

SPECIAL MEETING
HURON BOARD OF EDUCATION
INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING CENTER
JANUARY 23, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Arthur Hines.

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

Fryberger requested the awarding of the school bus bid 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 hiring of Anna Cramer / Student Worker; Glenda Oakley/Substitute Teacher/\$85 per day; Sara Schneider / Substitute Para/\$11.22 per hour; Karry Tierney-Bong/Substitute Teacher/\$85 per day; Brenda Ruedebusch/volunteer; and Ruby Preston/volunteer. (2) The resignation of Angela Kempf/para-educator. (3) Renew the Huron Chamber & Visitors Bureau membership.

Celebrate Successes

Congratulations to the HHS Science Bowl team, who finished 6th at the competition in the Huron Events Center last Saturday. Team Members included Adrian Del Grosso, Halle Halbkat, Arthur Hines, Dani Keleher, and Danae Schaefer.

Congratulated Madison Elementary Student Ambassadors who were recently recognized at the Madison School Pride Assembly for their hard work and leadership. They were all 4th grade students: Brandon Renner, Derek Hunter, Cooper Fryberger, Marty Boetel, Nathan Boehrns, Nathan Moon, Erica Zell, Khayiah Paye, Lindsey Leyendecker, Bethany Larson, Aaron Smith, Kaitlyn Balcom, Jasmine McDermott, and Jordyn Zavesky.

Congratulated HHS senior Jeffery Bartel who earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Boy Scouts of America.

Congratulated Anna Cramer, senior at HHS, who placed 2nd in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1776 and Auxiliary sponsored Voice of Democracy contest.

Over \$12,000 was raised this past Saturday as over 20 teams took the polar plunge to benefit Special Olympics. Participants included: Linda Zimmerman, Cindi Williams, Marlene Grieve, Jordan Hopper, Linda Rutledge, Ruben Reyna, Dan Schlader, Terri Schlader, Brenden Schlader, Brayden Schlader, Erika Rausch, Scott Ptak, Thorn Dramstad, Tom Baszler, Rita Baszler, Angie Klein, Tyler Hajek, Michael Johnson, Andy Reimer, Maddy Klein, Michelle Adams, Tish Puterbaugh, Ashley Jungemann, Tara Severance, Grady Heffner, Haley Heffner, Kara Heffner, Mary Schmidt, Dustin Schmidt, Marci Eitreim, Chantelle Kremer, Brent Adams, Dan Kight, Tysen Parker, Mark Johnson, Nathan Benjamin, Tim Opheim, Wade Hoefert, Tom Hiles, Sean Burger, LeRoy Trenary, Nancy Tarbox, Ross Tarbox, Lia Tarbox, Courtney Smith, Danae Schaefer, James Tharp, Shannon Pritchard, Breanna Busch, Saige Sandve, Manny Gonzalez, Dianne Thomas, Doug Solem, Julie King, Michelle Johnson, Eric Kannegieter, and the Polar Bear .. Jim Adams.

On January 9 the Huron Middle School, under the direction of Dan Thelen, social studies teacher, with the assistance of the social studies staff, conducted the Geography Bee competition. Students took a written test at each grade level narrowing the field to twelve finalists. These finalists were 5th Graders: Blake Cruse, Frank Hines, Jacob Wehde; Sixth Graders: Michelle Graff, Travis Kleinsasser, Kaleb Sypniewski; 7th Graders: Courtney Hoogland, Carson Hruby, Tristan Moeding; and 8th Graders: Ryan Chase, Jaclynn Rogers, and Colin Simons. Champion .. 8th Grader, Ryan Chase; Runner-up .. 7th Grader, Carson Hruby. Ryan Chase will now take another written exam before qualifying for the state Geography Bee.

The Huron Middle School recently recognized the following students as Super Kids of the Month for December: Sean Preston, Daisy Flores, Klow Wah Moo, Taylor Heffner, Andrew Hanson, Abby Rose Miller, Madison Johnson, Madeline Wrangler, Jayden Shillingstad, Moises Dubon, Nick Heinen, Thoo Poe, Kaneh Win, Tristan Mills-DeJean, Isaac Carr, Sher Ku Paw, Heaven Richey, Gavin Rutledge, Daniel Vetsch, Jacob Wehde, Eddy Paw, Cassie Hofer, Sylvie Kattner, and Dillon Kouf.

Thanks to Wells Fargo Advisers, LLC, who donated a \$2,500 grant to the United Way Heartland Region to help fund the Backpack Program.

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus who donated tootsie rolls to backpack program, about 2400 tootsie rolls were donated.

Thanks to students and district staff that assisted with the Prom Dress Style Show and Sale including Jordan Hopper, Tyler Hajek, Adrian Del Grosso, Carrie Wintle, Erika Rausch, Madison DeJong, MacKenzie DeJong, Lexy Chase, Michaela Metter, Maddy Gohn, Maddy Klein, Angie Klein, Chris Stahly, Michelle Chase, Peggy Metter, Mandy DeJong, Gayle Hughes, Becca Briggs, Tonya Whitmore, and Kathy DeBoer.

Reports

Classified Employee of the Month - Michelle Hotchkiss, Title I para-educator at Madison Elementary School, was recognized as December Classified Employee of the Month.

Good News Report – Special education teacher Todd Preston and a student provided a report.

Good News Report – The school librarians and library aides provided a report on all the district libraries.

Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent reported on the progress of the Crisis and Emergency Response Procedures Handbook, visits with staff members regarding the Governor's initiatives, follow-up comments on the School Finance and Business Leaders meeting, the opt-out process, an upcoming meeting of the Large School Group and their lobbyist, and the ESL funding initiative.

Legislative Action Network Report – Tim VanBerkum, Board Legislative Action Network Representative, gave a report on legislative action to date. The ESL funding initiative is HB1152.

Dates to Remember - January 23 is the high school information night. On January 27 petitions for the school board election will be available for circulation. February 8 is an early release day. February 10-11 is the Community Cultural Fair at the Huron Mall. February 20 is Presidents' Day and there is not any school. February 24 is the last day to submit a petition for the school board election. March 1 is a Math Night.

Community Input

None.

Old Business

The Board conducted first reading on proposed changes to section A of the Board Policy Handbook. Discussion took place regarding what numbering system to use; more research will be done on a numbering system. No action was taken.

New Business

Mr. Brian Hines addressed the Board regarding the role of the fifth graders in the middle school. Mr. Hines stated he is in favor of housing the fifth grade in the middle school. Mr. Hines has concerns about whether the fifth grade is considered elementary or middle school and is concerned the fifth grade is not represented on the middle school student council, the fifth grade has less opportunities than when in the elementary buildings, the fifth grade can't be in the middle school play, the fifth grade is dismissed before grades 6-8 but are joined by the students from grades 6-8 at the bus loading area, fifth grade conferences for next fall are not scheduled on the same night as conferences for grades 6-8, and fifth grade students are not included on the middle school honor roll. Mr. Hines requested the Board to decide if the fifth grade is middle school or if the fifth grade is elementary students housed in the middle school. Some Board members responded that in this first year of reconfiguration they do consider the fifth grade as elementary students being housed in the middle school. As time progresses the Board hopes a more seamless integration of the fifth grade students into the middle school will take place.

Motion by VanBerkum, second by Bennett, and unanimously carried to approve the 28 page resolution to refund the capital outlay certificates issued to remodel the Huron Arena in 2005 and reissue the remaining debt to save approximately \$30,000.

Motion by Yost, second by VanBerkum, and unanimously carried to pass an opt-out resolution for \$750,000 for one year and not schedule an election on the issue.

Motion by VanBerkum, second by Bennett, and unanimously carried to award the school bus bid to the low bidder, North Central Bus Sales, for one 2013 Bluebird 84 passenger transit bus in the amount of \$88,089. (A complete bid recap is on file in the Business Office.)

Motion by Bennett, second by Fryberger, and unanimously carried to enter executive session to discuss a student long-term suspension at 7:42 p.m.

Motion by Yost, second by Bennett, and unanimously approved to exit executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by VanBerkum, second by Yost, and unanimously carried suspend student number 2011-12A through the end of the school year.

Motion by Yost, second by VanBerkum, and unanimously carried to enter executive session to discuss negotiations at 8:01 p.m.

Motion by Bennett, second by Yost, and unanimously approved to exit executive session at 9:00 p.m.

Motion by VanBerkum, second by Bennett, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

John Halbkat, President

Kelly Christopherson, Business Manager