

HARNEY ESD BOARD OF DIRECTORS/BURNS-HINES DISTRICT#3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING
APRIL 20, 2011

HARNEY ESD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Present: Connie Barber, Chair
Pete Merritt, Vice Chair
Daniel Brown, Director
Charles Schmidt, Director
Richard Jenkins, Director

Absent: Robin Cramer, Director
Charles Duntun, Director

Also Present: Dennis B. Mills, Superintendent
Kaeko Blackburn, Business Mgr.
Barbara Buchanan, Asst Business Mgr.

DISTRICT #3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Present: Steve Bull, Chair
Dave Calkins, Vice Chair
Ralph Dickerson, Director
Doug Gunderson, Director
Lori Cheek, Director

Also Present: Robert Sari, Superintendent
Petrina White, Business Mgr.
Kim Dougherty, Administrative Asst.

1. Harney ESD Chair, Connie Barber called the Special Joint meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Harney ESD Administrative Office at 779 West Fillmore. CALL TO ORDER
2. Harney ESD Superintendent Dennis Mills welcomed the many visitors from the community and staff from both Harney ESD and Burns-Hines District #3. VISITORS/STAFF
3. Burns-Hines School District #3 Board of Directors wanted to discuss the possibility of partnering with HESD to alleviate the effects of the education budget shortfalls. Some of the services being considered for partnership were superintendent, special education and fiscal oversight. Superintendent Mills stated that HESD was willing to help all of the component schools. HESD would need to know exactly what District #3 wants the ESD to do and how the District is planning to take care of all the problems facing them. It is necessary to get the community and staff involved because it is going to take everyone to make the necessary changes needed to overcome the district's budgetary challenges. DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

Several District #3 Board members stated that the direction of the board was changing in a way that would include leadership, openness and accountability. The board is working on making changes that will earn the trust of the staff and community. We are hoping that HESD will help the district meet these challenges.

Pat Sharp, Superintendent of Crane Schools stated that she was concerned about HESD providing the services even on a contracted basis because she did not want to see services cut to the other component schools. The education budget cuts are affecting all schools. She added that she commends HESD for being fiscally responsible and having a balanced budget without reducing services to the schools.

Connie Barber stated that the HESD Board is willing to see how we can help District #3. Any services provided will need to be contracted

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because HESD does not have the money to provide it for free. Dick Jenkins stated that HESD is a service organization and agreed that HESD would help on a contractual basis as long as it did not interrupt the services HESD is currently providing.

It was decided that Superintendents Mills and Sari would discuss how Harney ESD could best help District #3 and then submit the ideas to both boards for consideration.

4. With no further questions or discussion, Connie Barber adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

Connie Barber, HESD Chair