

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 (Late Arrival), McKulsky, Shellenbarger

Absent-Members: None.

Guests in Attendance: 4

Additions/deletions/corrections to the agenda: Change date on Action Item C from September 27, 2011 to September 26, 2011.

Motion by Cryderman, supported by McKulsky to approve items as listed on the consent agenda. Motion Carried. (6Yes, 0 No, Absent 1).

Action Item A regarding the K-12 Gym Roof Bid Documents was not ready to be approved. Mr. Kraft updated the board on the progress of the bidding process. A representative of the company that installed the shingles is scheduled to be here on Wednesday to cut a hole in the roof to see exactly what is there. Kraft reported that information is being gathered on different types of roof. He went to Heritage High School to look at their roof. The tentative schedule is to have bid documents ready by Thursday. Kraft asked whether the board needed to see the bid documents. Brandt stated that there is no need to have a special meeting for just one item. One option is a membrane roof with fire & ice under the whole roof. Kraft will forward the bid documents to the board when he gets them. Architect is needed because of the size of the project. Braun asked whether the bid document will be written where local companies will be able to bid on the project. Kraft said yes as long as they meet the requirements set forth in the bidding process.

Mr. Kraft recommended that a teacher evaluation meeting be set as soon as possible.

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Shellenbarger to set a date as soon as possible to meet with teaching staff to finalize our teacher evaluation. Motion Carried ( 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent)

Mr. Kraft recommended that the board set a work study on September 26 with John Males.

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Braun to approve a meeting date for a work session with the Hale Area Board of Education, Interim Superintendent Kraft, and MASB Field Representative, John Males for September 26, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Motion Carried (6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent).

Kraft recommended that the board contract with MASB to handle grievances on the board's behalf.

Motion by Cryderman, supported by McKulsky to approve the contract with MASB for Grievances heard at the board level as written. Motion Carried (6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by McKulsky to approve the mileage reimbursement for Interim Superintendent Kraft as written. Motion Carried (6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent).

#### Discussion Items:

**Board Goals:** Brandt shared the board goals that were worked on during a recent work session. Kraft asked how often the board wanted updates regarding board goals progression. Brandt said that he would recommend monthly updates for now.

**Technology Update:** Kraft updated the board on technology upgrades. Progression is slow but steady. Wireless throughout the entire building is the goal. Adam is at an Edline conference. Hoping that in two weeks, the entire building will be wireless and teachers will be using Edline. One student wants an online calculus class, working on accommodating the student. Other online classes are on the horizon.

**Student enrollment update:** The current number is 601.

**Professional Development Update:** Kraft shared an e-mail from Denise Kish regarding professional development with the board and updated the progress that is happening in this area.

**Gym floor update:** Kraft stated that he is working to get additional bids for the gym floor repair. Not as important as the roof but needs to be done, maybe not now, but it needs to happen

**K-12 drainage update:** Kraft shared some ideas on how to solve the drainage problem on the west side of the K-12 gymnasium.

**Snow removal bid update:** Kraft updated the board on the snow plowing bidding process. Will have bid documents available shortly for board review. He asked whether to advertise in both local papers. Board consensus was to advertise in both local papers.

**Student Representative to the Board:** Kraft asked exactly what was the responsibility of the student representative and from what class does this person come from? Brandt shared the role of previous student representatives. Brandt said that there is flexibility and would recommend taking a closer look at who is selected and what their role would be.

**Mr. Boensch gave a brief financial update.** We have collected about 53% of local tax revenue. \$1,514,650 collected but \$569,692 of that went to pay last year's expenses. All bills are current.

**Mr. Reilly thanked Mr. Kraft for donating Ducks Unlimited pictures to the Genevieve Short fundraiser.** The benefit generated over \$8500.00. He also thanked the teachers for being flexible in scheduling and on scheduling meetings. Football team is 2-1. Parents night is Friday and

Homecoming is next week. He also talked about the educational talent search which is a program for disadvantaged students.

Public Comments: None.

Board Comments:

Cryderman reported that the Hale Equestrian team is currently 15 points out of first place with one more meet.

Bovee asked if we are confident that the school schedule is adequate to provide enough hours of instruction. Kraft responded that we will be O.K. He also asked when we would get another Cyber School update. Brandt replied that a timetable has not been set for regular board updates. Kraft explained that progress has been made in communication between the mentors and teacher and between the teacher and administration. Bovee also commented that his son likes the after school band program.

McKulsky will be going to Kalamazoo for a State MASB Meeting.

Heuss apologized for being late. She went to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball game in AuGres.

Braun and Shellenbarger had no comments.

Brandt reported that he was contacted by Cindy Scott from Stephenson & Gracik regarding the audit. One of the questions that she asked was if there was any suspicion of anything that may be considered fraudulent. Brandt told her to examine central office retirement payouts.

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Shellenbarger to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion Carried (7 Yes, 0 No).

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Sarah Heuss, Secretary