

HARNEY ESD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
 NOVEMBER 9, 2011

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

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

1. Connie Barber called the November 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 September Board meeting were presented for review. Dan Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Charles Schmidt seconded and the motion carried. MINUTES

3. The fund balance report for November 9th was presented. The report showed an All Funds total of \$534,603. Kaeko stated that the auditors asked to have a new column included showing the percentage of the budget remaining. It shows that 74% of the general fund budget is remaining. The remaining percentage is where it should be for this time of year, so the budget is on target. FINANCIAL REPORT

4. October disbursements in the amount of \$74,754.03 and November disbursements of \$28,755.11 were presented for review. Kaeko pointed out the payment to Oregon Department of Education for \$9,397.70. This was a repayment of Maintenance of Effort (MOE) made on behalf of the rural school districts. The rural school consortium did not make MOE in 2005-2006 and therefore repayment was necessary. There was a discussion of how Special Education Maintenance of Effort is determined and how it affects the districts. Robin Cramer stated that a letter needed to be written to the rural schools to let them know that HESD will not continue to pay in the future. Robin Cramer made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Dick Jenkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously. DISBURSEMENTS

5. Visitors: VISITORS/STAFF
 Dr. Marilyn McBride, Harney County School District #3 Superintendent

 Staff:
 Jenell Zamora, Speech Language Director
 Donna Schnitker, Early Childhood Director

6. **An appropriation resolution** was presented for review for the following grants in accordance with ORS 294.326 {3}: APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

Grant/Program	Budget	Actual
Extended Assessment	\$0	\$9,000
Great /Healthy Start	\$53,388	\$70,159
Head Start	\$706,439	\$716,207

Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the resolution. Charles Dunten seconded and the motion carried.

7. The OSBA Election for 2011 included:
OSBA Board Position 4-Lori Theros and LPC Position 4-Steve Lowell
Dick Jenkins made a motion to submit a vote for both Lori Theros and
Steve Lowell. Robin Cramer seconded and the motion carried.

2011 OSBA ELECTION

Also included the following resolutions:

Resolution 1 – Amends constitution to allow OSBA Legislative Policy
Committee to override membership-approved legislative policies and
priorities.

Resolution 2 – Amends the Constitution to allow consecutive terms for
secretary/treasurer.

Dan Brown made a motion to vote no on Resolution 1 and yes on
Resolution 2. Charles Dunten seconded and the motion carried.

8. Jenell Zamora presented the Speech/Language and Telepractice report.
Jenell stated that 87 K-12 and 12 Pre-K students are currently being served
throughout the county. The Speech Department consists of three certified
Speech Language Pathologists (SLPs), one of which is part time and
contracted through The Hello Foundation. We also have two licensed
Speech Language Pathology Assistants (SLPAs).

SPEECH/LANGUAGE AND
TELEPRACTICE REPORT

Last year HESD started using a mixed service delivery model (on-site and
Skype) at Slater with Hello Foundation SLP. This worked very well and
continues this year. Last year when an employee retired, the decision was
made to expand this model to the rural districts. Courtney McMullen is
using the mixed service delivery model at two rural schools and plans to
start at a third in January. The use of Tele-practice is research based and
supported by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA).
It allows rural students to receive consistent services with HESD's limited
personnel and funding. The rural students and teachers love using Skype
and are already seeing the benefits of the Telepractice method. It also
helps the students meet technology standards.

The use of Telepractice is also being used by other agencies we work with.
Central Oregon Regional Programs (CORP), in conjunction with High Desert
ESD will be consulting by using an iPad with Facetime or Skype. This will
allow more access to specialists without the time and expense of traveling
from Bend. Telepractice is a way to deliver services and reduce the cost of
the programs in rural and remote areas of the country.

9. Donna Schnitker presented the Early Childhood report. Donna informed
the board that there are ten children on the waiting list and at the
moment it doesn't look like there will be any openings in the near future.
In order to serve these children ECC has decided to bring back the
preschool by mail program. Sue Herringshaw will work with parents as
needed.

PROGRAM REPORTS

For the last two years HESD/ECC has contracted with HC School District #3
for psychologist services. District #3 no longer has a psychologist;
therefore we had to find someone else to provide mental health services.
We have contracted with Tori Farr, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, who
will visit the center three times a year.

Donna stated that the monthly monitoring report is in your board packet.

Program reports for those not attending are in your board packets.

10. Superintendent Mills informed the HESD Board that we have hired Tim Blount as a new computer technician. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Mills passed around a letter sent to Board Member Dick Jenkins from a Harney ESD Patron. The letter was in support of the ESD and what the ESD does to help the education of the county's students.

Superintendent Mills asked Superintendent McBride if she would like to add anything. Dr. McBride stated that she would like to thank the ESD because they have been essential to the district's transition.

Superintendent Mills also informed the board that the HESD Christmas Party would be December 14th following the board meeting.

11. With no further business Chair Connie Barber adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

Connie Barber, Chair