

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
 Board of Trustees
 Regular Meeting
 November 18, 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; Kelly Andreen, and approximately 15 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 November 18, 2008 board agenda with the following additions:

- Under Consent Agenda: Add Employ Josh Lord as 7th grade girl's head basketball coach

Ayes 7

Nays 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:

Moved by Whitt, seconded by Daniels, to approve the consent agenda, which includes the following items:

- Employ Sarah Plymale as custodian
- Employ Cody McLean as 7th grade girl's assistant basketball coach
- Employ Tony Larson as middle school assistant wrestling coach
- accept Pam Kerr's resignation as middle school assistant track coach and advertise for the position
- Employ Josh Lord as 7th grade girl's head basketball coach

Ayes 7

Nays None

Student Trustee Aye

Motion Carried

DELEGATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

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HS Dual Credit Biology Presentation

Principal Hunt announced the student work is courtesy of the art, drama and math classes at the high school. The book "Best Student Photographs, Hot Springs County High School" was passed around for board members to review. He then introduced Dr. Jeb Schenck and his dual credit biology class. Ms. Hillary Wellborn, student, presented the board with a home-made thank you card. The class thanked the board for paying for the dual credit classes. The board is appreciated for all the support they give the students.

Jackie Wright, Update on Spencer Borhen Concert

Jackie Wright updated the board on the Spencer Borhen Concert. Mr. Borhen gave 3 performances in the schools and a public performance with approximately 300 students being able to see the performances. According to a survey given by Mrs. Stetler, students really enjoyed and appreciated the concerts.

Ms. Wright also noted that February 12 is the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. There is a community group that is preparing a celebration for that week.

Visitors/Public Comment

None

Staff Recognition

Principal Spring introduced Sonja Holm who was recognized for the positive leadership role she has taken this year at the elementary and her dedication in her classroom. Thank you Sonja!

OLD BUSINESS

Curriculum Leadership Institute (CLI)

Discussion:

The board members who attended the CLI presentation in September gave their impressions. The overall impression was that CLI was a way to take the current curriculum, refine it, make our staff the experts, and make the curriculum seamless K-12. Expectations become clear grade to grade and it allows teachers to step in easily during the year.

The cost is \$25,000 per year. The contract is renewed each year. CLI will train a curriculum coordinating council; help develop the district's framework or model, offer textbook review expertise, assessment expertise and full access to their program. The consultant would be on-site in the spring and summer. They are very knowledgeable regarding the use of body of evidence in Wyoming. The curriculum model or framework would become party of policy. A board representative would be on the curriculum coordinating council to report to the board the process used for each recommendation being made. The model would take the current curriculum; decide what works on its own and what needs refining to fit into the framework.

Moved by Willson, seconded by Vietti to table the Curriculum Leadership Institute (CLI) item until the December board meeting. (Supt. Kobza will bring the written proposal to the December board meeting.)

Ayes 7

Nays None

Student Trustee Aye

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

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Construction Project Agreement

Moved by Daniels, seconded by Willson to approve the amendment to contract no. 5HOT1510.

Ayes 7

Nays None

Student Trustee Aye

Motion Carried

TMS Algebra/Geometry Class Request

Middle school students have requested that they receive high school credit for taking Algebra I and Geometry at the middle school level. Currently, the Hathaway Scholarship will recognize these credits if taken at the middle school level. There is concern that if the students are allowed high school credit, they will not take math classes in their junior/senior years and will not be ready for college math classes. The students feel they are limited on the electives they will be allowed to take as juniors/seniors. The district will have a responsibility to educate the parents and students on how this will affect their educational path and GPA. A parent noted that the district gives students at the high school dual credit classes and it would be good to give high achieving students something at the middle school level also. Currently, 3 credits of math are required for high school graduation.

Moved by Daniels, seconded by Whitt to offer high school credit for Algebra I and Geometry classes taken at the middle school level.

Ayes 4

Nays 3 (Mahoney, Willson, Vietti)

Student Trustee Aye

Motion Carried

2008 Resolutions for Delegate Assembly

Liz Mahoney plans to vote in agreement with WSBA. There was no discussion.

Executive Session 8:15 p.m.

Moved by Daniels, seconded by Whitt, to go into executive session to discuss personnel and a student request.

Ayes 7

Nays None

Student Trustee Aye

Motion Carried

Adjourn out of Executive Session 9:33 p.m.

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

Ayes 6

Nays None

Student Trustee Aye

Motion Carried

Staffing Recommendations

Moved by Leyba, seconded by Daniels for offer Lisa Pearce a contract as business manager for the 2009 calendar year and to review her contract in October.

Ayes 6
 Nays None
 Student Trustee Aye
 Motion Carried

Part-Time Student Status

Moved by Willson, seconded by Lebya to table the part-time student status request item until the December Board Meeting.

Ayes 7
 Nays None
 Student Trustee Aye
 Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS**Board Reports**

Rec. Board: Two companies have submitted proposals for the feasibility study. Koerwitz will be performing an audit this month. The Rec. District received positive comments on playing Greybull and Shoshoni and not just local teams for youth football and volleyball. Support for a Rec./community center was received during the community assessment.

BOCES: BOCES held a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new playground at their last meeting. The playground was dedicated in memory of Jan Hansen and Duane Edmonds who were BOCES members, and J'Lynn Mathews Slover. Barb invited all members to attend the breakfast at the WSBA Fall conference on Thursday sponsored by BOCES.

Other:

Building committee report Barb Vietti reported the building committee met to discuss the playground equipment and space issues at RWE; the Lucerne demolition, the tree in front of the administration building and the surface issues at the middle school. The district is getting an analysis of the material in the playground at RWE. The material was supposed to have been a more solid surface and is not as handicap accessible as we would like. The district is currently working with the architects on this issue. The tree in front of the administration building needs to be removed due to it being diseased and cannot be saved. Contractors have been called in six times to repair the leaking roof at RWE. The district is now looking at bringing in a separate consultant. Regarding space issues at RWE, several options are being considered and reviewed.

Superintendent's Report

1) Supt. Kobza would like to set up a benefits committee to review health care costs for retirees who have not reached Medicare age and options the district could offer. Hub and Karen volunteered to be on this committee.

2) Supt. Kobza reported the district is advertising for an aide to ride on the Chicken Bus to help supervise students.

3) Chairman Mahoney recognized Bobbi Miller and Barb Vietti for their years of service as board members. Each was given a certificate and a leaf on the Tree of Knowledge will be purchased in their honor.

Adjournment 9:49 p.m.

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

Chairman

ATTEST:

Clerk