

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
 Board of Trustees
 Regular Meeting
 August 21, 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, Bobbi Miller, Barb Vietti, Breez Daniels, Belenda Willson, Hub Whitt, Karen Leyba and (ex-officio) Superintendent Marty Kobza

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrators Dustin Hunt, Matt Spring, Janet Philp, Lisa Pearce; Kelly Andreen, and approximately 13 visitors.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Whitt, seconded by Miller, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 16, 2008.

Ayes 7
 Nays None
 Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Whitt, seconded by Vietti, to approve the August 21, 2008 board agenda with the following addition:

- Under New Business: Executive session to discuss the student request for part-time status

Ayes 7
 Nays None
 Motion Carried

DELEGATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

Student Request

Sam Ivie addressed the board regarding the lack of art classes at the elementary school. He is currently in 4th grade and since starting 2nd grade here there have been no art classes. Mr. Kobza and the board stated that they understand the importance of art for students and will be looking at options for the future. The after school programming may be the first place to incorporate art. Sam was thanked for bringing this to the attention of the board and administration.

Visitors/Public Comment

None

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Recognition of Teacher of the Year

Principal Hunt introduced Greg Herold who was voted the HSCSD#1 Teacher of the Year, 2009. He was complimented on his time and efforts as a teacher as well as a coach. He is Mr. Hunt's "go to" guy to help students achieve. He is now in the running for the state award. The state legislature awards all recipients a \$1000 stipend and Greg will be honored in March at the NCA School Improvement Conference. Congratulations Greg!

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	\$742,662.41
Special Revenue	\$180,251.67
Capital Projects	\$0.00
Major Maintenance	\$24,321.94
Debt Service	\$0.00
Food Service	\$14,771.58
Insurance Trust	\$834.50
Activities	\$11,625.89
Scholarship	\$16,120.54
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$990,588.53

Ayes 7
Nays None
Motion Carried

Swimming Pool Rental Bids

Moved by Whitt, seconded by Daniels to award the swimming activities bid to Star Plunge in the amount of \$4200 for the 08-09 school year.

Ayes 6 (Leyba abstains due to conflict of interest)
Nays None
Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Disclosure Law

Wyoming Statute requires that board members and administrators responsible for investment of funds disclose their affiliation with District depositories:

The following board members and administrators disclosed their affiliation with the District's depositories as follows:

Barb Vietti: checking and savings, Pinnacle Bank and Bank of Wyoming

Summer School Reports

The summer school reports included in the board packet were reviewed:

RWE had 78 students recommended, with 52 students attending. The report showed progress made with Dibels. There were approximately 20-22 students between the two different sessions who attended pre-K. Information regarding the 5th grade attendance will be forthcoming.

TMS showed low numbers attending, however 4 students met goals. This summer school was astronomy based with Mr. Olsen, Mrs. Olsen and Mrs. Schoenewald team teaching the program.

At the high school report 55 students participated with some participating in more than 1 discipline. Principal Hunt felt students are seeing the benefits from the summer school.

Board Retreat

The board scheduled a retreat for September 11 at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the retreat will be to open communications between the board and superintendent to set expectations and goals for the district. The administrators may be asked to attend when discussing goals such as reading and writing.

Supt. Kobza has invited the Curriculum Leadership Institute to make a presentation to the district regarding their program. The program is a process of tying curriculum across the district. The representatives will make their presentation on September 11, approximately 1:30 p.m. to the administrators. Liz Mahoney, Breez Daniels, and Hub Whitt have been appointed to attend the presentation and report back to the board.

IBN Further Study Committees

Supt. Kobza reported to the board that the insurance committee formed to review insurance options during IBN will begin meeting in October.

Supt. Kobza and Lisa Pearce have been gathering information for the food service committee. This committee will start meeting in October to look at available cost reduction options.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session 7:50 p.m.

Moved by Whitt, seconded by Vietti, to go into executive session to discuss student request for part time status.

Ayes 7
Nays None
Motion Carried

Adjourn out of Executive Session 8:19 p.m.

Moved by Daniels, seconded by Whitt, to adjourn out of executive session.

Ayes 7
Nays None
Motion Carried

Part-Time Student Status

Moved by Leyba, seconded by Whitt to allow student Elijah Spraul to have part-time student status for the 08-09 school year.

Ayes 5

Nays 2 (Vietti, Mahoney)

Motion Carried

Crisis Plans

Supt. Kobza gave an update on the crisis plans. Officer Chimenti worked on the crisis plan last fall and the academic team picked it up again this summer. Flip charts are being made for the transportation department and each classroom in all buildings. There will be a more detailed chart for office staff. There is a more comprehensive plan that backs up the flip charts including a communication plan for communicating to parents and the board. There are parent notification systems that can be purchased. These systems allow you to record a message and the system then calls parents. This system can be used for emergencies or other notifications. We are in the process of ordering defibrillators for all the buildings. There will be training on the use of the defibrillators.

Staffing Recommendations

Moved by Miller, seconded by Whitt to enter into a contract with Sunbelt Staffing for the 2008-2009 school year to provide SLPA services through Sandra Steranko at a rate of \$55.00 per hour.

Discussion: This service is used by Cheyenne and other districts in the state. The individual holds a bachelor's degree and will be enrolling in a masters program. There will be master's level supervision. Supt. Kobza spoke with Ms. Steranko, checked her background, and feels this is a quality person. This is a 12 month contract. In order to break the contract without a penalty, there must be justifiable reasons.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Whitt to amend the motion to include "with the idea that should an individual that meets the district's requirements of being highly qualified, master's level become available the district may hire that individual".

Ayes 6

Nays 1 (Leyba)

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

Supt. Kobza proposed using a consent agenda for future board meetings. The consent items include personnel, bills, and minutes. Any item can be pulled for discussion if requested.

Moved by Willson, seconded by Leyba to begin use of the consent agenda with the September board meeting.

Discussion: The board packet would still include the same information as current. It was noted that several years ago the board did use consent agenda, but voted to stop using it. It was felt that items may be missed if not stated individually. It was noted that the motion could include the names for staffing recommendations.

Ayes 6

Nays 1 (Vietti)

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Reports

Rec. Board: Bobbi Miller reported the Rec. District closed out the 07-08 budget. Registration for fall programs began July 28. Youth volleyball and youth football practices began this week. The Rec. Board elected new officers with the new chairman being Mark Hamilton. Mr. Bjorhus is moving forward on the feasibility study for the new recreation building. The play park at the baseball fields is complete and the district plans to plant trees for shade. The members will tour the baseball complex during the August Board meeting.

BOCES: Barb Vietti, on behalf of Carolyn Conner, thanked the board for passing the mill levy which helps fund BOCES. They have purchased new playground equipment for the school which the students picked out. A concern is the potential for school districts to be required to pay DFS placed students in addition to the school placed students.

Other:

Supt. Kobza presented Hub Whitt and Belenda Willson with a Certificate of Official Recognition from the Wyoming School Boards Association for completing the prescribed requirements to become a Wyoming School Boards Association Certified School Board Member.

Supt. Kobza reported the district is sending a team to the TLN Conference in Seattle in October. This conference will give an opportunity to see what the district is doing right and what other districts are doing with technology. It also gives a central place to visit several vendors and review their products. Supt. Kobza would like to include a board member on the team. Liz Mahoney, Hub Whitt, and Belenda Willson have all volunteered to attend.

Superintendent's Report

1. Supt. Kobza reported the district has joined the NSBA Affiliate Program. This program offers discounts, programs and conferences (including the TLN conference). The NSBA website is good source for research.
2. The Fall Roundup Meeting will be held in Worland on Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m. The following members will be able to attend: Liz and Hub.
3. Supt. Kobza clarified the foreign language classes that will be offered this year. We have hired a certified Spanish teacher. In addition to the Spanish classes, students will have the opportunity to take other languages through the WEN program. At the middle school, a world languages exploratory class will be offered. Principal Hunt will find out of the WEN classes are only available to high school students and forward that information.
4. Supt. Kobza reported we have signed an agreement with a different website provider, SOCS. This provider allows more interactivity. It includes list serve, calendar, and e-mail updates for changes to the calendar. At this time we would be able to change the URL for the website. It was approved to change the URL to thermopolisschools.org and provide a link from the current URL to the new URL.

Adjournment 9:04 p.m.

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

Chairman

ATTEST:

Clerk