

Honey Creek Community School
Minutes of September 24, 2008 Board of Trustees Meeting
Call To Order: 6:22pm by President John Stahly
Recording Secretary: Karen Giltrow

Board Members Present: Carol Borgeson, Simona Goldin, Will Hathaway (arrived at 6:30p.m.), Jeff Prenevost, and John Stahly.

Staff and Community Members Present: Al Waters, Shellee Almquist, Stephanie Boling, Sue Hofbauer Huczek, Karen Giltrow, Connie Schenk, Jacob Schenk, and Linda Knox.

Minutes: Carol Borgeson moved, supported by Simona Goldin, to approve the August 20, 2008 board minutes as written. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

Board Spotlight: Al Waters gave a slide presentation to the board on the new Curriculum Mapping project.

Public Participation: President John Stahly welcomed Connie and Jacob Schenk to the meeting.

Financial Report: Written report in board packet. Shellee Almquist noted there were 189 students present on count day September 24, 2008, and that we were budgeted for 199 students. It was also reported that Al Waters and Shellee Almquist will meet with Yeo & Yeo on September 23, 2008 regarding the upcoming preliminary audit in October. Will Hathaway moved, supported by Carol Borgeson, to approve the August 2008 Financial Report. **Motion was approved by all board members present.** Simona Goldin moved, supported by Will Hathaway, to approve the August 2008 payment of bills. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

Finance Committee Report: Jeff Prenevost reported the finance committee met today, September 24, 2008 and discussed Quickbooks features and limitations and also requested to have the annual budget broken into monthly budget numbers for the October board meeting. A discussion followed.

Faculty Liaison: Stephanie Boling noted the start of the school year was the smoothest start ever. The need for a faculty liaison was discussed, and Stephanie Boling noted teachers should have a representative at board meetings to give teachers feedback from a teacher's perspective. It was also reported that the faculty was pleased with the revised healthcare options offered.

School-Age Programs: Written report handed out to the board. Sue Hofbauer Huczek updated the board on the history of the School-Age Programs and requested input from the board for the Summer Camp Survey.

Academic Service Learning: Written report handed out to the board.

PTO Report: Linda Knox, PTO Co-chair gave a handout to the board and reported on the recent activity of the PTO.

Director's Report: A handout was distributed to the board. Al Waters reported on the following: Music/Band teacher, Angela Biedenbender's last day will be October 3, 2008 due to her acceptance of a full time position at another school, the Culture/Climate committee met today and reviewed goals previously put in place, most of the Honey Creek staff participated in the Non-Violent Physical Crisis Intervention training on September 19, 2008, the need for a transition policy for students with special needs, the preliminary meeting for Honey Creek's charter renewal on September 17, 2008, two health insurance plan options have been identified through Humana Health Care. A discussion followed.

Old Business: John Stahly distributed a draft of the Director's evaluation to the board and opened up the floor for discussion and comments. A brief discussion followed. Jeff Prenevost moved, supported by Will Hathaway, to approve the Director's evaluation as amended. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

New Business: John Stahly distributed a draft of the 2008-2009 Director's goals to the board. A discussion followed. The board will receive a revised draft of the Director's goals at the October 7, 2008 Board Retreat with a plan to approve the Director's goals at the October 22, 2008 board meeting. John Stahly recommends to move the 1st draft of the Director's goals to July on the board calendar.

Other Items of Business by Consensus of the Board: None

Board Kudos:

- To Ben and Fifi Fortson, Salli Kropp, all the students in A9, and all the Honey Creek students and families who supported the Pennies for Peace drive at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.
- To Shellee Almquist for all her work on the annual audit.
- To Al Waters for bringing the entire staff together as a cohesive unit for school development particularly in the area of culture and climate.
- To Anne Dimitry for bringing in school supplies.
- To Kelly Krawcke for her leadership with the room parents.
- To Kim Smith for helping out in the Honey Creek office.
- To the administration and the PTO for all their work to get the year off to an excellent start.

Preparation for Board Communications: Will Hathaway will prepare the board communications for the community.

Public Participation: None

Adjournment: Jeff Prenevost moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.