

HARNEY ESD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2010

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

Absent: Charles Schmidt, Director
Charles Duntun, Director

1. Connie Barber called the October 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. Pete Merritt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Robin Cramer seconded and the motion carried. MINUTES
3. Kaeko Blackburn presented the fund balance report for October 13th which showed an All Funds total of \$911,164. She stated HESD received the Head Start 1st quarter payment; therefore the program is no longer in the negative. Kaeko also stated that all of ECC's ARRA money has been spent. FINANCIAL REPORT
4. October disbursements in the amount of \$83,858.88 were presented for review. Kaeko stated that the \$5,620 payment to The Hello Foundation was for the contracted services of a SLP. Pete Merritt made a motion to approve the disbursements and Dick Jenkins seconded. The motion passed unanimously. DISBURSEMENTS
5. Visitors: VISITORS/STAFF
Bob Sari, Burns/Hines District #3, Superintendent
Staff:
Donna Schnitker, Early Childhood Director
Gail Faulhaber, Instructional Support Director
6. Superintendent Mills presented the following policies for the final reading: POLICIES ADOPTED
 - AC-Nondiscrimination
 - GBA-Equal Employment Opportunity
 - JHFE, JHFE-AR (1), JHFE-AR (2)- Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse
 - JHFF and JHFF-AR- Reporting Requirements Regarding Sexual Conduct with StudentsNo changes or additions were made to the policies. Robin Cramer made a motion to approve these policies as a group and Pete Merritt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Gail Faulhaber gave the Instructional Support report. She stated that she was participating with the Hines Middle School's Leadership Team which was looking at data to find ways to meet AYP.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Gail showed the board a variety of Step-up to Writing resources purchased last Spring with the School Improvement Fund grant. She also stated that HESD would be sponsoring My Access Writing training for new teachers.

Gail said that she had just returned from the second session with Dr. Feldman. She was accompanied by teachers from District #3 and both Crane Districts. Dr Feldman will be working with these Harney County teachers in November and April. All of this training is paid for with funds from the Sustainability Grant.

Donna Schnitker gave the Early Childhood report. She stated that when the State cut programs in June, it was decided to preserve the funding of any programs with 100 or less students. As of now EI/ECSE was to be held harmless. Funding for the Great Start and Healthy Start programs has been cut. It was expected that Harney County Commission on Children and Families would backfill the shortfalls.

Donna reported that notification of when the Federal Review would take place will happen in one of two ways, either a 30 day notice will be received or the review team will just drop into the center. Donna stated that they were continuing to upload review documents to the web site.

Kaeko mentioned that Donna renegotiated the ECC contract with the Department of Human Services which included an increase in the fee for service portion.

Superintendent Mills mentioned that Pine Creek School has reopened and they asked EOT for a 56K line, but now they may need a T1 line in order to do computerized state testing.

8. Superintendent Mills stated that the OSBA Fall Regional meeting was held at Harney ESD on October 11th. Dan Brown stated that it gave Harney and Grant Counties an opportunity to remind officials from the OSBA that our schools are different from those on the Westside of the state. It also gave us the chance to be a strong advocate for education in Harney County. He stated that some of the issues that were offered during the small group break-out sessions were the need to continue to offer trade education classes and changing the funding formula, so there would be more equity to all schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Mills stated that the subject of consolidation and mergers came up at the meeting. OSBA representatives stated that they have always been against forced mergers.

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Superintendents Mills and Sari discussed with the board how the Central Oregon Education Legislative Platform and the Governor's Reset agenda recommend implementing many of the same changes.

Some are as follows:

- there should be a minimum list of "shared services" that ESD's must provide to component school districts
- reorganization of the current ESD system to a lesser number of regional service providers
- statewide virtual charter education
- funding support for post secondary education
- statewide collective bargaining

Superintendent Mills stated that many laws and rules would need to be changed or revised before any of these recommendations could be implemented. Superintendent Mills said that he would be attending the OAESD meeting on October 14th and the Off the Record Meeting for superintendents on Friday, the 15th. These issues would be on the agendas of both meetings. He asked the board how they would like him to proceed. The consensus of the board was that they would like the jobs and money to stay in Harney County and not have forced consolidations. Superintendent Mills stated that he would keep them informed as the process continues to move forward.

Superintendent Mills shared the first newspaper article with the board and stated that it would be sent the Burns Times Herald to be published in the near future.

9. With no further business Chair Connie Barber adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

Connie Barber, Chair