. On January 20th they will go to Eastern PA to participate in the final 4 where only the best teams in the nations are invited to compete. The high school raised over 7,000 canned food items in December.

Board of Education – Karen Sherman congratulated the Administrator of the Year Sheri Marlow and Educator of the Year Neely Kirwan. Mrs. Sherman also attended some of the district’s winter programs and wanted to express her appreciation to the music teachers for the awesome performances.

Tom Ditton attended the Spaghetti Dinner at Rocky Heights on December 21. It was a great turnout and nice evening for the students and parents. Mr. Ditton also recognized Student Board Representative Ross Worstell for his honorable mention in the all-state football team.

Chairman Hamm thanked the district for the cake for the Board in honor of January being Board Recognition Month, and thanked Bonnie and the OSEA for the Board member's cards and gifts. He also reminded the Board of the January 23 Board Work Session where the Board will be discussing the high school's proposed schedule change further. Board members were asked to please get questions to Chairman Hamm or Superintendent Driskel prior to the work session—please email the questions this week.

Chairman Hamm called for a 5 minute recess at 8:24 PM before going into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Hamm called the Executive Session to order at 8:30 PM.

Personnel Evaluation: ORS 192.660(2)(i) – The superintendent's evaluation was discussed.

Chairman Hamm reconvened the regular meeting at 10 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hamm adjourned the regular meeting at 10 PM.

Date

Chairman

Superintendent/Clerk

Secretary