

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1  
 Board of Trustees  
 Regular Meeting  
 June 19, 2008  
 Board Room  
 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hot Springs County School District No. 1 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the board room by Chairman, Liz Mahoney.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Liz Mahoney, Breez Daniels, Karen Leyba, Bobbi Miller, Barb Vietti, and (ex-officio) Superintendent John Balow

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Belenda Wilson, Hub Whitt

OTHERS PRESENT: Principal Dustin Hunt, Principal Jodie Cameron, Business Manager Lisa Pearce, Curriculum Director Janet Philp, and Kelly Andreen, and approximately 11 visitors.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Mahoney called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Vietti, seconded by Miller, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2008.

Ayes 5  
 Nays None  
 Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Leyba, seconded by Vietti, to approve the June 19, 2008 board agenda as presented.

Ayes 5  
 Nays None  
 Motion Carried

**DELEGATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS**

**Special Olympics Recognition**

Sarah Perry, Special Olympics coordinator, gave a short presentation on the Special Olympics program and recognized several winners from this year's Olympics. She thanked the board for their support of the program and the athletes. The athletes participated in the local competition in Riverton as well as the state competition in Laramie. The following athletes brought home many medals including several gold: Shaylynn Luce, Spencer Luce, Selena Simmons, Steven McNichols, Alberto Bucio, Phillip Wilson, and

Michael Wells, Alberto, Philip, and Michael were in attendance and received bobcat pins. Daynon Weaver, adult competitor as well as role model for the younger athletes, was also in attendance.

### **Visitors**

None

## **BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS OFFICE DATA**

### **Bills & Financial Reports**

Moved by Leyba, seconded by Miller, to approve the bills and financial reports as follows:

General Fund	\$1,077,498.41
Special Revenue	\$101,314.86
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Major Maintenance	\$1,108.76
Debt Service	\$0.00
Food Service	\$33,229.68
Insurance Trust	\$939.76
Activities	\$24,501.25
Scholarship	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,238,592.72</b>

Discussion: Interview expenses for prospective teachers are being paid out of federal recruitment grants. This was approved by the board last year. The TMS passport project is a health and wellness project giving students an opportunity to earn points through activities and healthy choices. The points earned give the students opportunity for prizes. These are being paid through activity funds and not the general fund. Gottsche is paid on a monthly basis based on the contracts approved during the June board meetings.

Ayes 5 (Karen Leyba abstained on invoice #AR1127 to Super 8 Motel in the amount of \$75.00, but voted in the affirmative on remainder of bills)

Nays None

Motion Carried

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **HSC Rec. District Board Member Appointment**

Moved by Daniels, seconded by Leyba to appoint Kimberly Schierkolk to the HSC Rec. District Board for a 5 year term ending July 1, 2013.

Discussion: The process of the school board appointing rec. district board members was discussed. It was decided to have the school district advertise for open positions and when letters of recommendation are received they will be forwarded to the HSC Rec. District who will then make a recommendation to the school board for new members.

Ayes 5

Nays None

Motion Carried

### **OT/PT/Speech-Language Services Bids**

Moved by Vietti, seconded by Daniels to

- award the bid for occupational therapy services for 2008-09 to Gottsche Rehabilitation Center as follows: 175 school day calendar at \$53.00/hour based on an average of 5 hours per day and 25 hours per week with a flexible schedule and
- award the bid for physical therapy services for 2008-09 to Gottsche Rehabilitation Center as follows: 38 weeks at \$55.00/hour based on an average of 13 hours per week with a flexible schedule and
- award the bid for speech/language services for 2008-09 to Gottsche Rehabilitation Center as follows: 38 weeks at \$65.00/hour based on an average of 20 hours per week with a flexible schedule.

Discussion: One license is showing expired. These contracts require that all services be provided by licensed practitioners. Principal Cameron has a meeting with Gottsche and current licenses is on the agenda for discussion.

Ayes 5

Nays None

Motion Carried

### **Textbook/Program Adoption**

Moved by Daniels, seconded by Miller to:

- adopt Carnegie Learning on-line Pre-algebra program, *Bridges to Algebra*, for instruction of 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school pre-algebra and
- adopt Carnegie Learning on-line *Algebra 2* program and
- add a two-year high school Algebra 1 course option (pilot course) for students requiring additional time in learning; this would provide more in-depth instruction.

Discussion: Discussion was centered on making sure that the problem was being addressed and not just covered with a temporary fix. It is felt the math issues, although prominent at the high school level, need to be addressed K-12 and not just at the high school. The intention is to have the 2 year Algebra course be a pilot project to be sure that the course is indeed using different instruction. Math is being addressed K-12 through summer curriculum work allowing all math instructors to work together, using different assessment strategies to be sure students are placed in the appropriate classes, and allowing all students to reach their highest potential in math.

Ayes 4  
 Nays 1  
 Motion Carried

### **Principals' Monthly Report**

Principal Cameron gave an update on the tutor.com usage for March, April and May. While the number of students using the program decreased over the last 3 months, the comments continued to be favorable. The middle school building is currently being cleaned, painted and newly carpeted in some areas. Summer school has started. The instructors are using a project based approach for this year with the project centered on astronomy. Next week, the classes will be held from 9:00 p.m. – midnight in order to allow students to use telescopes as part of their project. The students have also been working with NASA on their project. The summer will include working on state reports and gathering data from MAPS and PAWS testing.

Principal Hunt thanked the board for their show of support to the students and recognition of the importance of education by attending graduation ceremonies. The high school staff is continuing to work on their writing goals. Summer school has started at the high school with 75 students scheduled to participate. The student success committee will begin meeting again in the fall. The estimated graduation rate for 2008 is 86.6%.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **HSC Rec. District Agreements/Budget**

Moved by Miller, seconded by Daniels to approve the Agreement for the Use of District-Owned Vehicles and the Agreement for use of District Facilities between HSCSD#1 and the HSC Rec. District.

Ayes 5  
 Nays None  
 Motion Carried

Moved by Leyba, seconded by Daniels to approve the Proposed 2008-09 HSC Rec. District Budget.  
 Discussion: Ms. Leyba noted that the budget process was “painless”. The director was given a raise this year.

Ayes 5  
 Nays None  
 Motion Carried

#### **Advertise for HSC Rec. District Board Members**

Moved by Daniels, seconded by Vietti to advertise for two additional board members for the HSC Rec. District.

Discussion: The board gave the superintendent the direction to advertise for these positions as soon as a resignation letter is received by the district rather than waiting for board approval at the next board meeting. HSC Rec. District Director Donnie Bjorhus noted he is very excited with the things happening

with the rec. district including the feasibility study of a new rec. center. There will be public/community meetings and all are encouraged to attend.

Ayes 5  
Nays None  
Motion Carried

### **Special Education Contract**

Moved by Vietti, seconded by Leyba to approve the following contract with Big Horn Basin Hearing, Inc.: Contract is for August 21, 2008 through May 29, 2009 in the amount of \$6,000.00 for audiology services.

Ayes 5  
Nays None  
Motion Carried

### **Student Contract**

Moved by Miller, seconded by Vietti to approve the following student contract with Region V Board of Cooperative Educational Services:

Contract for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$168,446.50 to include the following services: Tuition; Room and Board; Special Transportation; Related Services: Individual Counseling, Social Skills Training, Social Work Group, Therapeutic Riding; Extended School Year

Ayes 5  
Nays None  
Motion Carried

### **CWC-BOCHES 08-09 Budget**

Moved by Daniels, seconded by Miller to approve the 08-09 CWC-BOCHES Budget.

Ayes 5  
Nays None  
Motion Carried

### **Policy GCCA Revisions**

Moved by Miller, seconded by Daniels to adopt on first and final reading revisions to Policy GCCA Professional Staff Short Term Leaves-Absences. (see attached)

Ayes 5  
Nays None  
Motion Carried

**Executive Session 8:26 p.m.**

Moved by Vietti, seconded by Leyba, to go in to executive session to discuss personnel.

Ayes 5

Nays None

Motion Carried

**Adjourn Out of Executive Session 9:18 p.m.**

Moved by Miller, seconded by Vietti, to adjourn out of executive session with no action taken.

Ayes 5

Nays None

Motion Carried

**Staffing Recommendations**

Moved by Daniels, seconded by Vietti to

- employ Dustin Olsen for the HS Vocal and Band extra duty positions.
- employ Sarah Perry for Special Olympics Coordinator
- employ Joshua Lord as the distance learning/ELL teacher, Column A (BA), Step 7, or \$43,665 (pending Wyoming PTSB certification and prior experience verification)
- employ Rob Davis as the head high school girl's basketball coach, Level 1, Step 9 or \$4735.80.

Ayes 5

Nays None

Motion Carried

**OTHER BUSINESS****Board Reports**

Rec. Board: Bobbi Miller reported that Donnie BJORHUS received the regional Fellowship award which is a great honor. Youth soccer was completed the end of May. Baseball and adult softball have started. Coach's trainings were held for baseball coaches. The Junior Olympics skills competition and Hershey Track and Field competitions were held. The feasibility study on a new rec. center will take several months and then at that time, the Rec. Board will begin discussions on funding if the feasibility study shows that the community will support a new center.

BOCES: Barb Vietti reported that BOCES has implemented a student of the month. This is voted on by the students and has been a great success. They are trying to get bikes for all students and Ron Philips has been involved in bike safety training for the students.

BOCHES: none

Other: none

**Superintendent's Report**

1) Supt. Balow gave the board members a copy of the response to the state regarding the audit findings. Currently the adjustment is around \$400,000. Once the audit is finalized, the district will then work with WDE on resolving any issues in contention.

2) Supt. Balow reminded the board members of the special board meeting next Thursday, June 26, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room. The purpose of the meeting will be to hold a budget work session and approval of budget amendments.

**Adjournment 9:25 p.m.**

Moved by Vietti, seconded by Daniels, that there being no further business to come before the Board, to adjourn this meeting.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk