

REGULAR MEETING
HURON BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
DECEMBER 12, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: John Halbkat, President; members: Michele Bennett, Steve Fryberger, and Tim VanBerkum. Nichole Yost arrived after the meeting was in progress. Student members: Michael Nicholas, Arthur Hines, and Adrian Del Grosso. Superintendent Terry Nebelsick, and Kelly Christopherson, Business Manager.

Michael Nicholas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by VanBerkum, second by Bennett, and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda as amended.

Bennett requested the minutes from the meetings held on November 14 and November 28 be removed from the consent agenda and be placed in New Business.

Motion by Bennett, second by VanBerkum, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the following items: (1) The bills for payment as presented (see attached listing). (2) The financial report (as printed below). (3) The hiring of Hannah Nelson/substitute teacher/ \$85 per day; Rod Tompkins/substitute custodian/\$11.44 per hour; Dale Shoemaker/high school custodian/\$29,168; Brenda Schoenfelder/substitute para-educator/\$11.22 per hour; Katelyn Duba/volunteer; Norma Boetel/food service substitute/\$10.32 per hour; Jecelyn Wehde/student worker; Robert Coleman/substitute bus driver; Angela Kempf/special education para-educator/\$10.95 per hour; Dennis Holmberg/substitute custodian/\$11.44 per hour; and Angie Thomas/8th grade girls basketball coach/\$2,496. (4) The resignations of Mary Blue/elementary teacher/25 years; and Doug Heller/ middle school and colony teacher/31 years, both effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. (5) Teacher contract for Connie Tilden/elementary ESL/\$19,290 for the remainder of 2011-2012. (6) Open enrollment requests OE-2011/16 and OE-2011/17. (7) Permission to advertise for bids for one school bus.

	Bank Balance 11-01-11	Receipts	Disbursements	Bank Balance 11-30-11
General Fund	3,072,163.48	2,404,292.43	1,165,812.03	4,310,643.88
Capital Outlay	211,332.45	977,677.93	324,135.29	864,875.09
Special Education	837,795.88	537,197.96	189,401.58	1,185,592.26
Pension Fund	10,711.84	73,896.74	0.00	84,608.58
Building Fund	9,377.03	0.00	326.19	9,050.84
Bond Redemption	331,989.60	295,646.64	442,675.00	184,961.24
Food Service	47,798.40	95,930.58	95,033.71	48,695.27
Concessions	313,364.29	528.15	5,839.34	308,053.10
Activity Account	112,832.00	31,860.72	9,385.68	135,307.04

Health Insurance	68,470.65	182,867.09	178,995.55	72,342.19
Scholarship Fund	161,194.01	0.00	0.00	161,194.01
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	5,177,029.63	4,599,898.24	2,411,604.37	7,365,323.50

Yost joined the meeting at this time.

Celebrate Successes in the District

Congratulated Mitchel Gaffer, recipient of the SDHSAA “Distinguished Service Award” for his years of distinguished service to the youth of South Dakota.

Congratulated students for their recent performances at the Oral Interp State Festival: Readers Theater - “Rindercella” - Troy Berg, Maddy Klein, Maddy Gohn, Jessica Hotchkiss, Sarahi Luna, and Crystal Wharton; Humor - “Disney Mom Group Therapy” - Maddy Gohn; Duet - “Benality Briefs” - Maddy Gohn and Maddy Klein.

Congratulated students who are named Academic All-State for Volleyball including Chrystal Merriam, Anna Cramer, and Tracy Oschner.

Congratulated the School Nutrition Department for the recent health inspection scores received from the Department of Health. All schools received 100% except Huron Colony which received a 96%, which is the best score Huron Colony can get.

Recognized the 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students who visited the elementary buildings to read to the students.

Thanked the following students who helped to load food items for the backpack program: Chrissy Marotteck, Nyla Skipper, Courtney Johnson, Danae Schaefer, Courtney Smith, Tracy Oschner, Brittany Garbe, Cesar Garcia, Michael Nicholas, Brien Osborn, Sam Sheffield, Robert Friedrichsen, Haly Moeding and Kristi Caviezel.

Thanked the volunteers who served as judges for the Annual Huron Invitational Quiz Bowl: Mitch Gaffer, Vanya Munce, Beth Foss, Angie Klein, Bev Dunn, Amy Kaufman, Gordon Foss, Mike Radke, Jim Musil, and Terry Nebelsick. Also thanked all others who volunteered and helped make the event a success.

Maddy Gohn and Maddy Klein performed their duet “Benality Briefs” for the School Board. They received a superior rating for it at State Oral Interp.

Reports

- A. Classified Employee of the Month – Lisa Schneider, special education para-educator at Buchanan, was recognized as Classified Employee of the Month for October, 2011.

- B. Classified Employee of the Month – Shelly Van Wyhe, para-educator at Jefferson, was recognized as Classified Employee of the Month for November, 2011.
- C. Business Manager’s Report – Kelly Christopherson presented the Business Manager’s Report to the Board.
- D. Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan – Kelly Christopherson presented a report on the Capital Outlay Fund.
- E. Legislative Action Network Report - Tim Van Berkum reported on the Governor’s recent budget address, the sales tax initiative, and the Attorney General’s explanation of the sales tax initiative.
- F. Superintendent’s Report – Terry Nebelsick presented a report on the Governor’s recent budget address, a recent Huron Chamber of Commerce meeting, and distributed Superintendent evaluation forms for the Board’s consideration.

The Superintendent also explained the recent events at the middle school that led to a partial lockdown on December 6 and a safety check on December 12. Police Chief Will and School Resource Officer Borg also reported. Many questions by the Board members were answered by the officers and many Board members commented.

- G. Dates to Remember – December 14 is a Christmas Open House at the Instructional Planning Center. December 23 is the end of the first semester. December 26 through January 2 is Christmas Vacation. January 3 HS/MS students return to class. January 4 Elementary/Kindergarten students return to class.

Community Input

Robert Coleman addressed the Board. Mr. Coleman recently took a CDL school bus driver’s license exam and came to the Board to express concerns about the State’s and school’s third party examiner.

Janet Coleman addressed the Board. Mrs. Coleman commented on parent notification during the partial middle school lockdown. Mrs. Coleman is an elementary parent and her children transfer busses at the middle school. Mrs. Coleman is concerned the Superintendent said the school assumes some parental rights and duties for a minor when a minor is in the school’s care. Mrs. Coleman is concerned she receives letters about how to dress children in cold weather but was not notified on the middle school lockdown. Mrs. Coleman is concerned her daughter is going on school field trips without her consent. Mrs. Coleman is concerned with the bus drivers not obeying traffic laws.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Motion by Yost, second by Bennett, and unanimously carried to approve the November 14 and November 28 minutes with the following additions requested by Bennett. The additions are denoted by being underlined.

November 14 – Community Input

Brian Hines commented on his disapproval of getting extra credit points at the high school in exchange for donating food or warm clothing and asked for this to be placed on the next school board meeting agenda.

November 28 – Celebrate Successes

Thanked all homerooms who participated in this year's food drive. A total of 1107 items was collected. The Senior Class qualified for both a pizza party and a doughnut party. Congratulations to the following homerooms: Freshmen/ Coughlin/Doughnut party/34 items; Sophomores/Reid/Doughnut party/41 items; Juniors/Klein/Doughnut party/75 items; Seniors/Fitzgerald/ Doughnut party/103 items; and Gaffer/Pizza party/299 items. Also thanked all other students and schools who participated in this year's food drive.

November 28 – New Business

The School Board discussed a request from Mr. Brian Hines that the Board forbid teachers the discretion of using “grading Points” or “assignment credit” as a motivation for charitable giving. The Board discussed possible ways community service can be part of a grade, their individual thoughts on the issue, and whether this issue should be handled by the Board or by the Administrators. Mr. Frank Hines addressed the Board and commented on his experience with the food drive at Madison Elementary last year. Mr. Brian Hines addressed the Board and commented that he is in favor of community service but is against giving grading points as an incentive for donations. Demi Moon, Principal was requested to address the Board and she explained the history of giving credit as a motivation for charitable giving at HHS. The Superintendent will research the issue further and meet with the Administrators regarding this issue. The Superintendent will then report to the Board.

Motion by Bennett, second by VanBerkum, and unanimously carried to accept funding of \$21,443.75 from the State's Clean Diesel Grant Program. The funds will be put towards the purchase of a new school bus.

Motion by VanBerkum, second by Bennett, and unanimously carried to approve the District School Improvement Plan.

Motion by Bennett, second by VanBerkum, and unanimously carried to approve the Middle School School Improvement Plan.

Motion by VanBerkum, second by Bennett, and unanimously carried to approve adding an Oral Interp course offering to the registration book at the high school beginning in 2012-2013.

Motion by Bennett, second by Yost, and unanimously carried to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:25 p.m.

Motion by VanBerkum, second by Yost, and unanimously approved to exit executive session at 8:35 p.m.

Motion by Yost, second by Bennett, and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

John Halbkat, President

Kelly Christopherson, Business Manager