

HARNEY ESD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2011

Present: Connie Barber, Chair
Robin Cramer, Director
Charles Dunten, Director
Pete Merritt, Vice Chair
Daniel Brown, Director
Charles Schmidt, Director

Also Present: Dennis B. Mills, Superintendent
Kaeko Blackburn, Business Manager
Barbara Buchanan, Assistant Business Manager

Absent: Richard Jenkins, Director

1. Connie Barber called the December meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Harney ESD Administrative Office at 779 West Fillmore. CALL TO ORDER
2. Minutes for the November Board meeting were presented for review. Charles Dunten made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Pete Merritt seconded and the motion carried. MINUTES
3. The fund balance report for December 14th was presented. The report showed an All Funds total of \$1,087,088. Kaeko stated that a new column showing the amount encumbered has been added to this month's report. The figures continue to be on target for this time of year. FINANCIAL REPORT
4. December disbursements in the amount of \$80,238.56 were presented for review. Kaeko noted that the \$8,076.44 payment to Scotchman's Heating was for replacement of a heat pump located at the Regional Services Center. The payments to Harney County School Districts #3 and #UH1J were for 2011-2012 Voc/Ag support, \$16,000 and \$4,000 respectfully. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Pete Merritt seconded and the motion passed unanimously. DISBURSEMENTS
5. Visitors: VISITORS/STAFF
State Senator Ted Ferrioli
Dr. Marilyn McBride, HC School District #3 (Burns/Hines) Superintendent
Gail Buermann, HC School Districts #4 and #UH1J (Crane) Superintendent
Jim Bentz, HC School District #5 (Pine Creek) Board Member

Staff:
Donna Schnitker, Early Childhood Director
Gail Faulhaber, Instructional Support Director
Rod Bennett, Technology Director
6. Pine Creek Elementary School Board Member, Jim Bentz attended in order to ask questions on behalf of the school board. Questions concerning textbook adoption, professional development credit certificates and IT service were answered by Gail Faulhaber and Rod Bennett. Jim Bentz thanked everyone for their help. LATE ITEM/QUESTIONS FROM PINE CREEK
7. State Senator Ted Ferrioli reported, that legislative days will be held in January prior to the new legislative session in February. He stated that the constitutional objective is to have a balanced budget, but at this time there is a shortfall. The budget will need to be reduced a minimum of 3% and up to a maximum of 10%. All agencies will receive funding reductions in the second year of the biennium. Senator Ferrioli stated that there was a movement in the legislature to eliminate the additional funding calculations for boarding schools and rural and remote schools. This funding is now added outside the education funding formula. The LATE ITEM/STATE SENATOR TED FERRIOLI

elimination of this funding stream would greatly reduce the amount of money received by our small schools. The Senator stated that a plan was needed to continue to fund our schools within the funding formula. Senator Ferrioli is soliciting your ideas and comments on ways to remedy this potential funding shortfall.

8. Superintendent Mills introduced the 2012-2013 Local Service Plan. He read the letter that will be sent to all component school districts with the Local Service Plan. Kaeko led a discussion of the plan and highlighted the suggested changes. One school district suggested that HESD no longer provide GED Testing as a resolution service. After a brief discussion, HESD will look into the possibility of making the program self sufficient. Normally HESD pays for half the T1 lines for the rural schools, but now it seems that it would be cheaper for the schools to get a point to point connection from CenturyLink. After a brief discussion, it was decided to delete paying for the T1 lines from the Local Service Plan. In the past HESD has paid for Data Warehouse membership for all of the component school districts. Since there is no longer a consortium, the price could rise drastically in future years. The idea of capping future expenditures for membership was discussed. Pete Merritt made a motion to cap future data warehouse membership at \$4.00 per ADM. Charles Dunten seconded and the motion passed. After further discussion of the Local Service Plan changes, Dan Brown made a motion to table approval of the 2012-2013 Local Service Plan until the January 11th HESD Board Meeting, which will give the board more time to review the plan. Charles Schmidt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

LOCAL SERVICE PLAN

9. Kaeko explained that HESD will be assigning board members email addresses to be posted on the HESD website and other websites in order to allow patrons to contact a HESD Board Member. Board Members were reminded that they should not respond by using the reply all button because if other board members have been addressed in the same e-mail this could possibly create a quorum.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR THE BOARD/MOE LETTER

Kaeko also shared the letter written to the Rural School Boards about the repayment of MOE to the state on their behalf. The letter shows how the fees were cost allocated using ADMw figures. It also addresses that this was a one-time repayment by HESD and that any further repayments will be the responsibility of the individual school districts.

10. Gail Faulhaber presented the Instructional Support report. Gail stated that OAKS testing support was continuing. This year the State allowed students to test only once before January 1st 2012. The demand for testing and support will increase after the new year.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Dr. Feldman visited Harney County on December 7th to work with Harney County teachers. He conducted observations at Hines Middle School. In the afternoon, Dr. Feldman presented a workshop for all teachers and educational assistants from Harney County. Dr. Feldman is scheduled to return in March and will be on-site at the Crane Schools. The Sustainability Grant continues to sponsor Dr. Feldman's visits.

Rod Bennett presented the Technology report. Rod stated that he is starting the bid process for e-rate contracts. He stated that they installed wireless into BHS for use with Telepractice. If it continues to work well it

will be expanded to other schools. Rod stated that he has begun discussion with a company for licensed bandwidth in Harney County.

Donna Schnitker presented the Early Childhood report. Donna stated that the monthly monitoring reports were in the board packets and everything is currently on track.

Donna reported that Oregon Head Start has contracted with an ad agency to do a statewide advertising blitz to increase awareness of the Head Start programs. She also stated that Head Start has asked Oregon to slow down the process of making changes to the early childhood education programs. More research needs to be completed before the entire system is reorganized.

11. Superintendent Mills stated that Senate Bill 253 (SB 253) addresses Oregon's 40/40/20 goal. It states that by 2025, 40% of adults will have earned a bachelor's degree or higher, 40% will have earned an associate's degree or post secondary credential, and the remaining 20% or less will have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Mills stated that SB 909 created the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB). Superintendent Mills shared the Oregon Education Investment Board's draft report which outlines changes to the Oregon Education System. The plan consists of three key strategies: 1) Create a coordinated public education system, 2) Focus state investment on achieving student outcomes, 3) Build statewide support systems.

Work has begun to meet the new state goals. Superintendent Mills will keep the board informed as the state continues with these education reforms.

12. With no further business Chair Connie Barber adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Connie Barber, Chair