

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 11, 2011**

Regular meeting of the Hale Area Schools Board of Education called to order by President Brandt at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present – Members: Bovee, Brandt, Braun, Cryderman, Heuss, McKulsky, Shellenbarger, Wilson (Student Representative)
Absent-Members: None

Guests in Attendance: 38

Additions/deletions/corrections to the agenda: Action Item 12D is not ready for approval.

Student Representative, Allison Wilson, provided a student update. Knowledge Bowl team is undefeated. NHS is selling paper stars. YAC is selling luminaries for relay for life.

Student of the Month Recognition by Mrs. Provoast.

Transportation quarterly report was presented by Mr. Brian Curley. Fleet inventory - six regular route busses and three sub busses. Regular route busses range from two to ten years old and average about 97 miles a day. Saving over \$6,000.00 by transporting a Special Ed student. Fifty-seven percent of our student population rides the bus. Mr. Curley explained the driver's responsibilities. McKulsky asked who was responsible for washing busses. The drivers are. Bus disciplines – 4 so far this year. Fleet maintenance to date \$10,074 for labor and \$12,008 for parts and restocks. Two leased busses have to be returned this year; looking into different options for replacement. School van has 118,000 miles and used for the W-P Special Ed run, for cyber school home visits, and staff travel for conferences. Mileage paid to staff to self-transport totals \$5,800.00 to date. Researching one less route for next year; checking into fuel price lock in for next year and/or combining fuel purchases with other schools.

Brandt reminded the audience to take information relating to the Governor's budget proposal and encouraged them to contact their legislators.

Recess at 7:29

Reconvene at 7:36 p.m.

Visitor/Board Comments: Mrs. Blomquist questioned why our consultant was listed as a reference for our superintendent candidate. Mr. Brandt explained that the consultant had previously worked with the candidate and did recommend that he apply for the position. He explained that Mr. Males had asked the board during the initial stages of the search if the board would like the consultant to solicit and recommend candidates that would be a good fit for the district. The Board indicated that they would. Mrs. Barnes expressed her dislike for the candidate that was chosen. She thought that the candidate didn't have the interest of the kids in mind.

Board Comments: McKulsky thanked Brandt for putting the presentations together and getting the information out into the community. Braun: none, Bovee: none, Heuss: none, Cryderman congratulated the knowledge bowl team. Brandt: commented on our MEAP scores, we are #2 in the county. Superintendent candidate will be in the district all day tomorrow.

Motion by Cryderman, supported by McKulsky to approve the March 14, 2011 regular board meeting minutes as written. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Shellenbarger to approve the March 14, 2011 executive session board meeting minutes as written. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by McKulsky to approve the March 21, 2011 special board meeting minutes as written. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Shellenbarger to approve the March 21, 2011 executive session board meeting minutes as written. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by McKulsky to approve the March 28, 2011 special board meeting minutes as written. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Shellenbarger to approve the March 28, 2011 executive session board meeting minutes as written. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Braun, supported by McKulsky to approve for payment accounts payable (item nos. 1-77; check nos. 34651-34791 for General Fund. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Financial reports presented by Superintendent Provoast.

Motion by Heuss, seconded by Bovee to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:50 p.m. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by McKulsky, seconded by Shellenbarger to reconvene the regular April board meeting at 8:23 p.m. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by Cryderman, supported by McKulsky to grant second year probation status to Joseph Rundell for the 2011-2012 school year. Discussion: Braun asked whether all required evaluations were completed. Provoast said that all probationary teacher evaluations were completed as of March 31. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by Shellenbarger, supported by Cryderman to grant second year probation status to Christopher Wyman for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Heuss to grant third year probation status to Naomi Clouse for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Heuss to grant fourth year probation status to John Heydon for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by Bovee, supported by Shellenbarger to grant tenure status to Clinton Miller for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Heuss to grant tenure status to Amanda Goodman for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Braun to appoint Steve Bradley as the Middle School Track Coach for the 2010-2011 school year. Discussion: Cryderman: Is this a recommendation from Mr Robelli? Provoast: Yes Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Heuss to grant Family Medical Leave to Mary Runyan effective May 2, 2011. Discussion: McKulsky: How long will she be off? Provoast: 6-8 weeks, up to a maximum of 12 weeks. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Braun to approve the review of Board Policies 1950, 3490, 3605, 3610, 4005, and 5160 for the Fiscal Monitoring Report. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by Cryderman, supported by McKulsky to approve 2011 summer tax collection contracts with Grant, Plainfield, Reno, Hill, and Logan Townships. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by Braun, supported by Cryderman to adopt **Resolution No. 11-19** and award the State Aid Operating Note to First Bank at an interest rate of 3.49 percent in the amount of \$400,000. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Shellenbarger to approve MASB **Resolution No. 11-20**; supporting the stabilization of the State Aid Fund for K-12 education. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Superintendent Provoast provided the Superintendent update. She congratulated staff on the MEAP scores. Huron Shores conference has invited all North Star League schools to a meeting on April 12 to discuss possible league expansion. Superintendents and Athletic Directors are invited. Provoast discussed the resignation of a custodian and job assignments during Runyan's absence for FMLA. IRESA is not interested in moving from current Admin building.

Legislative Updates - Brandt stated that it has been busy in Lansing - numerous subcommittee meetings, need to make your voice heard. Talk about not raiding state aid fund could result in an increase rather than a decrease in funding.

Board Committees: Technology Committee will meet tomorrow at 5pm. Finance committee meets Thursday, April 21st at 9 a.m.

Community forums update - Brandt has given numerous presentations in the community. Businesses are going through the same situation - less money and higher expenses. Has more scheduled. Need to make an effort to target parents to get the word out.

Superintendent search update- Mr. Kraft will be in the district tomorrow to meet staff and look over facilities. Shellenbarger asked about the questions to be asked during the interview. No questions are being scripted but Mr. Brandt wants to see the questions before they are asked. Interview will be more informal. Community will have opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Males will not be here for the interview.

Final Comments- Mrs. Streeter commented on the MEAP results. The writing consultant told staff that MEAP writing was going to be one way and what actually happened was totally different. She feels that this greatly affected the writing scores. Science scores may be affected by the lack of curriculum materials. She is trying to create materials that will help prepare the students in science.

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Shellenbarger to enter executive session to discuss negotiations at 9:04 p.m. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Shellenbarger, supported by McKulsky to reconvene at 9:37 p.m. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

MDE conference call - The RFP resulted in two bids; staff attended an informational meeting last week. 2011-12 consolidated application is planned to be done by May 15. RP talked about the business office procedures draft manual that was completed. Two job descriptions are needed, 7-12 counselor and cyber school teacher; and PD with BAISD needs itemization. Mr. Brandt explained the process for notifying candidates because one had to read the results in the paper. He explained that there will be different viewpoints expressed tomorrow during the interview process. There will be an opportunity for public input. Mr. Kraft's wife will be joining him for the interview. Discussion was held regarding the residency requirement. Contract terms can't be discussed during the closed session. The closed session is to be used to share ideas that Mr. Kraft has for the district negotiations. Brandt encouraged the board to come up with questions for the interview and to ask follow-up.

Motion by Shellenbarger, supported by McKulsky to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Sarah Heuss, Secretary