

REGULAR MEETING
UMATILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #8R, HERMISTON
September 5, 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 8E Personnel Appointments- Temporary, with one addition.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – There were no public statements.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Recognition of Excellence was moved to the October meeting due to the absence of the recipient.

COMMUNICATIONS

Hermiston Association of Teachers – HAT President Lorrie Wade arrived later in the meeting due to Open House at her elementary school. Mrs. Wade thanked those Board members who attended Open House at Sunset Elementary School this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of August 1, 2006 - A motion was made by Dave Drotzmann, seconded by Alfredo Aceves, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 1, 2006.

Special Meeting of August 23, 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 Special Meeting of August 23, 2006.

ACTION ITEMS

Correction of Resolution # 06-07-01: Allocation of Additional Funds – Business Manager Jim Thompson presented the correction of allocation of additional funds for approval.

A motion was made by Karen Sherman, seconded by Dave Drotzmann, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve correction of Resolution #06-07-01: Allocation of Carry-over Funds.

Resolution #06-07-02: Allocation of Carry-over Funds – Business Manager Jim Thompson presented allocation of carry-over funds for approval.

A motion was made by Tom Ditton, seconded by Dave Drotzmann, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve Resolution #06-07-02: Allocation of Carry-over Funds.

Resolution #06-07-03: Budget Additions – Business Manager Jim Thompson presented the budget additions for approval.

A motion was made by Dave Drotzmann, seconded by Roger Bounds, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve Resolution #06-07-03: Budget Additions.

Approval of New Hermiston Education Foundation Board Member – Chairman Hamm presented the recommendation for Susan Callahan as a new Hermiston Education Foundation Board member for approval. Mrs. Callahan had previously served on the Foundation.

A motion was made by Roger Bounds, seconded by Karen Sherman, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Susan Callahan.

Approval of Board Goals for 2006-2007 – Chairman Hamm presented the recommended 2006-2007 Board goals for approval.

A motion was made by Karen Sherman, seconded by Alfredo Aceves, and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the 2006-2007 Board Goals as listed:

1. The Board will adopt a strategic plan by the February Regular Board meeting for:
 - * Improving student learning opportunities and achievement;
 - * Facility maintenance, improvement, and development;
 - * Improving and increasing communication about the district's schools to the greater Hermiston community.
2. Board members will attend one school activity a month at a different site throughout the year to demonstrate commitment to supporting student accomplishments. Accountability will be a report of attendance at each Board work session.
3. The Board will re-evaluate and determine by the December Regular Board Meeting the necessity for re-establishing Board sub-committees.
4. Each Director will establish a personal goal for improving his/her Board performance.

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT GROUPING

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

It was recommended that the Board of Education:

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

Shelly Olson	District Homeless liaison	Sunset Elementary
Jocelyn Jones	PEP Grant Assistant	Hermiston High School
Debbie Burns	Mentor Teacher	Rocky Heights Elementary
Francie Hansell	Mentor Teacher	Rocky Heights Elementary
Crystal Wilson	Mentor Teacher	Sunset Elementary
Hollie Chay	Mentor Teacher	Sunset Elementary
Ron Mack	Mentor Teacher	Armand Larive Middle School
Sally Mack	Mentor Teacher	Armand Larive Middle School
Aaron Lind	Mentor Teacher	Armand Larive Middle School

Stacie Johnson	Mentor Teacher	Sandstone Middle School
Jocelyn Jones	Mentor Coach	Hermiston High School
Kris Mulvihill	Mentor Coach	Hermiston High School
Jared Westover	Mentor Coach	Hermiston High School
Linda Hamm	Mentor Coach	Hermiston High School

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

Russ Getchell	Cross Country	Armand Larive Middle School
Todd Sprong	Football	Armand Larive Middle School
Ipolito Moloy	Football	Armand Larive Middle School
Amy Warner	Volleyball	Armand Larive Middle School
Cathy Kay	Volleyball	Armand Larive Middle School
Michell Bergstrom	Volleyball	Armand Larive Middle School
John Culligan	Volleyball	Armand Larive Middle School

Extra Responsibility Contract Change – approve the Extra Responsibility Contract change for 2006-2007 for:

Linda Tucker	.5 Team Leader	Armand Larive Middle School
(replacing John Culligan)		

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

- \$5,425 cash gift to Sandstone Middle School from Banner Bank, Wells Fargo, and UEC
- \$1,500 cash gift to Hermiston High School from John Spomer
- \$1,000 cash gift to District ABLE Program from Altrusa
- \$ 300 cash gift to Hermiston High School Yearbook from Wal-Mart

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

Amy Springstead	.5 Kindergarten	West Park Elementary
Brian Zimmerman	1 st Grade	Rocky Heights Elementary

Chairman Hamm declared a conflict of interest due to his spouse being part of the Extra Duty Contracts.

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

REPORTS

Calendar Update - Assistant Superintendent Mark Mulvihill presented the September calendar which included the open houses at each of our middle and elementary schools. We have “Early Release” on September 13, and the first Board Work Session scheduled on September 19, at West Park Elementary.

Enrollment – Assistant Superintendent Sheri Marlow reported that we began this school year with 127 more students than the first day of school last year, and 91 more students than we ended the last day of school with for 2005-2006. After the first week of school, we are up another 96 students.

Capacity View: With the boundary changes and the work of building principals, the percent of capacity at our five elementary schools now is 94%, 93%, 91%, 93%, and 87%. Armand Larive Middle School is at 71% and Sandstone Middle School is at 87% capacity. Hermiston High School is at 70% capacity.

Mrs. Marlow reported that we've had a successful beginning of school. District student transfers have allowed 37 students to attend out of district and 39 coming in. Today's actual enrollment is 4,730.

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

Board Work Sessions – Superintendent Darce Driskel made reference to the listed dates for Board Work Sessions for this year. The first work session is September 19, at West Park Elementary School.

COMMUNICATIONS

Student Board Representative – The Board welcomed the new 2006-2007 Student Board Representative Ross Worstell. Mr. Worstell reported a good start to the school year with a “Welcome Back” assembly hosted by the high school student leadership, and he handed out Bulldog sports schedules to everyone.

Board of Education – Karen Sherman reminded the Board that the Hermiston Education Foundation is the recipient of monies earned from the Fun Run/Walk on September 30, 9 AM, to begin at Sandstone Middle School. Entry fee is \$15 with a T-shirt. Sponsors are Eastern Oregon Physical Therapy, Dr. Gifford, and Dr. Spomer. There are also about 30 businesses doing sponsorships. Student groups from each school will host stations. This is a great way to kick off wellness in the district and for our families.

Dave Drotzmann announced the Booster Club Annual Golf Tournament this Saturday, September 9, at the new proposed Desert Falls course beginning at 2 PM. It is a 4-person scramble. Cost is \$25 and includes beverages, BBQ, and golf. Applications are available at Eastside Market, Hermiston High School, and Lifetime Vision Source.

Karen Sherman thanked all staff who worked on the welcome back and in-service for the district.

Lorrie Wade expressed the teachers' appreciation for having the extra time at the beginning of the school year to prepare.

Administration – Superintendent Darce Driskel reminded Board members of the November 10-12 OSBA Convention in Portland, and asked members to let Kathy know if they will be attending so reservations can be made.

Mr. Driskel also reminded the Board members of the October 4, OSBA Regional Meeting in Pendleton.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hamm adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:48 PM.

Date

Chairman

Superintendent/Clerk

Secretary