

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
November 15, 2010  
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 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room by Chairman, Liz Mahoney.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Liz Mahoney, Hub Whitt, Belenda Willson, Clay VanAntwerp, Joe Martinez, Dr. Travis Bomengen, Karen Leyba and (ex-officio) Superintendent Marty Kobza

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrators Dustin Hunt, Matt Spring, Deb Brown, Lisa Pearce; Kelly Andreen, and approximately 3 visitors.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Martinez, seconded by Leyba to approve the November 15, 2010 board agenda as presented.

Discussion: Ms. Willson noted she would like to add the discussion of the 4 ½ day week to the agenda. Dr. Bomengen asked that the item not be added as he had not had enough time to read the research that had been sent and would not be able to adequately discuss the item. He also noted there had only been one of the two scheduled public meetings and would like to wait until after the second public meeting to have the item on the agenda. Ms. Mahoney noted the board gave a directive for the administration to get public input and bring the item back for discussion in January. Mr. Martinez, while he appreciated the information sent, felt that if an individual board member had a question they should go through Marty as a clearing house item. Ms. Willson felt the item should be on the agenda to make public issues she has brought up in e-mails. She gave copies of her e-mails to board members and members of the press. She felt she would not have another opportunity to present her case against moving to a 4 ½ day school week and felt the change is not being fair to students or fair to the public by not having this discussion. Ms. Mahoney was concerned about Ms. Willson acting as an individual board member and stepping outside what has been discussed as a board.

Mr. Whitt called for the question.

Moved by Willson, seconded by Whitt to amend the motion to include the addition of the 4 ½ day school week discussion to the agenda.

Ayes 2

Nays 5

Motion Failed

Chairman Mahoney called for the vote on the motion made by Mr. Martinez to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes 6

Nays 1

Motion Carried

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Martinez, seconded by Whitt to approve the consent agenda, which includes:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 28, 2010; Executive Session Minutes of October 28, 2010; and Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 3, 2010
- B. Bills and Financials
- C. Approve Staffing Recommendations
  1. Employ Rhonda Stryker as the FCCLA sponsor

Ayes 7 (Leyba abstained on invoice #326 in the amount of \$34.85 to Taco Johns)

Nays None

Motion Carried

**DELEGATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS****Visitors/Public Comment**

Clay VanAntwerp addressed the board regarding a concern about advertisements he placed in the newspaper. He stated it was his constitutional right to place the advertisements. He felt it was poor boardsmanship to have brought the concern up during an open meeting. He asked the members proceed with extreme caution if bring up individual rights.

Belenda Willson read a letter she sent to the board members and gave to the newspaper regarding the 4 ½ day school week. (see attached)

Joe Sovia from the Independent Record recognized the support of the board, the administration and the student body for the football team. He also recognized the sportsmanship of the teams and coaches and noted the Independent Record will be publishing a special commemorative edition including photos from the playoffs.

**Student Trustee Update**

None

**Staff Recognition**

Principal Hunt recognized Brenna Dooley as the November Teacher of the Month. Her nomination included notations of being a professional and truly dedicated to learning. She is willing to work with students and is a leader amongst her peers.

**District Initiatives**

This was covered during the special meeting with the discussion on district assessments.

**Presentation from Representative Lorraine Quarberg**

Representative Quarberg updated board members on what is happening at the legislative level. She noted the CREG report is showing revenue estimates are up meaning the general fund and school foundation program account should show an increase. The recalibration committee has been meeting to review the funding model which is reviewed every 5 years. The committee is not looking at any major changes in the model itself. A bill of education accountability model is being presented to the legislature. Rep. Quarberg asked that board members stay in touch with her about this bill. Other proposals concerning education include the Hathaway Success Scholarship 1 and 2 regarding changes in courses allowed. There was discussion about a distance education bill that may be proposed.

Ms. Pearce noted that while it has been stated that pulling items from the funding model would allow better tracking of funding, it would actually take away the local control.

**OLD BUSINESS****Policy Adoption**

Moved by Whitt, seconded by Willson to adopt on 3rd and final reading revisions to:

1. *Policy GCCAB Family Medical Leave Act*
2. *Policy GCCA Staff Leaves & Absences*

Ayes 7

Nays None

Motion Carried

**NEW BUSINESS****2010 Resolutions for Delegate Assembly**

The WSBA resolutions were reviewed. Mr. Martinez asked if Chairman Mahoney would ask if Fremont County BOCES would fall under Resolution 2012.1 regarding recognizing BOCES as an ESA and an LEA. Members were in favor of this bill.

In regards to Resolution 2012.3, Mr. Martinez asked for clarification on how extending the age for compulsory education would affect homeless students. It was noted that once the student is enrolled in the district, the district does have funds available to help these students.

In regards to Resolution 2012.8, Mr. Martinez asked Chairman Mahoney to ask for clarification on how the members would be chosen or appointed. There was concern of making sure there was representation from all regions of the state.

All board members agree with the voting recommendations from WSBA.

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

Rec. Board: Dr. Bomengen reported the Rec. District was meeting tonight. With the success of the passage of the pool bond issue in Washakie County, the district is looking at that option for the recreation center.

NW BOCES: Ms. Leyba thanked the Independent Record for the insert on the 40<sup>th</sup> Celebration. She reminded those members attending the WSBA Fall Conference they were invited to attend the BOCES breakfast on Thursday morning.

Fremont County BOCES: Mr. Martinez reported Fremont County BOCES is still waiting on funding from the federal level to continue the job corp. project. They are proposing a special education service center with the idea of bringing several districts together to hire one person to cover a special services position for all districts involved.

CWC BOCHES: none

CCC: Chairman Mahoney reported the CCC met last week. The technology SAC is discussing changes to the curriculum based on the time available during the school day. The math SAC is working on common component and outcome assessments. Again, she encouraged other board members to attend a CCC meeting to see how the process works.

Goals Update: none

Other: Ms. Willson thanked the board and community for allowing her to serve for the last 4 years. A leaf will be purchased in her honor for the Tree of Knowledge. She feels the district has a good start on the strategic plan and is continuing to moving forward.

**Superintendent's Report**

1) Certificates for turkeys will be given to staff on Tuesday. Board members signed up to help deliver the certificates in the buildings.

2) Supt. Kobza reported on the Education Jobs bill. This is the second round of stimulus funding. The district would receive approximately \$142,000. This funding can only be used for salaries and benefits. Options discussed include helping to cover insurance benefits (if mid-year premium increases occur), pre-school resource extension, and helping with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade coverage.

Moved by Leyba, seconded by Whitt to apply for the Education Jobs funding by the December 1 deadline. Discussion: Dr. Bomengen asked what, if any strings are attached to these funds. Supt. Kobza stated there will be much less reporting.

Ayes 7

Nays None

Motion Carried

**Adjournment 8:29 p.m.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Mahoney adjourned this meeting.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk