

HAMILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #3 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

District Board Room

Monday – October 8, 2007

Building and Grounds Committee – 5:30 P.M.

Regular Board Meeting - AGENDA – 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to order:
 - 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Minutes, financial reports, and bills:
3. Public comment on any public matter not on the agenda:
 - 3.1. Judge Haynes and Clint Arneson (21st Judicial District Court and Youth Court)
4. Special presentations, requests, reports and correspondence:
 - 4.1. C.A.O.S. – Mr. Frank Laurence
 - 4.2. Higher Education Center / U of M and C.O.T. – Mr. Frank Laurence
 - 4.3. Student Council Report
5. Board Action:
 - 5.1. Accept Staff Resignations:
 - 5.1.1. Susana Berdecio – Elementary Science Specialist
 - 5.1.2. Rebecca Neil – Washington Elementary
 - 5.1.3. Stephanie Bieber – Hamilton High School
 - 5.1.4. Susan Schlehchten – Kindergarten Teacher – at end of school year.
 - 5.2. Recommendation to hire or offer contracts:
 - 5.2.1. Margie Blair – High School Responsibility Room Monitor
 - 5.2.2. Kimberly Savage – Paraprofessional – Washington Elementary
 - 5.2.3. Cindy Larot – Food Service
 - 5.2.4. Aurora Star Adams – Paraprofessional / Washington
 - 5.2.5. Dawn Marie Thelen – Paraprofessional / Washington
 - 5.2.6. Laura Wilham – Title I Tutorial Instructor / High School
 - 5.3. Recommendation to hire or offer contracts – High School Activities:
 - 5.3.1. Talitha Hallock – Assistant Speech/Debate/Drama Coach
 - 5.3.2. Assistant Wrestling Coach
 - 5.4. Recommendation to hire or offer contracts – Middle School Activities:
 - 5.4.1. Boys' Basketball – Kevin Conwell; John Stromberg; Tom Anderson
 - 5.4.2. Girls' Basketball – Kevin Conwell; John Stromberg; Tom Anderson
 - 5.4.3. Geography Bee & Geography Olympiad – Melissa Barrett
 - 5.4.4. Brass & Science Fair – Jerry Mitchell
 - 5.4.5. Science Fair – Bre Gum
 - 5.4.6. Science Olympiad & Science Fair – Susan Matthews
 - 5.4.7. Math Counts – Kye Nuttal; John Stromberg; Bert Mahon
 - 5.4.8. Track – John Stromberg; Roger Sparks; Bert Mahon; Tom Anderson
 - 5.4.9. Year Book Advisor – Mona McCarty
 - 5.4.10. Student Council Advisor – Melissa Barrett
 - 5.5. 2007-2008 / 2008-2009 / 2009-2010 Drivers' Education Fees and Salaries
 - 5.6. High School Choir Request for Approval of Trip to New York – March, 2008
6. Policy / Curriculum:
 - 6.1. Literature Curriculum – First Reading
 - 6.2. Media Literacy Curriculum – First Reading
 - 6.3. Reading Curriculum – First Reading
7. Discussion and possible action:
 - 7.1. Buildings and Grounds Committee
 - 7.2. School Wellness Committee
 - 7.3. Impact Fees
8. Building Reports
9. Superintendent's Report / Information
 - 9.1. Enrollment
 - 9.2. Adequate Yearly Progress (A.Y.P.)
 - 9.3. MCEL – Great Falls – October 17-19
 - 9.4. Other
10. Adjourn

1. **Call to order** – Chair Al Mitchell called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:40 p.m. on October 8 2007, in the District Office Board Room. Trustees present included: Mrs. Corrine Gantt, Mr. Nick Hallett, Mrs. Lori Holley, Mrs. Tamis LaSalle, Mr. Dan Moerkerke and Mr. Tom Pool. Administrators present included: Superintendent Mr. DUBY Santee; Principals Dr. Kelly Benson; Mr. Kevin Conwell, Mrs. Kathleen Dent, Mr. Brad Henson and Mrs. Barbara Solomon; Head of Maintenance Ms. Judy Hake and District Clerk Ms. Cathy Binando.

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance – The Boy Scouts led the group with the Pledge.

2. **Minutes, financial reports, and bills** – The Board reviewed the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on September 10th and the claim details for the month of September.

Mr. Hallett moved to accept the minutes of September 10, 2007, as presented. Mr. Pool seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Hallett moved to accept the bills and the financial reports for the month of September, 2007. Mr. Moerkerke seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

3. **Public Comment:**

- 3.1. Judge Haynes (21st Judicial District Court) – Judge Haynes presented the Board with a handout on the 21st Judicial District caseload. This handout provided information on the number of cases dealing with juveniles which has decreased from previous years.

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

- 4.1. **CAOS - Mr. Frank Laurence reported on the following:** CAOS will be meeting the second Wednesdays of the month. For October, this will be the 10th. The "Red Calendar" earned a profit of approximately \$1,000.00 this year. This project may be taken over by the P.T.A. Mr. Laurence also handed out copies of a call for artwork titled "The Artist & the Wolves." Iron and wire wolves will be made by high school students.
- 4.2. **Higher Education Center/U of M and C.O.T. – Mr. Frank Laurence reported on the following:** Currently, there are 41 students participating in the fall classes. For the spring term, 10 to 11 classes are being planned with several master level courses.
- 4.3. **Student Council Representative – Ms. Megan Baker reported on the following:** Homecoming went well. Due to problems with the music, the DJ play list will be reviewed prior to the next dance. The council is also looking into ballroom or swing dancing with lessons to be provided. A convention will be held in Glasgow. Due to problems with attendance, rules to impeach those who miss may be implemented.

5. **Board Action:**

- 5.1. **Accept Staff Resignations:**
 - 5.1.1. Susana Berdecio – Elementary Science Specialist
 - 5.1.2. Rebecca Neil – Washington Elementary
 - 5.1.3. Stephanie Bieber – Hamilton High School

5.1.4. Susan Schlechten – Kindergarten Teacher – at end of school year.

Mrs. LaSalle moved to accept the resignations of the individuals listed in 5.1.1. and 5.1.4. Mrs. Gantt seconded. Mrs. Schlechten was present and thanked for her years of service to the district. Her request for severance pay was noted. Tokens of appreciation were also discussed. The Board then voted in favor of the motion 7-0.

5.2. Recommendation to Hire or Offer Contracts:

- 5.2.1. Margie Blair – High School Responsibility Room Monitor
- 5.2.2. Kimberly Savage – Paraprofessional – Washington Elementary
- 5.2.3. Cindy Larot – Food Service
- 5.2.4. Aurora Star Adams – Paraprofessional / Washington
- 5.2.5. Dawn Marie Thelen – Paraprofessional / Washington
- 5.2.6. Laura Wilham – Title 1 Tutorial Instructor / High School

Mrs. Gantt moved to hire or offer contracts to the individuals listed in 5.2.1. to 5.2.6. Mr. Hallett seconded. It was noted that the individuals being hired were all replacements for people who had left their positions, except for one which would be paid by the Darby School District, as the student is attending the preschool. The Board then voted in favor of the motion by a vote of 7-0.

5.3. Recommendation to Hire or Offer Contracts-High School Activities:

- 5.3.1. Talitha Hallock – Assistant Speech/Debate/Drama Coach
- 5.3.2. Chad Williams – Assistant Wrestling Coach

Mrs. Gantt moved to hire or offer contracts to the individuals listed in 5.3.1. and 5.3.2. Mr. Pool seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

5.4. Recommendation to Hire or Offer Contracts – Middle School Activities:

- 5.4.1. Boys' Basketball – Kevin Conwell; John Stromberg; Tom Anderson
- 5.4.2. Girls' Basketball – Kevin Conwell; John Stromberg; Tom Anderson
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Mrs. LaSalle moved to hire or offer contracts to the individuals listed in 5.4.1. through 5.4.10. Mr. Pool seconded. It was noted that the high school coaches were involved with the hiring process. The wrestling coach position is still open at this time. The Board then voted in favor of the motion by a vote of 7-0.

5.5. 2007-2008/2008-2009/2009-2010 Drivers' Education Fees and Salaries:

The Board discussed the drivers' education projections through the 2009/2010 school year. These projections included proposed fee increases, salary increases, and estimated expenditures. Area school districts were surveyed as to their fees also. A scholarship program to provide fees for students who are not able to pay was discussed. Also discussed were applying to the Greater Ravalli Foundation or the Rap Foundation for funds for the scholarship program. Mr. Conwell was directed to work with Mr. Turner and Mr. Holland on the scholarship program and report back to the Board. Also discussed was charging more for students who live out of the district.

Mr. Moerkerke moved to set the student fee price of \$215.00 for the school years 2007-2008, 2008-2009, and 2009-2010. Mr. Pool seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Moerkerke moved to approve the 4.5% increase in salaries as presented. Mr. Pool seconded. It was questioned as to how this increase compared to the certified staff increases as per the negotiated agreement. It was noted that the drivers' education increase was negotiated by Dr. Matt and those figures were not available at the meeting. The Board then voted in favor of the motion 7-0.

5.6. High School Choir Request for Approval of Trip to New York – March, 2008:

Mr. Conwell stated that Ms. Leonardi was not able to attend the meeting, but had requested their permission to have the choir students travel to New York on March 27th - 31st. The choir had been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall. The approximate cost is \$1,500.00 and 56 students have expressed an interest in going.

Mr. Hallett moved to approve the proposed choir trip to New York City. Mrs. Gantt seconded. Questions were asked concerning scholarships and the number of chaperons. The Board then voted in favor of motion by a vote of 7-0.

6. Policy / Curriculum:

- 6.1. Literature Curriculum – First Reading
- 6.2. Media Literacy Curriculum – First Reading
- 6.3. Reading Curriculum – First Reading

The Board held a First Reading on the curriculum and were asked to bring their copies for further review at the November Board Meeting.

7. Discussion and possible action:

7.1. Building and Grounds Committee – Mr. Moerkerke reported on the following: The committee is preparing for the community forum at the end of the month. The committee will meet on October 16th and 23rd for more preparations. County Impact fees were discussed. This item will be discussed in more depth later in the meeting.

7.2. School Wellness Committee – Mrs. Gantt reported on the following:
The vending machines are being changed to meet the standards as provided in the national agreement. Further meetings of this committee will be postponed until after the community forum.

7.3. Impact Fees – Mrs. Gantt reported on the following:
Mr. John Meakin, with the county-wide Impact Fee Advisory Board, was present at the Building and Grounds Committee meeting and discussed the process and recommended that if the school wants to participate, it must act quickly. The process takes approximately six months and the district must complete a study. Florence-Carlton and Corvallis have completed the study and it cost approximately \$25,000.00. There were some questions as some of the Hamilton School district is in the city and some in the county. Mr. Pool stated that there are or will be city and county fees and there has been a slow down in development. He questioned the impact this may have on any future levies. A request for proposal was discussed.

Mr. Hallett moved to start the process of a financial impact fee study. Mrs. Gantt seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

8. Building Reports:

High School - Mr. Conwell reported on the following:

- a. There are approximately 569 students enrolled at the High School. Mr. Conwell stated due to the new tardy policy, there has been a drastic decrease in the number of students who are reported as late. The fall sports teams have done extremely well this year. The Golf team was state champions; the football and soccer teams are headed for the play-offs; and the volleyball team is doing well.

Middle School - Mrs. Solomon reported on the following:

- a. Mrs. Solomon reported on a very successful pep assembly. A t-shirt machine was purchased to help with fund raising. The students are getting ready for pumpkin carving and a food drive.

Grantsdale Elementary School – Mrs. Kathleen Dent reported on the following:

- a. There are 87 students enrolled at Grantsdale. A bear cub called the playground at Grantsdale home for several days. Terri Fisk prepared a spaghetti dinner. MAP testing will be starting soon. A parent advisory board is being started. The Indian Education for All committee is meeting on Thursday. The Staff Development committee needed a representative from the Board and Mrs. Holley volunteered for that position.

Daly Elementary School – Dr. Kelly Benson reported on the following:

- a. Walk to school was well attended. A “Love and Logic” training session is being held. The open house went well and the book fair had a large turnout.

Washington Elementary School – Mr. Brad Henson reported on the following:

- a. There are 232 students enrolled in Washington. The open house had a large number of parents that attended. The first “Frog of the Month” assembly was held. The Kiwanis are sponsoring swimming for first graders.

9. Superintendent's Report / Information :

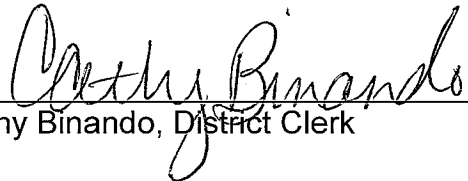
- 9.1. Enrollment – On the official count date of October 1, 2007, there were 1616 students enrolled at the Hamilton School District.
- 9.2. Adequate Yearly Progress (A.Y.P.) – Mr. Santee handed out information on what the district and State must do in the second year when A.Y.P. is not met.
- 9.3. MCEL – Great Falls – October 17-19: It was noted that anyone who would like to attend the Montana Conference of Educational Leadership should contact Ms. Binando.
- 9.4. Other: None.

10. Adjourn – Mr. Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Approved:



Al Mitchell, Board Chair



Cathy Binando, District Clerk