

REGULAR MEETING U.S.D. # 261
BOARD ROOM - CENTRAL OFFICE - 1745 WEST GRAND
HAYSVILLE, KANSAS
March 26, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting of the Board of Education of Haysville School District # 261, Haysville, Kansas was called to order in the Board Room, 1745 W. Grand, Haysville, Kansas, at 7:00 p.m., by Board President, Greg Fenster. Six Board members were present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Fenster
Phil Harris
Seth Konkel
Susan Walston
Mike Alexander
Glenn Crum

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. John Burke, Superintendent
Dr. Perry McCabe, Assistant Supt. of Finance
Diane Gross, Assistant Supt. of Curriculum and Instruction
Debbie Coleman, Clerk of the Board
Becky Cezar, Director of Special Services
Bruce Petersen, Director of Personnel
Sandy Bradshaw, Community Relations Coordinator
Glenda Cowell, Campus High School Assistant Principal
Dr. Mike Maurer, Haysville Middle School Principal
Mike Mitchener, Nelson Elementary School Principal
Pat Yorgensen, Oatville Elementary School Principal
Penny Hobkirk, Learning Center
Teresa Tosh, Elementary Curriculum Director
David Herbert, Director of Information Services
Others

1.0 MEETING OPENING

1.1 Call to Order

Greg Fenster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with six members present.

1.2 Flag Salute

1.3 President's Announcements

None

1.4 Approve / Amend Agenda

MOTION to approve the agenda as presented.

(Konkel / Alexander) Motion carried 6-0.

*** Mr. Fenster stated that agenda line item 6.0 Reports – 6.1 Instructional Initiative will be given after line item 3.4 Gifts and Grants.**

2.0 DISTRICT PATRON/PERSONNEL TIME

2.1 Hearing of Scheduled District Patrons/District Personnel

None

2.2 Remarks/Comments from District Visitors

Johnna Crawford of the Haysville Sun newspaper addressed the Board regarding two programs she is starting: The programs are Junior Journalist, a writing program for elementary aged students and a subscription sales fund raising program she is offering to clubs and organizations.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Previous Minutes

3.2 Treasurer's Report / Bills

3.3 Routine Personnel

3.4 Gifts and Grants

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

(Konkel / Walston) Motion carried 6-0.

*** 6.0 REPORTS – Focus on Learning**

6.1 Instructional Initiative

USD 261 Instructional Coaches Janelle Moore, Kathleen Paterson, and Diania Pile gave a short presentation to the Board on the duties of Instructional Coaches and mentoring district teachers.

Penny Hobkirk presented information to the Board regarding The Learning Center, Ms. Hobkirk informed the Board of activities and projects The Learning Center is currently working on regarding grants, the Leadership Academy and teacher mentoring.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Distribution of Early Childhood Center Classrooms (ECC) into Elementary Schools

ECC Coordinator, Carla Heintz was present to answer questions from the Board regarding the distribution of ECC classrooms into Nelson, Oatville, Rex and the new elementary school, and ECC At-Risk students will be placed at Ruth Clark Elementary School.

MOTION to approve the placement of ECC Classrooms into the elementary schools as presented and allowing administration to make decisions regarding Early Childhood as needed.

(Konkel / Crum) Motion carried 6-0.

4.2 HMS Assessment Proposal

Dr. Mike Maurer was present to answer question from the Board regarding the HMS assessment proposal.

Dr. Maurer and the Board discussed Dr. Maurer's request to allow HMS students and staff to have Friday, April 13th off as a reward for their hard work and the student's attendance during testing days.

It was the consensus of the Board that it would not be possible to allow HMS staff to have Friday, April 13th off due to the negotiated agreement.

MOTION to approve the Haysville Middle School Assessment Proposal allowing HMS students to have Friday, April 13th off as a reward for their hard work and attendance during testing days.

(Crum / Konkel) Motion carried 6-0.

4.3 Job Descriptions

Bruce Petersen was present to answer questions from the Board regarding job descriptions.

MOTION to approve the job descriptions with changes and clarifications as discussed.

(Konkel / Crum) Motion carried 6-0.

4.4 2007 – 2008 School Calendar

Bruce Petersen was present to answer questions from the Board regarding the 2007 – 2008 School Calendar drafts.

MOTION to approve draft # 5 for the 2007 – 2008 school calendar as presented.

(Crum / no second) Motion failed due to lack of a second.

MOTION to approve draft # 4 for the 2007 – 2008 school calendar as presented.

(Alexander / Konkel) Motion failed 3-3. Phil Harris, Greg Fenster, and Glenn Crum voting no.

MOTION to approve draft # 2 for the 2007 – 2008 school calendar as presented.

(Walston / no second) Motion failed due to lack of a second.

MOTION to approve draft # 4 for the 2007 – 2008 school calendar as presented.

(Walston / Konkel) Motion failed 3-3. Phil Harris, Greg Fenster, and Glenn Crum voting no.

MOTION to approve draft # 5 for the 2007 – 2008 school calendar as presented.

(Harris / Crum) Motion carried 5-1. Susan Walston voting no.

The Board requested Dr. Burke work with district staff and bring only one calendar option in the future to the Board to be voted on.

- 4.5 Teacher Laptop Upgrade
David Herbert was present to answer questions from the Board regarding teacher laptop upgrades.
MOTION to approve the teacher laptop upgrade purchase of 350 HP NX7400 computers, 350 Microsoft Academic Office Pro Plus 2007 license, and 350 custom PC Imaging for a total of \$387,586.50 as presented. The warranty will not be purchased.
(Walston / Alexander) Motion carried 6-0.
- 4.6 Board Policy – Signing Bonuses
Dr. Burke presented information to the Board regarding Board Policy – Signing Bonuses. This item was tabled until the April 2nd BOE meeting. Dr. Burke will return to the Board with the policy and a procedure statement.
- 4.7 Change in the May Board Meeting Schedule
Dr. Burke informed the Board of a conflict with the May 21st Board meeting and Haysville Middle School graduation.
MOTION to change the May 21st Board meeting to May 22nd to prevent a conflict with the Haysville Middle School graduation ceremony.
(Harris / Konkel) Motion carried 6-0.

5.0 FIRST READINGS

- 5.1 Transition Sub Committee - Naming
Sandy Bradshaw presented information to the Board from the naming committee regarding the naming of the new elementary and new middle schools. Members of the naming committee attending the Board meeting were Bret Clark, Marcie Aycock, Glenn Crum, Mike Mitchener, and Debbie Coleman. Name suggestions brought to the Board for the new middle school were West Haysville Middle School and Vreeland Middle School, and for the new elementary school the committee's suggestion was Prairie Elementary School.
This was a first reading with no action requested from the Board.
Shane Backhus a member of the committee working on school colors and a mascot for the new middle School was also present. The committee recommended that the new middle school colors be purple and black, and the new middle school mascot would be gorillas.
- 5.2 Retired Teacher's Basic Contract
Bruce Petersen presented information to the Board regarding the Retired Teacher's Basic Contract. This was a first reading with no action requested from the Board.

* 6.0 REPORTS – Focus on Learning

6.1 Instructional Initiative – presented after 3.4

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Burke deferred this report until 8.3 New and Good.

8.0 DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

- 8.1 Future Agenda Items
- Transition Sub Committee – Naming
 - Retired Teacher's Basic Contract
 - School Improvement Initiatives
 - New Middle School Mascot and Colors
 - Handbooks
 - Summer School Proposal
 - Signing Bonuses
 - Capital Outlay Bids
 - Bid on Special Education Buses

8.2 Board Task List

- April 30th Joint City of Haysville and USD 261 Meeting
- Mimosa Street
- Controlling Issues Regarding Law Enforcement
- Future plans for the bridge/drainage ditch
- Grants for Sidewalks
- Fire Works
- Tractor Pull

8.3 New and Good

Dr. Burke:

- The current total for Pennies for Patients is \$15,300.00.
- Dr. Mike Maurer has been nominated for the Board of Trustees National Middle School Association.
- Becky Cezar has been elected president of the Kansas Special Education Association for next year.
- Penny Hobkirk and Dr. Burke presented at the Association for Supervision of Curriculum Development National Convention over spring break.

Mike Alexander:

- Mike requested that the new district boundaries be posted on the district's web page. Mike also requested that the Board's phone numbers be reviewed to make sure they are correct on the district's web page.

9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Debra M. Coleman, Board of Education Clerk

Greg W. Fenster, Board of Education President