

HARNEY ESD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2011

Present: Connie Barber, Chair
Robin Cramer, Director
Daniel Brown, Director
Charles Schmidt, Director
Charles Dunten, Director
Richard Jenkins, Director

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

Absent: Pete Merritt, Vice Chair

1. Connie Barber called the May meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. at the Harney ESD Administrative Office at 779 West Fillmore. CALL TO ORDER
2. Minutes for the April Board meeting, the April Budget meeting and the April Special Joint meeting were presented for review. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve all the minutes as presented, Dan Brown seconded and the motion carried. MINUTES
3. The fund balance report for May 9th was presented. The report showed an All Funds total of \$1,146,084. FINANCIAL REPORT
4. May disbursements in the amount of \$94,219.38 were presented for review. Charles Dunten made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Dick Jenkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously. DISBURSEMENTS
5. Connie Barber opened the Budget Hearing at 1:40 p.m. BUDGET HEARING OPENED
6. Visitors: VISITORS/STAFF
Pat Sharp, Crane Schools Superintendent

Staff:
Gail Faulhaber, Instructional Support Director
Rod Bennett, Eastern Oregon Technology Director
7. An appropriation resolution was presented for review for the following grants in accordance with ORS 294.326 {3}: APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

Great Start/Healthy Start@\$81,341
8. Gail Faulhaber presented the Instructional Support report. She stated that the consortia of High Desert, Jefferson, Lake and Harney ESDs have begun planning next year's professional development sessions with Dr. Kevin Feldman. The format will be similar to this year. Each ESD area will have 2 days of on-site visits from Dr. Feldman. The series will start on August 9th at Eagle Crest in Redmond. PROGRAM REPORTS

OAKS Assessment testing ends on May 23rd, therefore time has been spent on testing support to the districts. Gail stated that she has not looked closely at the results, but has noticed that writing scores are still not where they need to be. She was asked what the reason for these scores could be. It might be due to the lack of implementation of writing programs in the classroom. Pat Sharp added that the conventions scores (spelling, punctuation, etc.) are consistently the lowest and they are double counted. This year's math tests included the new math standards, new cut scores and the percentage of students that must meet was raised to 70%.

Gail stated that these factors may impact the math passing rate.

Rod Bennett presented the Technology report. He stated that he would be attending the StRUT conference on the 13th. The program is experiencing some problems with management. If the state decides to change or eliminate the StRUT Program it could be detrimental to Harney School District #3's computer budget.

Rural schools have been contacting EOT for School Master trainings. Rod stated that the school district is responsible to provide the training to their staff. He is helping them locate trainings that are scheduled to be given in Boise and Portland.

New help desk software has been purchased. It allows remote and virtual help. The number of wireless customers has declined due to customers moving from the area. The dial-up internet service needs to be upgraded. It is not cost effective to upgrade because there are only about 15 customers on the system and it currently operates in the red. EOT has made a decision to discontinue the dial up service as of July 1, 2011.

9. Connie Barber closed the budget hearing at 2:40 p.m. No comments were received. BUDGET HEARING CLOSED

10. Superintendent Mills stated that he was acting as interim superintendent for Harney School District #3. He stated that he would continue until June 30th. Superintendent Mills reported that he worked with the HCSD#3 administrators on the budget. After several days of work sessions, the budget document was balanced and ready for the budget meeting. He also stated that the district continues to lose ADM and therefore more cuts to the budget will need to be made. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Harney ESD Board of Directors would like a Memorandum of Understanding from HCSD#3 stating that Superintendent Mills would complete the interim position on June 30th. They also wanted Superintendent Mills to find out if he is covered under HCSD#3's insurance policy. The board felt that HESD should help the school district, but that the district needs to be moved in the direction of new leadership.

Pat Sharp stated that it was great that HESD has stepped up to help HCSD#3 in their crisis.

11. With no further business Chair Connie Barber adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

Connie Barber, Chair