

SPECIAL MEETING  
HURON BOARD OF EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
JANUARY 24, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sloane Mack.

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

Motion by Bennett, second by Fryberger, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda including the following items: (A) New hires including Shaun Klinger/substitute teacher/\$85 per day; Romana Olivio/substitute teacher/interpreter; Pa Pa Win/student interpreter; and Lexy Chase/student worker.

Celebrate Successes in the District

Congratulated TyAnn Buddenhagen for being named AA Volleyball Player of the Year by the SDHSAA.

Congratulated Board President John Halbkat for receiving the Best Actor award from the Huron Area Community Theatre.

Congratulated Ben Halbkat for receiving the Best Supporting Actor award from the Huron Area Community Theatre.

Thanked people who helped with the Polar Plunge & Scuba for Food projects in the community.

Recognized Board Student Representative Sarah Dismounts for serving as a Legislative page in Pierre.

Reports

Good News Report – Linda Hanks, school social worker, reported on how she and Madison/Buchanan para-professionals are creating a positive atmosphere and developing meaningful relationships with students and staff.

Legislative Action Network – Tim VanBerkum reported on bills being filed in the 2011 Legislature. John Halbkat reported on school finance and the impact on Huron of the 10% reduction in school funding being discussed in the Legislature.

Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Ross Opsal presented a report including a position paper regarding school finances prepared by the administrative team.

Dates to Remember – January 24 is high school information night. January 26 is coffee with the Governor at the Huron Event Center. January 28 petitions may begin to be circulated for the school board election. January 29 and February 5, 12, and 26 are scheduled Legislative Cracker Barrel sessions. February 9 is an early release day. February 18-19 is the cultural fair at the Huron Mall. February 21 is President’s Day and there is no school. February 25 is the deadline to file nominating petitions for the school board election. February 28 is a board meeting with the scheduled exchange of negotiations packages. March 7-8 is middle school student led conferences. March 10 and 11 are vacation days and there is no school. March 14 is high school conferences. March 18 is a conferences comp day and there is no school. March 29 and 31 are elementary conferences.

### Community Input

None.

### Old Business

Motion by VanBerkum, second by Yost, and unanimously carried to remove from the table the previously tabled school calendar.

Motion by Halbkat, second by Yost, and unanimously carried to turn the calendar process over to the Superintendent who will follow Board policy and convene a calendar committee.

### New Business

None.

Motion by Bennett, second by VanBerkum, and unanimously carried to enter executive session at 6:37 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Motion by Yost, second by Fryberger, and unanimously approved to exit executive session at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Bennett, second by Yost, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

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John Halbkat, President

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Kelly Christopherson, Business Manager