

1. **Call to order** – Chair Mr. Nick Hallett called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:34 p.m. on January 12, 2009, in the District Office Board Room. Trustees present included: Mr. David Bedey, Mrs. Corrine Gantt, Mr. Tom Pool, Mrs. Kelly Rogers and Mr. Jim Shea. Administrators present included: Superintendent Mr. Duby Santee; Principals Mr. Kevin Conwell, Mrs. Kathleen Dent, Mr. Brad Henson, Mr. Eric Larson and Mr. Dan Kimzey; Assistant High School Principal Ms. Joel Stuber; Head of Maintenance Ms. Judy Hake and District Clerk Ms. Cathy Binando. Trustee Mrs. Tamis LaSalle was not in attendance.

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Shea led the group with the Pledge.

2. **Minutes, financial reports, and bills** – The Board reviewed the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Special Meetings held November 17<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>, January 6<sup>th</sup> and the claim details for the month of December (warrant numbers 54968 – 55107).

*Mr. Shea moved to accept the minutes. Mrs. Rogers seconded and the motion carried 6-0.*

Mrs. Rogers reported that the Finance Committee meets on the Wednesday prior to the Board Meeting and the meetings are open to the public. The committee discussed energy usage, the Food Service Program is still in the red, but is making small improvements, and the district received more revenue from mitigation fees.

*Mrs. Rogers moved to accept the bills and the financial reports for the month of December, 2008. Mrs. Gantt seconded and the motion carried 6-0.*

3. **Public Comment:**

Mr. Frank Laurence, representing the Hamilton Higher Education Center, discussed classes, instructors, and scholarship opportunities available in Hamilton. Mr. Laurence also noted the Spelling Bee will take place on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

4. **Special presentations, requests, reports and correspondence:**

4.1. **Student Council Representative – Ms. Megan Baker:** Ms. Baker reported that the council collected just under 3,000 lbs. for the food drive and the senior class earned a movie; a survey is being worked on; they are discussing donating a speaker system to the Middle School; and fund raising activities are being researched.

4.2. **Building Reports :**

**High School – Mr. Conwell reported on the following:** There are 553 students enrolled at the High School; students and staff are getting ready for semester test week; Town Pump donated \$500.00 and this will be used toward the purchase of new Algebra I math textbooks and an emergency drill will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Stuber reported on MBI; semester rewards; and the honor roll breakfast.

**Middle School – Mr. Kimzey reported on the following:** There are 353 students enrolled with a 42% free and reduced rate; NAEP Testing will take place on January 26<sup>th</sup>; a practice evacuation will take place on February 10<sup>th</sup> and a full drill will be in April. Special thanks need to be given to Linda McClintock for all of her work for the Middle School concessions.

**Daly Elementary School** – Mr. Larson reported on the following: Mr. Henson, Mrs. Dent and Mr. Larson will be attending a conference; NAEP Testing will take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> for 4<sup>th</sup> graders; Daly received a grant from the Town Pump that will be used for technology; there are 371 students enrolled with a 42% free and reduced rate and evaluations and assessments are also being worked on.

**Grantsdale Elementary School** – Mrs. Dent reported on the following: There are 96 students enrolled at Grantsdale; NAEP Testing for 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be done soon; math goals are being set; Keelie O'Brien and Alton Maclean won the geography bee; an alternative P.I.R. day has been set up in conjunction with Corvallis on August 27<sup>th</sup> with Ruby Payne as the speaker; a Triple EEE grant has been received; and the Masons will be donating bikes for books. The curriculum for Career and Technical Education will be presented later in the meeting; Mrs. Dent will be working on work place competencies; and math and world languages will be worked on this summer.

**Washington Elementary School** – Mr. Henson reported on the following: The P.T.A. and Washington families were thanked for providing food and gifts for 50 families; Santa Charlie came to the school and gave all of the students books; the flu helped to make the Christmas program even more interesting and the new kindergarten classroom is going well.

#### **4. Board Action:**

##### **5.1. Recommendation to Accept Staff Resignations:**

- 5.1.1. Deborah Lawrence – Food Service
- 5.1.2. Richard Lawrence – IT Director

***Mr. Pool moved to accept the resignations of the individuals listed in 5.1.1. and 5.1.2. Mrs. Rogers seconded and the motion carried 6-0.***

##### **5.2. Recommendation to Hire or Offer Contracts:**

- 5.2.1. Sue deRidder – IT Director
- 5.2.2. Carolyn Durgin – Special Education Paraprofessional / Daly
- 5.2.3. Barbara Barber - .5 F.T.E. Special Education Paraprofessional / Daly
- 5.2.4. Pat Montgomery – Food Service

***Mr. Shea moved to hire the individuals as listed in 5.2.1. through 5.2.4. Mr. Bedey seconded. It was noted that these are all replacements for current positions except the .5 position that will be paid from a grant. The Board then voted and the motion carried 6-0.***

##### **5.3. Recommendation to Offer Extracurricular Contracts- Middle School Activities:**

- 5.3.1. Emily Doyle – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball
- 5.3.2. Stacy McElderry – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball

***Mr. Pool moved to approve the recommendation to hire the individuals as listed in 5.2.1. and 5.2.2. for the extracurricular positions. Mrs. Gantt seconded. It was noted that coaches for the Middle School do not go through the Athletic and Extracurricular Assessment Committee process. The Board then voted and the motion carried 6-0.***

**5.4. Recommendation to Approve Change in Hours:**

- 5.4.1. Michelle Wilson – Increase - Washington
- 5.4.2. Sara Wiesemann – Decrease - Washington

***Mr. Shea moved to approve the recommendation and change the hours of the individuals listed in 5.4.1. and 5.4.2. Mrs. Rogers seconded and the motion carried 6-0.***

**6. Policy/Curriculum/Handbooks:**

- 6.1. **Career and Technical Education Curriculum/First Reading** – The Board held a First Reading on this curriculum.
- 6.2. **Policy #7332 – Advertising in Schools/Revenue Enhancement – Second Reading** – The Board held a Second Reading on the proposed new policy.
- 6.3. **Hamilton Public Schools Coach/Sponsor Handbook – Third Reading** – ***Mrs. Rogers moved to table the Third Reading of the Hamilton Public Schools Coach/Sponsor Handbook. Mrs. Gantt seconded. It was noted that more work needed to be done to this document as far as punctuation, grammar, and all activities need to be addressed. This will be worked on in the future by the Athletic and Extracurricular Assessment Committee. The Board then voted in favor of the motion by a vote of 6-0.***

**7. Discussion and possible action:**

**7.1. Building and Grounds Committee** – Mr. Shea reported on the following: The committee discussed the 20 year plan; reviewed a report from the State titled “Cost Allowances and Deficiency Ratios by District”; the roof at the High School continues to be a problem with the leaking and the contractor still has not come to fix it; and there is a possibility of partnering with Lowes to remodel the restrooms at Westview, which would allow the preschool to move to Westview and give more room at Washington. A special meeting has been set up for January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and the next regular meeting will be February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**7.2. Athletic & Extracurricular Assessment Committee** – Mr. Pool reported on the following: In December the committee met to discuss fall coaches and the handbook. A special meeting was set up for March 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**7.3. School Wellness Committee** – Mrs. Gantt reported on the following: A meeting was held on January 8<sup>th</sup> with Katie Bark from OPI/MSU Extension. Information, resources, and the nutrition break were discussed.

**7.4. 2009 Election Process and Levy Discussion:** The Board discussed the annual school election in May and if the District should run a General Fund or Technology Levy. Some of the issues included: economy; properly engaging the voters; developing a plan to succeed; supporting students and teachers and the location of the election. Mr. Stromberg suggested asking for a smaller levy. Also discussed was the possibility of the County having all mail ballot elections and the District needing to do their own absentee ballots this year. It was decided to set a Communications Committee meeting to discuss this further on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 a.m.

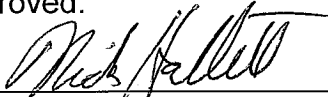
**8. Superintendent's Report / Information :**

**8.1. Negotiations Update** – Mr. Santee reported that letters had been received from both unions on their desire to begin the negotiation process. A workshop on collaborative negotiations will be provided by a MEA-MFT representative. It was decided that both unions and both negotiation committees would attend the training. The date of February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 was tentatively set and Mr. Stromberg will speak with the representative to see if it is possible.


**8.2 Other** – Mr. Santee reported that he will be attending an energy workshop in Helena on Wednesday and Thursday.

**9. Adjourn** – Mr. Hallett adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Approved:



Nick Hallett, Board Chair



Cathy Binando, District Clerk