

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**UMATILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #8R, HERMISTON**  
**May 1, 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: Alfredo Aceves, Roger Bounds, Tom Ditton, Dave Drotzmann, Don Rankin, and Karen Sherman. Also in attendance were Superintendent Darce Driskel, 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 a revised agenda with a few name corrections for the presenters; under 10 B, the addition of Consult & Confer; and, under 10 C, the addition of Program Changes 2007-2008.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS** – There were no public statements.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

National Teacher Week Proclamation – Chairman Hamm read the proclamation to recognize Teacher Appreciation Week of May 7 – 11, 2007 and thanked our teachers for a job well done.

Recognition of Excellence – Chairman Hamm and the Board recognized the Hermiston High School Speech and Debate Team which placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the OSAA Oregon State Speech Tournament. This is the highest place ever for Hermiston High School at this competition. Members of the Speech and Debate Team are: Breanna Stumpf, Kristine Nguyen, Stephanie Wood, Alex Thompson, Katie Farmer, Sierra Schultz, Kate Mitchell, Austin Drinkwater, Landon Whitbread, Ray Lund, Mitch Drinkwater, and Jared Westover as Coach.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Oregon School Employees Association – OSEA Representative Bonnie Luisi reported that things are going well and staff are preparing for the end of the school year.

Hermiston Association of Teachers – HAT President Lorrie Wade thanked the Board for the proclamation. Local elections for HAT are coming up soon and there are a lot of interested and good candidates. Some of the members attended the OESA assembly and re-elected state officers.

Umatilla/Morrow ESD – ESD Representative Heather Cordie reported that Blue Mountain Community College just signed a 5 year contract with the ESD to support technology services. The ESD is purchasing tech equipment with the local school districts for use in the classrooms. Safety grant support in our county will end in June. There will be targeted training for middle school students sponsored by the ESD.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of April 3, 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 April 3, 2007.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Field Trip Request – Hermiston High School Boys’ Basketball Trip – Superintendent Darce Driskel invited District Athletic/Activities Director Mike Kay to assist in presenting the details of this opportunity for the boys’ basketball team. Attendance at the Super 32 Invitational Basketball Tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada is by invitation only.

A motion was made by Roger Bounds, seconded by Karen Sherman, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the Field Trip Request – Hermiston High School Boys’ Basketball Trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, December 26-30, 2007.

Resolution #06-07-14: Support of Columbia Life Knowledge Center – Business Manager Jim Thompson presented this recommendation requesting the Board’s support for the Columbia Life Knowledge Center.

A motion was made by Karen Sherman, seconded by Roger Bounds, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve Resolution: #06-07-14: Support of Columbia Life Knowledge Center.

**ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT GROUPING**

Chairman Hamm asked if there were any items that needed to be pulled for discussion. Roger Bounds asked to have Item F – Acceptance of Gifts pulled for discussion.

It was recommended that the Board of Education:

Personnel Appointments – approve the following Personnel Appointments for the 2007-2008 school year for:

Michelle Jensen	Counselor	Desert View Elementary
Amy Springstead	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	West Park Elementary
Rojonna Kopta	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Rocky Heights Elementary

Personnel Resignations – approve the following Personnel Resignations of:

Sean Gallagher	Principal	Hermiston High School
Lorraine Ellis	Band	Sandstone Middle School
Linda Allen	Art	Armand Larive Middle School
Laura Christianson	Humanities	Armand Larive Middle School
Sheri Marlow	Assist. Supt./HR	District Office

Personnel Appointments – Professional Exempt – approve the following Personnel Appointment – Professional Exempt for the 2007-2008 school year:

Ramona Trebilcock	District School Nurse
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Extra Responsibility Contract 2006-2007 – approve the Extra Responsibility Contract 2006-2007 for:

Cathy Lloyd	Choral Director	Sandstone Middle School
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Extra Responsibility Contracts 2007-2008 – approve the Extra Responsibility Contracts 2007-2008 for:

Kelly Taylor	Cheerleading Coach	Hermiston High School
Chelle Hankinson	Head Swim Coach	Hermiston High School
Curt Berger	Head Wrestling Coach	Hermiston High School
Larry Usher	Head Boys Basketball Coach	Hermiston High School
Mike Royer	Head Girls Basketball Coach	Hermiston High School

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

Acceptance of Gifts – Board Member Roger Bounds asked that Roger Bounds be amended to say Roger J. Bounds Foundation as the donor of three of the gifts listed.

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 amended:

- \$500 to Hermiston High School Track from Dr. Spomer
- \$125 to Hermiston High School Lacrosse from Gerald Moro
- Equipment (\$6,200 value) to Hermiston High School from Wal-Mart DC
- \$200 to Hermiston High School Basketball from Ron Hosek
- \$500 to Hermiston High School Civil Rights Project from the Roger J. Bounds Foundation
- \$300 to Hermiston High School Mock Trial from the Roger J. Bounds Foundation
- \$1,000 to Hermiston High School Wrestling from the Roger J. Bounds Foundation
- Equipment (\$650 value) to Highland Hills from Highland PTO

## **REPORTS**

Calendar Update – Assistant Superintendent Mark Mulvihill reviewed the May calendar.

Enrollment Report – Assistant Superintendent Mark Mulvihill reported that as of April 23, 2007, we have 4,692 students, which are 13 fewer students than last month, and 120 more students than last year at this time.

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Student Board Representative – Student Board Representative Ross Worstell reported that Prom is this Saturday. The Sandstone and Armand Larive plays went very well. On May 8, there will be a track assembly where HHS staff will compete against top student athletes; May 24 is the annual academic award assembly; May 30 is the last day of school for seniors. In sports: the track team went to Eugene and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall—the highest 5A team. This Thursday Hermiston Track will host their annual Twilight Meet; districts will be held in Pendleton on May 11 & 12. Tennis team is doing well and will host districts here May 7 & 8. The baseball team is in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Softball team is in 4<sup>th</sup> place. The girl's golf team will compete in districts in Bend, and the boy's team at Eagle Ridge. Austin Drinkwater is the student rep to the Board next year. Mr. Worstell said this would be his last meeting with the Board and thanked the Board for having him as the student representative this year.

Board of Education – Chairman Hamm thanked Student Representative Ross Worstell for his year of service.

Consult and Confer – Chairman Hamm reported that there are some district administrator issues to deal with. He asked the Board's permission for the Personnel Committee consisting of himself, Roger Bounds, and Karen Sherman to go ahead and begin working on the salary increases. They will report back at the next Board work session. All agreed.

Administration – Superintendent Driskel reported to the Board that High School Principal Sean Gallagher will address commencement exercises and details with the Board at the next Board work session.

Program Changes 2007-2008 – Assistant Superintendent Mulvihill discussed some of the middle school changes. In K-8 literacy, we are developing academic support within the school day. Through restructuring, we will add two fulltime reading teachers at the middle schools; and, be looking to see how this will impact scheduling. At, or below, level students will have a reading class. We will abandon foreign language at the middle school level and have it only at the high school. This is to provide literacy and focus toward reading. Foreign language was previously offered at the middle schools due to the CIM, which is now likely to go away. We are looking at Chinese and Arabic as additional offerings in foreign language.

Business Manager Jim Thompson reminded the Board of the May 2, 12 noon meeting of the RFP sub committee with the consultant who will assist the Long Range Facility Planning Committee.

Chairman Hamm will have Kathy Rankin poll the Board regarding the July Board Meeting date; either July 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. That could move a work session if one is scheduled for July to the 17<sup>th</sup>. The Board will discuss these dates further at the June Board Work Session.

Superintendent Driskel reviewed the administrative interview dates:

May 10 will be the high school principal interview date. Interviews will be held at the high school in the morning, and Phil Hamm and Dave Drotzmann will represent the Board on the interview committee.

May 14 will be the elementary principal interview date. Interviews will be held at the District Office Building A in the afternoon, and Roger Bounds will represent the Board on the interview committee.

The date for Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources interviews has not yet been set. Dave Drotzmann and Karen Sherman will represent the Board on this interview committee.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Hamm adjourned the regular meeting at 7:56 PM.

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Superintendent/Clerk

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Secretary