

REGULAR MEETING  
HURON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
JANUARY 10, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: John Halbkat, President; members: Steve Fryberger, Tim VanBerkum, Michele Bennett, and Nichole Yost; Student Member Adrian Del Grosso; Superintendent Ross Opsal, and Kelly Christopherson, Business Manager.

Adrian Del Grosso led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by VanBerkum, second by Yost, and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda.

Motion by Bennett, second by Yost, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the following items: (1) The minutes from the meeting held on December 13. (2) The bills for payment as presented (see attached listing). (3) The financial report (as printed below). (4) The hiring of Sheryl Meyers/substitute lunch supervisor; Mark Klumph/substitute teacher/\$85 per day; Frances Puterbaugh/substitute teacher/\$85 per day; Dianne Tapken/secretary/\$11.89 per hour; and Nancy Kempf/para-educator/\$10.95 per hour. (5) Award bids for two new school buses to North Central Coach in the amount of \$155,942 after trade-ins. (A complete bid recap is on file in the Business Office.) (6) Set the date for the school board election on April 12, 2011. (7) The combined election agreement with the City of Huron for the April 12, 2011 election. (8) The resignations of Deb Ehlers/high school art/15 years; Pam Winegar/elementary/25 years; Jane McLaury/language arts/35 years; John McLaury/special education/35 years; and Karen Hofer/language arts/30 years. (9) The sale of a surplus wrestling mat to Huron Youth Wrestling for \$200. (10) Renewed membership with the Huron Chamber of Commerce with dues of \$600 per year. (11) Open enrollment request #OE-220.

	Bank Balance 12-01-10	Receipts	Disbursements	Bank Balance 12-31-10
General Fund	4,437,742.36	1,321,588.91	1,160,549.08	4,598,782.19
Capital Outlay	497,008.91	316,537.79	91,441.58	722,105.12
Special Education	914,599.18	282,939.33	205,734.14	991,804.37
Pension Fund	74,720.59	27,587.03	0.00	102,307.62
Building Fund	8,757.87	164.10	2,051.19	6,870.78
Bond Redemption	171,549.84	121,585.47	0.00	293,135.31
Food Service	67,451.39	24,587.99	34,203.17	57,836.21
Concessions	279,488.37	6,523.22	10,130.62	275,880.97
Activity Account	144,227.00	1,390.08	28,222.07	117,395.01
Health Insurance	61,415.77	172,933.52	160,199.41	74,149.88
Scholarship Fund	157,975.05	0.00	0.00	157,975.05
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	6,814,936.33	2,275,837.44	1,692,531.26	7,398,242.51

## Celebrate Successes in the District

Thanked Ken Mees and the Buildings & Grounds crew for the excellent snow removal job they have done.

Thanked Horace Mann, represented by Bill Hoffman and Megan Culberg, for a \$400 donation.

Congratulated Jim Musil for completing his master's degree.

## Reports

- A. Classified Employee of the Month – Debbie Henning, para-educator at Washington elementary school, was recognized as the Classified Employee of the Month for December.
- B. Good News Report – Kathy Engst and some of her Family and Consumer Science students presented a report on using iPads in the classroom.
- C. Business Manager's Report – Kelly Christopherson presented the Business Manager's Report to the Board.
- D. Legislative Action Network Report – Tim VanBerkum reported on activity in the Legislature.
- E. Superintendent's Report – Ross Opsal presented a report on School Board Recognition Week and Alert Now.
- F. Dates to Remember – January 12 is an early release day. January 17 is Martin Luther King Day and no school. January 24 is high school information night. February 21 is President's Day and no school.
- G. Configuration Report – Ross Opsal presented a report on an updated reconfiguration plan.

At 8:02 p.m. Halbkat declared a recess and at 8:15 p.m. the Board reconvened.

## Community Input

Brian Hines commented on reconfiguration and facilities.

## Old Business

There was not a motion to remove the 2011-2012 school calendar business item from the table, therefore the school calendar for 2011-2012 remains tabled.

Motion by VanBerkum, second by Yost, and unanimously carried to approve board policy GBEE – School Issued Cell Phones.

## New Business

Motion by Yost, second by Bennett, and carried to approve the Huron Chamber and Visitor's Bureau request for sale of alcoholic beverages in the Huron Arena for the Heartland Pool & Dart Tournament scheduled for April 1-3. Vote: Halbkat – Yes; Fryberger – Yes; Yost – Yes; Bennett – Yes; VanBerkum – Abstained.

Motion by Bennett, second by Yost, and unanimously carried to re-open Jefferson elementary for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion by Bennett, to not build an addition on Madison elementary for 2011-2012 but to make plans to build an addition on Madison elementary for 2012-2013. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion by Bennett, second by Halbkat, and carried to build an addition on Madison elementary for 2012-2013 school year with construction beginning as soon as possible. The addition is to be up to four classrooms and additional facilities to be determined by the architect. The project is to be funded with the Capital Outlay fund. Vote: Bennett – Yes; Fryberger – Yes; Halbkat – Yes; Yost – No; and VanBerkum – No.

Motion by VanBerkum, second by Bennett, and unanimously carried to hire an architect to develop plans for a Madison elementary addition.

Motion by Bennett, second by Yost, and unanimously carried to reconfigure for the 2011-2012 school year with pre-school and kindergarten at Buchanan, 5<sup>th</sup> grade at the middle school, and to follow the recommendation of administrators for grades 1-4 at Jefferson, Madison, and Washington.

Motion by VanBerkum, second by Yost, and unanimously carried to enter executive session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Motion by Yost, second by VanBerkum, and unanimously carried to exit executive session at 10:45 p.m.

Motion by Yost, second by Fryberger, and carried to amend the Superintendent's contract so the district will be in compliance with discrimination testing in The Patient Protection and

Affordable Care Act 2716. The amendment replaces district paid family health insurance with district paid single health insurance and increases the contract amount to \$113,246 for 2010-2011. Vote: Fryberger – Yes; Halbkat – Yes; Yost – Yes; VanBerkum – Yes; and Bennett – No.

Motion by Bennett, second by Yost, and unanimously approved to adjourn at 10:47 p.m.

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John Halbkat, President

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Kelly Christopherson, Business Manager