

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1  
 Board of Trustees  
 Regular Meeting  
 October 16, 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, Student Trustee Katie Olsen and (ex-officio) Superintendent Marty Kobza

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrators Dustin Hunt, Jodie Cameron, Matt Spring, Janet Philp, Lisa Pearce; Kelly Andreen, and approximately 27 visitors.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Whitt, seconded by Miller, to approve the October 16, 2008 board agenda with the following additions:

- Under New Business: Item F. Consider for Approval Student Contract

Ayes 7

Nayes None

Student Trustee Aye

Motion Carried

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Mahoney asked if there were any requests for items to be pulled from the consent agenda:

Leyba requested that d) under Item C Policy GCB-R – Professional Relations Committee be pulled for discussion.

Vietti requested that the staffing recommendations be read before the public.

Willson requested that e) under Item D Appoint Sharon Cordingly (RWE Rep), Carolyn Lynch (THS Rep), Amy Mason (TMS Rep) as Safe & Drug Free Coordinators for the 2008-2009 school year & Appoint Britton Van Heule and Greg Herold (high school representatives), Cathy Lash and Rob Davis (middle school representatives); Toby Emery and Barb Engelbrecht (elementary representatives) and Deb Brown (at large representative) as DAT team members for the 2008-2009 school year be pulled for discussion.

Moved by Whitt, seconded by Leyba, to approve the consent agenda, with the exception of Item C-d Policy GCB-R – Professional Relations Committee and Item D-e. Appoint Sharon Cordingly (RWE Rep), Carolyn Lynch (THS Rep), Amy Mason (TMS Rep) as Safe & Drug Free Coordinators for the 2008-2009 school year & Appoint Britton Van Heule and Greg Herold (high school representatives), Cathy Lash and Rob Davis (middle school representatives); Toby Emery and Barb Engelbrecht (elementary representatives) and Deb Brown (at large representative) as DAT team members for the 2008-2009 school year, which includes the following items:

- Approval of Minutes of the Minutes of the Board Retreat of September 11, 2008; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2008; and Minutes of the Executive Session of September 18, 2008
- Bills and Financials
- Consider for Adoption, Revision to Policies to remove “Lucerne”
  - ✓ Policy KA-R, Title 1 Parental Involvement Policy for RWE and Lucerne Intermediate Schools
  - ✓ Policy IE, Organization of Instruction
  - ✓ Policy IHBG-E, Standardized Form for Reporting Basic Academic Program Through Home-Based Education
- Consider for Approval Staffing Recommendations
  - ✓ Employ Nancy Scovil as bus driver
  - ✓ Employ Jenny Davis as Lights On Program Coordinator and RWE Program Provider
  - ✓ Transfer Sandy Richins from custodian to para-professional
  - ✓ Approve advertising for custodial position

Ayes 7

Nays None

Student Trustee Aye

Motion Carried

Discussion:

Policy GCB-R Professional Relations Committee – Ms. Leyba wanted to discuss the need for this policy as the district has moved to using the IBN procedure instead of a professional relations committee. This item will be tabled at this time with a new recommendation being brought to the board to replace the policy using wording to reflect the use of the IBN procedure in policy. It was also requested that a review date be put on policies in addition to revised dates.

Staffing Recommendations: The roles and responsibilities of the DAT team were discussed. DAT is the district advisory team. This group works with curriculum, academic programming, overseeing curriculum changes, staff development, monitoring reports, and reviews proposals for course changes or textbook adoptions prior to recommendations being brought to the board. This committee does receive a stipend for the year.

Moved by Willson, seconded by Whitt to approve the appointment of Sharon Cordingly (RWE Rep), Carolyn Lynch (THS Rep), Amy Mason (TMS Rep) as Safe & Drug Free Coordinators for the 2008-2009 school year & the appointment Britton Van Heule and Greg Herold (high school representatives), Cathy Lash and Rob Davis (middle school representatives); Toby Emery and Barb Engelbrecht (elementary representatives) and Deb Brown (at large representative) as DAT team members for the 2008-2009 school year.

Ayes 7

Nays None

Student Trustee Aye

Motion Carried

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## **DELEGATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS**

### **Visitors/Public Comment**

Donnie Bjorhus, Booster Club, presented the board with a Bobcat Flag for their support. The Booster Club has been selling the flags and giving them as part of memberships. The flag will hang in the board room. Josh Rathbun designed the flag.

### **Yearbook Staff Recognition**

Bev Fast and her yearbook staff were honored for winning the 2A championship for the 07-08 yearbook. The 07-08 editors were Katie Donhue, Cassie Warnick and Savannah Witt. The 08-09 editor, Michelle Fields was also in attendance. Congratulations!

### **Championship Golf Team Recognition**

The 2A State Runner-up Boys Golf Team was honored. Those in attendance were Chris Groh, Jackson Hays, and Anthony Apland. The 2A State Championship Girls Golf Team was honored. Those in attendance were Michelle Fields, Kensi Price, Maddie Price, and Heather Morningstar. This is a back-to-back championship for the girls. Congratulations!

### **Staff Recognition**

Parke Price was recognized for his outstanding efforts with the golf program and dedication to the school district. Thanks Parke!

### **Community Member Input, Meredith VanAntwerp**

Meredith VanAntwerp requested that when the board chooses a graduation date that they take into consideration the Bill Smith Horse Sale held the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of May and the ability to get parents to help with the graduation party. Last year graduation was held the same weekend as the sale and motel rooms were hard to get and because it was not on a 3 day weekend parent participation was low for the graduation party.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Advertise for Lock Bids**

Discussion: The 5- year plan process has been changed by state. It is now a more fluid process. Pending projects will be brought over to the new system. The district has not received training on the program yet. This could be part of the annual agenda of the whole board or part of the building committee roles.

Moved by Whitt, seconded by Willson, to advertise for bids to repair/replace locks in the administration building.

Ayes 7

Nays None

Student Trustee Aye

Motion Carried

### **Instructional Facilitator Presentation**

Deb Brown, Lisa Pierce, Lynda Wyss, and Aimee Kay gave a PowerPoint presentation on their roles and responsibilities within the district. This includes how they work with teachers to help with strategies for student achievement.

### **Website Update**

The new website, [www.thermopolisschools.org](http://www.thermopolisschools.org), is now live. There are many components that are available including a district calendar, PowerSchool, and lunch menu. This is just one tool that will be used to reach the community. We plan to use a multi-pronged approach to reach community members.

### **RWE Assessment Update**

Principal Spring gave a handout of MAP scores for Reading and Math along with a short outline on understanding the scores. These scores are used to show growth for the individual student and allow tracking from grade to grade of that student. The tests will be given again this fall to see progression and allow for intervention as needed. (see attached)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Graduation Date**

Moved by Whitt, seconded by Leyba, to approve May 24, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. as the graduation date for the Senior Class of 2009.

(in the future, the graduation date will be part of the calendar process and not a separate item)

Ayes 7  
Nays None  
Student Trustee Aye  
Motion Carried

#### **WSBA Advocate and Voting Delegate/Alternate Fall Convention**

Liz Mahoney was appointed the voting delegate as the WSBA Fall Convention. Hub Whitt was appointed as the alternate delegate. The appointment of the WSBA Advocate will be done in December.

#### **November Meeting Date Change**

Moved by Daniels, seconded by Willson, to move the regular board meeting for November from November 20 to November 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Ayes 7  
Nays None  
Student Trustee Aye  
Motion Carried

#### **Organizational Meeting Date**

Moved by Whitt, seconded by Willson, to set the Organizational Meeting date for December 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Ayes 7  
Nays None  
Student Trustee Aye  
Motion Carried

**Student Contract**

Moved by Leyba, seconded by Daniels, to approve the following student contract with NW BOCES:

Contract for October 15, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$87,760.50 to include the following services: Tuition; Special Transportation; Related Services consisting of Counseling, Behavior Consultation, APE, School Nurse; Extended School Year; Other consisting of School Social Work, Parent Counseling, Recreational Therapy, Psychological Counseling.

Ayes 7  
Nays None  
Student Trustee Aye  
Motion Carried

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

Moved by Daniels, seconded by Whitt, to go into executive session to discuss a student matter.

Ayes 7  
Nays None  
Student Trustee Aye  
Motion Carried

**Adjourn out of Executive Session 8:47 p.m.**

Moved by Miller, seconded by Willson, to adjourn out of executive session.

Ayes 7  
Nays None  
Student Trustee Aye  
Motion Carried

Moved by Daniels, seconded by Whitt that the student referenced in Docket No. 2008-3 be expelled from the schools of Hot Springs County School District No. 1 for the remainder of the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year for continued disobedience and conduct threatening the health and safety of students and staff.

Ayes 7  
Nays None  
Motion Carried

Moved by Daniels, seconded by Leyba that the student referenced in Docket No. 2008-4 be expelled from the schools of Hot Springs County School District No. 1 for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year for continued disobedience and conduct threatening the health and safety of students and staff.

Ayes 7  
Nays None  
Motion Carried

Principal Hunt announced he had received word that the Girls Cross County team were the conference champions.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Board Reports**

Rec. Board: Karen Leyba reported the Rec. Board would be pursuing the community assessment for a new rec. facility. This will be the big push in January. They have finished up with youth football.

BOCES: Barb Vietti reported that a project they are currently working on is building a bike path that could also be used as a walking path around BOCES. She reminded everyone that BOCES will be hosting a breakfast during the Fall convention in Casper.

#### Other:

Lucerne Demolition Project: Lisa Pearce reported that she has just received final numbers from the state that will be available for the demolition project. Approximately \$500,000 will be available. Todd Wilder, SFC, will be in the district next week to discuss the details for engineering requirements and other state requirements. The intent is to bid out the project in January/February with demolition in early spring. This is dependent on fulfilling the state requirements. DEQ will most likely be involved.

Student Success Committee Report: Breez Daniels reported that the Student Success Committee met with Sandy Barton from Fremont County BOCES today at lunch. She gave a presentation on the certification programs that can be offered within the district. These include CNA, Pro-Start culinary, military, lights on, fire science, and energy exploration programs. These programs offer students the opportunity to see the relevance of school, explore options, and have a jump start to college. The partnership also includes pre-school and AP course components. More information regarding these programs and a possible presentation from Ms. Barton will be forthcoming.

### **Superintendent's Report**

1) Supt. Kobza gave an in-depth review of Curriculum Leadership Institute. This is a systematic approach to curriculum K-12 in the district. This framework is being used nationwide and has been in practice in education since the early 1980's. It is not a scripted curriculum. It allows for consistency, responsibilities are clearly defined, and offers a clearly defined intervention system. The process celebrates the professionalism of teachers. The cost is \$25,000 per year. CLI gave a presentation to administrators, board representatives, and teachers. Principals are now discussing the program with their staff. The program takes 4-5 years for complete implementation.

The board requested another presentation and wanted to see how this would actually look in our district.

Building Committee: A meeting was scheduled for November 6 at 4:00 p.m. for the building committee.

Principal Cameron noted the TMS display from the Grass Creek trip. The photography was done by the students. There is also a notebook being passed around with additional projects for the board to review.

### **Adjournment 9:47 p.m.**

Moved by Daniels, seconded by Leyba, 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