

**MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 25, 2011**

Special meeting of the Hale Area Schools Board of Education called to order by President Brandt at 7:52 p.m.

Roll Call: Present – Members: Bovee, Brandt, Cryderman, Heuss, McKulsky, Shellenbarger

Absent-Members: Braun-entered meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Guests in Attendance: 6

Additions/deletions/corrections to the agenda: None.

Visitor Comments: None.

Board Comments: McKulsky-Talked to MASB. To run for MASB position, it would have to be board approved. They would pay mileage and some other expenses. Brandt-it would have to be approved by July 13, 2011. Shellenbarger-music programs were wonderful. Brandt-new sound system is great. There were a second set of notices issued to employees on Monday. Apologies for not notifying board members via telephone ahead of time.

The following financial items were discussed.

- Financial letter from MDE and options for a one year or two year plan.
- Privatization
- Teacher tenure legislation pending
- Layoff/recall changes
- Calendars-professional development
- Pupil headcount-90/10 blend
- Projected budget (revenue/expenditures)
- Student scheduling
- Closing the administration office, moving IRESA programs and central office to K-12 building
- Former high school facility-closing structure or partially open for alternative education and dual enrollment
- Lawn care and snow removal services-concern of lack of equipment

Brandt-teacher asked if Mr. Kraft would be representing us at negotiations or if the board would be present. I stated that Mr. Kraft would be representing us. Teacher asked if the board would consider being present. Board feels it is not necessary and they would like Mr. Kraft to negotiate for the district.

Final Comments: Boensch-auditors will be here tomorrow. Melissa Blomquist-There are 34 kindergarteners right now. Three have IEP's and are currently in small class sizes with

behavioral issues. Please let me advocate for the children and it is in their best interest to have two sections of kindergarten for next year. Kraft-if we can squeeze some things, our focus to adjust will be in grades kindergarten through second.

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Shellenbarger to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 p.m. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

Sarah Heuss, Secretary