

**SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING
REGULAR MEETING
UMATILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #8R, HERMISTON
February 6, 2007**

The Supplemental Budget Hearing was called to order by Chairman Phil Hamm at 6:55 PM.

Business Manager Jim Thompson presented the Supplement Budget for the High School I, R & D Grant and Title II Grant. The purpose of the hearing is to give the public opportunity to give input. There were no comments.

Chairman Hamm closed the Supplemental budget Hearing at 6:57 PM.

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: Alfredo Aceves, Roger Bounds (arrived at 7:54 PM), 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 corrected Proclamation for Classified Employee Week, March 5-9, 2007; the handout for Action Item 7F Recommendation to Hire Highland Hills Principal; and, the handout for Action Item 7G, 1st Reading: Policy IGBHE – Expanded Options.

Chairman Hamm called attention to the new “Welcome to a Meeting of Your Hermiston School Board” pamphlets that are and will be available at each meeting.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – There were no public statements.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

OSBA Leadership Institute Award – Superintendent Darce Driskel introduced Steve Lamb from OSBA who presented the Board with the Outstanding Board Achievement Award from the Oregon School Board Association Leadership Institute. This award is given to school boards whose members have committed to learning as much as possible about the complex responsibilities of serving their students and communities as school board members.

Introduction of Educators of the Year – Building principals introduced their building’s Educator of the Year. Those recognized were:

David Smith	5 th Grade Teacher	Desert View Elementary
Susan Jones	2 nd Grade Teacher	Highland Hills Elementary
Debbie Burns	1 st Grade Teacher	Rocky Heights Elementary
Heidi Paullus	4 th Grade Teacher	Sunset Elementary
Mary Gorham	3 rd Grade Teacher	West Park Elementary
Kimo Gabriel	Science Teacher	Sandstone Middle School
Susie Cobb	Family & Consumer Sci.	Hermiston High School
Pearl Harn	Language Arts Teacher	Hermiston High School

District Educator of the Year is:

Neely Kirwan

Science Teacher

Armand Larive Middle School

Governor's Proclamation "Classified School Employee Week" – Chairman Hamm read the proclamation declaring March 5 – 9, 2007 as Classified School Employee Week.

Annual Assurances Report – Superintendent Darce Driskel reported that the district is meeting all of the assurances that are required except one policy; Expanded Options. This policy is going before the Board at this evening's meeting for first reading. This new policy is coming to the Board as it is required by the state. High School and district administration have worked on this policy to make it applicable in our district. Superintendent Driskel applauded Assistant Superintendents Sheri Marlow and Mark Mulvihill, and high school administrators for their work on this policy.

High School Schedule 2007-2008 – Assistant Superintendent Mark Mulvihill explained that they are anticipating changes for next year's schedule at the high school. They are concerned with the lack of growth in the Math Department; particularly where we want to focus calls for some change in the schedule. Mr. Mulvihill reviewed the Core Beliefs. Moving to A/B Block will allow the necessary flexibility to start the Core Academic Support Program and support the Core Beliefs is needed.

Hermiston High School Assistant Principal Buzz Brazeau reviewed the implementation to include:

2 hour Early Release Staff Training

Implement Math Core Academic Support course

Long Term Math Training (Oregon State Univ.)

Inform Community

Curriculum Re-Development

The Board shared their appreciation to the administration for its willingness to educate the Board so they could understand the need for the schedule change. The Board has spent a lot of time on this issue designed to support getting kids to the next step.

COMMUNICATIONS

Oregon School Employees Association – OSEA Representative Bonnie Luisi expressed her appreciation for the proclamation for Classified Employee's Week, and congratulated the Educators of the Year that were recognized this evening.

Hermiston Association of Teachers – HAT President Lorrie Wade congratulated the Educators of the Year. Mrs. Wade reported that there is an upcoming in-service/regional summit March 3 that will include several classes for licensed staff.

Umatilla/Morrow ESD – ESD Representative Heather Cordie reported that the ESD has purchased the Hermiston Day Care Center, which will add classrooms and office space for staff who work in the west-end county area. Plans are underway for enhancement of the EO Summer Institute, specifically the June segment, to include both large and small schools. The Migrant and ELL Advisory Committee have been formed. Wasco and Hood River Counties are considering consolidation with UMESD and the hope is to have this process completed by July 1, 2009.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of January 2, 2007 - A motion was made by Dave Drotzmann, seconded by Don Rankin, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 2, 2007.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution #06-07-10: UMESD Local Service Plan – Superintendent Darce Driskel presented for approval the resolution to continue the various services provided to the district by the UMESD.

A motion was made by Karen Sherman, seconded by Don Rankin, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the Resolution #06-07-10: UMESD Local Service Plan for the 2007-2008 school year.

Resolution #06-07-11: Adoption of Supplemental Budget – Business Manager Jim Thompson reported that earlier this evening there was a Public Hearing to present the Supplemental Budget for the High School Information, Research & Development Grant as well as our Title III Grant. Mr. Thompson recommended approval of this Resolution to permit the use of these funds.

A motion was made by Dave Drotzmann, seconded by Alfredo Aceves, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve Resolution #06-07-11: Adoption of Supplemental Budget as presented.

1st Reading: Policy GCBD/GDBD Leaves of Absence – Assistant Superintendent Sheri Marlow asked for approval of this policy which would bring us into compliance with all of our employee contracts.

A motion was made by Karen Sherman, seconded by Don Rankin, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the 1st Reading of Policy GCBD/GDBD Leaves of Absence.

Memorandum of Understanding – Grow your Own Leave – Assistant Superintendent Sheri Marlow asked for approval of this Memorandum which would allow the district to work with and financially assist classified staff as they study toward becoming licensed staff in our district.

Roger Bounds arrived (7:54 PM).

A motion was made by Karen Sherman, seconded by Don Rankin, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding – Grow You Own Leave.

Adoption of English Language Learners Curriculum Materials – Assistant Superintendent Mark Mulvihill presented this recommendation. This is the first year that the state is requiring adoption of this program. We have a pressing need to get these materials in the hands of our teachers.

A motion was made by Dave Drotzmann, seconded by Karen Sherman, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the Adoption of English Language Learners Curriculum Materials:

- K-5 2007 Carousel of Ideas – Ballard-Tighe
- 6-12 2007 Shining Star – Pearson Education

Recommendation to Hire Highland Hills Principal – Superintendent Darce Driskel presented Niki Arnold-Smith and recommended approval of the Board to appoint her to the position of Principal of Highland Hills Elementary School. Superintendent Driskel stated that Mrs. Smith has done an

outstanding job as interim principal and the administration is very excited to have her continue in the position.

A motion was made by Roger Bounds, seconded by Don Rankin, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Niki Arnold-Smith as the Principal for Highland Hills Elementary effective July 1, 2007.

1st Reading: Policy: IGBHE – Expanded Options – Assistant Superintendent Sheri Marlow recommended approval.

Assistant Superintendent Mark Mulvihill explained that as part of Senate Bill 300, this policy would provide concurrent , post-secondary course offerings for high school students. Hermiston School District is in good standing to honor this agreement. The district has been proactive with AP classes and they will not be affected. The financial responsibility to the district would be to negotiate an agreement with the college institution; we would still get compensation from the state for these students. There is a limit on the maximum cost that the district is responsible for at any time—approximately 33% of our total student enrollment.

A motion was made by Roger Bounds, seconded by Dave Drotzmann, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the 1st Reading of Policy IGBHE – Expanded Options.

Approval of District Strategic Plan Framework – Superintendent Darce Driskel said the Board had a goal to adopt a strategic plan by February; but, we need to approve a framework for the strategic plan. The framework presented addresses three components: academic achievement, facility management, and collaboration centers on communication. Superintendent Driskel recommended approval for the framework to drive the district’s designing the future; our strategic plan.

A motion was made by Tom Ditton, seconded by Don Rankin, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the District Strategic Plan Framework.

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT GROUPING

Chairman Hamm asked if there were any items that needed to be pulled for discussion. There were none.

It was recommended that the Board of Education:

Extra Responsibility Contracts (2006-2007) – approve the Extra Responsibility Contracts for 2006-2007
for: Pat Birkby Wrestling Coach Armand Larive Middle School
Heather Thaelke Head Girls Golf Coach Hermiston High School

Extra Responsibility Contracts (2007-2008) – approve the Extra Responsibility Contracts for 2007-2008
for: Joe Cobb Head Girls Soccer Coach Hermiston High School
Jake Puzey Head Cross Country Coach Hermiston High School

Extra Duty Contract – approve the Extra Duty Contract for 2006-2007 for:
Nicole Kane Assistant Swim Coach Hermiston High School

Personnel Resignation – approve the following Personnel Resignation of:
Ruth Chittock Special Education Hermiston High School

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

Big Screen TV (value \$1,996) to Hermiston High School Athletics from Wal-Mart
\$250 to Hermiston High School Baseball from Wal-Mart
\$1,000 to Hermiston High School AIM Program from Wal-Mart
\$1,000 to Sandstone Middle School Marching Band from Wal-Mart
\$100 to Sandstone Leadership from Hermiston Drug

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

REPORTS

Calendar Update – Assistant Superintendent Mark Mulvihill reviewed the February calendar. February 18-19 is the OSBA/COSA Legislative Conference in Salem where school funding and other education issues will be discussed. The second day involves visits to our legislators at the Capitol. Please let Superintendent Driskel know no later than Monday, February 12, if you plan to attend. The Board Work Session will be on February 20 @ 5 PM, at Sandstone; February 21 @ 7 PM is the Long Range Facility Planning Committee Meeting; and March 3 is the Booster Club Steak Feed and Auction.

Enrollment Report – Sheri Marlow reported that as of January 29, 2007, we have 4,742 students, which is up 102 students from one year ago. However, we show fewer students than last month due to a reporting/accounting error at the high school. This enrollment report does include correct numbers.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Student Board Representative – Student Board Representative Ross Worstell reported that the Sparrow Club's lasagna feed for Brian Shaffeld was very successful and raised close to \$20,000. The student body covered the expenses of the dinner so that all money raised went to the Shaffeld family. Mr. Worstell reviewed the activities taking place. Hermiston will host the district wrestling tournament this weekend.

Dr. Drotzmann expressed his gratitude and asked Mr. Worstell to share with the leadership class at the high school how awesome it is for these students to help a fellow student like they had for Brian Shaffeld.

Board of Education – Tom Ditton and Alfredo Aceves both announced that they will not be filing for re-election to the Board. Chairman Hamm expressed that both will be missed.

January was Board Recognition Month. The Board members were each recognized by one of the buildings in the district. The schools had wonderful activities to recognize their Board member.

Dr. Drotzmann thanked Sunset Elementary
Mr. Bounds thanked Rocky Height Elementary
Mrs. Sherman thanked the High School
Mr. Aceves thanked Armand Larive Middle School
Mr. Ditton thanked West Park Elementary
Mr. Rankin thanked Highland Hills Elementary
Mr. Hamm thanked Sandstone Middle School.

Chairman Hamm announced that Supt/Board Secretary Kathy Rankin had submitted her letter of retirement to the district ending her long service on June 30, 2007, and shared a letter/invitation with the Board regarding the Second Annual Migrant/Bilingual Regional Parent Conference on March 3, 2007 at Sandstone Middle School.

Administration – Superintendent Driskel reported that Business Manager Jim Thompson, Board Member Don Rankin, Armand Larive Principal Phil Starkey, and he all attended the Bonds and Ballot Workshop. They will share valuable information from the workshop at the Long Range Facility Planning Committee Meeting.

Superintendent Driskel called attention to the “Welcome to the Board Meeting” pamphlets and asked that people attending the Board meetings please feel free to read the pamphlets as there is helpful information in them. Also, we will have the pamphlets available in the boardroom for future use.

Superintendent Driskel reminded the Board of the SMART invitation to their fundraiser dinner that will be held on February 24, 2007.

Chairman Hamm called for a 10 minute recess at 8:50 PM before going into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Hamm called the Executive Session to order at 9:05 PM.

Personnel Evaluation: ORS 192.660(2)(i) – Building principals presented information on their staff as part of the annual contract renewal process for licensed staff.

Due to illness, Roger Bounds left the Executive Session meeting at 11:17 PM.

Superintendent Driskel presented information to the Board regarding building principals.

Chairman Hamm reconvened the regular meeting at 12:10 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hamm adjourned the regular meeting at 12:10 AM.

Date

Chairman

Superintendent/Clerk

Secretary