

Board Minutes
June 20, 2018 at 5:30pm

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present: Bryan Cole, Bridgette Carr, Matthias Kirch, Melanie Hagen, Andy Sheibar, Megan Masson-Minock, Al Waters, Shellee Almquist, Victoria Bennett 5:38pm, Wayne Millette 5:50pm
 - b. Community Members Present: Marry Bassett, Liz Scott, Cheryl Quinn, Jennifer Crayne, Johnny Thompson, Sue Hofbauer
 - c. Not Present: Barnaby Pung
3. Public Participation
 - a. None
4. 2nd Reading of 2018/2019 Calendar
 - a. Run/Walk-a-thon and Talent Show dates added. Al Waters noted that they were in the process of adding 35 hours of professional development at the request of teachers.
 - b. Bryan Cole recommended adding an additional organizational meeting on July 11, 2018 at 5:30pm.
 - c. Motion to accept the amended 2018/2019 calendar by Bridgette Carr, seconded by Melanie Hagen by roll call vote: Victoria Bennett yes, Melanie Hagen yes, Bryan Cole yes, Bridgette Carr yes, Andy Sheibar yes, Matthias Kirch yes, Megan Masson-Minock yes. Motion passed 7:0
5. 2nd Reading of 2017/2018 Budget
 - a. Shellee Almquist noted the following changes to the 2017/2018 budget: \$30,000 donation from the Foundation re-added, edited the policy book amount, Assistant Principal position/benefits cost removed, music lessons cost reduced. Fund balance is at \$290,000.00 or 9.2%. Additional budget lines were added previously for environmental investigation costs.
 - b. Motion to accept 2017/2018 budget as presented by Victoria Bennett, seconded by Bryan Cole by roll call vote: Victoria Bennett yes, Melanie Hagen yes, Bryan Cole yes, Bridgette Carr yes, Andy Sheibar yes, Matthias Kirch yes, and Megan Masson-Minock yes. Motion passed 7:0
6. 2nd Reading of 2018/2019 Budget
 - a. Bridgette Carr and Bryan Cole presented a data table for possible budget deductions. Bridgette Carr thanked teachers for their willingness to participate and understanding budget realities. Discussion followed.
 - b. After careful consideration, the board chose to advance the following budget cut options:
 - i. Increase student body to a total of 260, or 12 additional students .
 - ii. Eliminate non-special education instructional assistants.
 - iii. Remove \$7,500 from miscellaneous spending

- c. No vote was held. Agenda item was tabled until the June 27, 2018 board meeting.
- 7. 2nd Reading of Uniform Grant Guidance Policies
 - a. The policies were reviewed, discussion followed.
 - b. Motion to adopt the policies of the WISD by Bryan Cole, seconded by Wayne Millette Victoria Bennett yes, Melanie Hagen yes, Bryan Cole yes, Bridgette Carr yes, Andy Sheibar yes, Matthias Kirch yes, Megan Masson-Minock yes, Wayne Millette yes. Motion passed 8:0
- 8. Board Kudos
 - a. Students, staff, administration, and the Honey Creek community for a fantastic school year. Those who organized 8th grade graduation, dance and reception. Middle schoolers who put together the mystery dinner. Teachers for the email about moving forward and healing.
- 9. Preparations for Board Communications
 - a. Letter concerning updates on budget for the 2018/2019 school year.
- 10. Public Participation
 - a. Abby Adams - Glad to see that the bylaws will finally be updated. Aging administration in addition to aging teacher staff costs extra money.
 - b. Ashley Walton - Thought it was helpful to see the budget explained, feels that cutting specials won't be good for the students.
 - c. Nicole Garcia - Small class sizes are part of what makes Honey Creek so special.
 - d. Sue Hofbauer - Supports the cuts that the board has to make. Also noted that sending kids to summer camp directly benefits Honey Creek as any surplus revenue is donated back to the school.
 - e. Justin Adams - Supports the board's decision on budget cuts. Feels that current budget situation is due to lack of strong leadership.
 - f. Sarah Britnall - Thanked board for all the hard work that they do, supports the suggested budget cuts, supports teachers.
 - g. Cheryl Quinn - Thanked everyone for their support. Believes that it is important to have a clear chain of command and proper procedures to follow.
 - h. Troy Milkey - Came to the meeting to have a better understanding of what is going on, curious about sources of revenue. Doesn't understand how communication between board and the community works.
 - i. Liz Scott - Thanked the board for carefully considering all budget options and weighing the pros and cons of each.
 - j. Johnny Thompson - Thanked the board, administration, and the community members who came and participated. There are several ways that the board communicates with the community, people aren't engaging.
- 11. Board Comments
 - a. The estimated revenue of \$75,000 for adding 12 new students is a gross figure however it is the best current estimate.

- b. Budget shortages in education is a reality for most areas across the country, this is not unique to Honey Creek.
- c. There are several sources of communication from the board to the community that are already in place, seek them out to be informed.

12. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm