

**Honey Creek Community School**  
**Minutes of April 21, 2010 Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Call To Order:** 6:20p.m. by President John Stahly  
**Recording Secretary:** Karen Giltrow

**Board Members Present:** Carol Borgeson, Simona Goldin, Scott Mahler, Jeff Prenevost, Libby Sheldon, and John Stahly.

**Staff and Community Members Present:** Al Waters, Shellee Almquist, Sue Hofbauer, Karen Giltrow, Victoria Bennett, Brian Hockley, Linda Knox, and Joan Sitomer.

**Board Spotlight:** Three of the four board candidate nominees introduced themselves to the board. Victoria Bennett, Brian Hockley and Linda Knox. Board nominee Pat Conlin was not present.

**Consent Agenda:** Jeff Prenevost moved, supported by Carol Borgeson to approve the consent agenda as amended. **Motion was approved by all board members present.** Shellee Almquist noted the Schuster family donated a Honey Creek STEM Fair banner to the school.

**Public Participation:** None

**Financial Committee Report:** Jeff Prenevost led a discussion on next year's different budget scenarios and recommended researching the cost of different financial software programs before voting on the final budget.

**Faculty Liaison:** No report.

**School Age Programs:** Written report in board packet.

**Academic Service-Learning:** Written report in board packet. Sue Hofbauer announced the Earth Day Assembly and Earth Day activities were amazing.

**PTO Report:** PTO representative Joan Sitomer reported the PTO is currently working on the final touches for the April 30, 2010 STEM Fair, scheduling strategic planning community forums, and on recruiting replacements for the current PTO Co-Chairs.

**Director's Report:** Written report in board packet. Al Waters presented his report on the following:

- Invited to join the Calhoun ISD Consortium Data Direct Initiative that would provide teachers with real access to student data at the classroom level, and provide professional development and improve student achievement.
- The second Race to the Top application is underway and the Memorandum of Understanding must be submitted to the ISD by May 20, 2010. A Special Board meeting will be scheduled to sign the MOU and to decide on the hiring of a strategic planning consultant.

- Interviews are currently taking place for the K-1 teacher position. The final candidates will be asked to teach a lesson in the K-1 classroom. A decision is expected by May 7, 2010.
- Federal government has redefined how fund balances will be reported. Portions of the fund balance will be classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned.

### **Old Business:**

#### Strategic Planning

Al Waters, John Stahly, Simona Goldin and Scott Mahler will meet next week to review the three strategic planning proposals that were submitted. Simona Goldin noted they are looking for a plan that can be successfully implemented, and for a consultant who respects and understands Honey Creek. A final decision is expected mid May.

#### Board Elections

Libby Sheldon announced the board candidate nomination forms and resumes will be posted next week for the community to view, and all the plans are in place for the board elections on May 19, 2010 during the Spring Performance. Carol Borgeson and Libby Sheldon will oversee the board elections.

#### Board Role in Fundraising

Al Waters suggested Simona Goldin wait until the strategic planning process is more clearly defined, before moving ahead on a fundraising policy.

### **New Business:**

#### Review Next Year's Budget

Written report in board packet. Shellee Almquist presented the budget and noted the amount of funding from the state is still uncertain. A discussion followed.

#### Review Next Year's Calendar

2<sup>nd</sup> Draft of next year's calendar included in board packet. Shellee Almquist reviewed the calendar with the board and noted the date of the mid-winter break on draft needs to be changed to February 21, 2010 (not Feb 17, 2010 as shown on draft).

### **Other Items of Business:**

Carol Borgeson encouraged the board to consider attending MAPSA's National Charter School Conference in Chicago June 25<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Kudos:**

- To Deb Lentz and Christine Billick for heading up the amazing Earth Day Assembly and Activities, and all of the volunteers who helped make it a success.
- To Melissa Jordan for creating a banner for the Honey Creek After School Program.
- To the Schuster family for donating the Honey Creek Vision Statement banner.

- To the following people for running successful after school clubs this winter: Kristin Vespa, Debi Bailey, and Jeannie Crayne for volleyball; Jeannie Crayne for Creative Movement and Theater; Shannon Davis, Dashaun Young, and Kristin Vespa for basketball.
- To Libby Sheldon and Carol Borgeson for updating the board candidate qualifications.

**Preparation of Board Communication:**

Libby Sheldon will provide a summary of the board meeting for the Honey Bunches of Notes Newsletter.

**Public Participation:** None

**Adjournment:** Carol Borgeson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50p.m.

**Board Attendance:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
C. Borgeson	9	1 (July 09)
S. Goldin	10	0
S. Mahler	10	0
W. Millette	7	3 (July 09, August 09, April 10)
J. Prenevost	8	2 (August 09, December 09)
L. Sheldon	9	1
J. Stahly	10	0