

Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2011
7:23 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Fred Huddlestun at 7:23 p.m. on April 18, 2011, in the offices of the Board of Education. Members physically present at roll call: Anthony Richards, Mike Knepper, Gordon Millsap, Fred Huddlestun, Melinda Barthelme, Holly Farley, and Mindy Street. Members absent: None.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Holly Farley, to adopt the corrected agenda as presented. Ayes: Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Several guests and honorees were in attendance at the meeting. There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Holly Farley, second by Fred Huddlestun to approve items on the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Fred then asked for positive news.

Michael Carr was honored as an IESA Scholar Attitude Award winner.

Anthea Zumbahlen was honored as a Golden Apple Award finalist.

Erin Schackmann and Logan Andrews were honored as Golden Apple Scholar Winners.

Nikki Schackmann and Ryan Meinhart were honored for being chosen to attend the Youth to Washington event.

High School administration announced that the seniors' last academic day will be Monday, May 16, with the remaining days to be "senior week" pending a successful completion to the school year.

Phil Benefiel, Director of Buildings and Grounds, gave an update on the progress of building renovations. To date, the project is still on schedule and within budget.

An update was given regarding district officials meeting with city officials to cooperatively work toward traffic and parking considerations surrounding the Jr./Sr. High School and Newton Elementary beginning the 2011-12 school year

The Board approved several prime contracts for building renovations.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Anthony Richards to approve the low bid of Grunloh Construction of \$704,000 as the general trades contractor for the Newton Elementary and Jr./Sr. High Building renovations. Ayes: Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Fred Huddlestun to approve the low bid of Boos Plumbing and Heating of \$74,300 as the plumbing contractor for the Jr./Sr. High Building renovations. Ayes: Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Holly Farley to approve the low bid Lanhuser Sheet Metal of \$168,135 as the HVAC contractor for the Newton Elementary and Jr./Sr. High building. Ayes: Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mindy Street, second by Mike Knepper, to approve the low bid of Pals Electric Inc. of \$505,400 as the electrical contractor for the Newton Elementary and Jr./Sr. High Building renovations. Ayes: Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Anthony Richards, second by Holly Farley to approve the issuance of \$2,000,000 in working cash fund bonds and \$100,000 in Health Life Safety Bonds. Ayes: Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dan Cox, Superintendent, recommended approval of the final 2010-2011 school calendar as presented. The last day of school will be May 26, 2011.

Motion by Holly Farley, second by Fred Huddlestun to approve the final 2010-2011 school calendar as presented. Ayes: Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Holly Farley to approve LifeTouch photography as the school photographer. Ayes: Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Anthony Richards to approve the list of surplus items as presented. Ayes: Barthelme, Street, Farley, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Anthony Richards to go into Closed Session for the purposes of The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees; Collective Negotiating Matters; The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; and Student Disciplinary Cases. Ayes: Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Fred Huddlestun to return to open session. Ayes: Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Fred Huddlestun to accept the letter of retirement of Susan Shull effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Ayes: Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Holly Farley, second by Anthony Richards to accept the letter of retirement of Patti Litchfield effective December 31, 2011. Ayes: Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Holly Farley to approve the reclassification of David Parker from the position of principal within the District to assistant principal. Ayes: Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Knepper, second by Mindy Street to approve the contract for sale of Muddy West School to Kent and Julie Probst at the price of \$121,000. Ayes: Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Anthony Richards, second by Fred Huddlestun to approve the resolution authorizing and directing the sale and conveyance of the James Lantern Hill lot. Ayes: Barthelme, Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Gordon Millsap, second by Fred Huddlestun that student 4-18-11A be found to have violated school rules and that he be expelled from Jasper County Community Unit School District No. 1 for eight months beginning April 19, 2011 and ending December 23, 2011. Further moved that the expulsion be stayed and that he be placed on Principal's Probation for that period to be served at Safe School until the end of the 2010-2011 school year and then return to the High School under Principal's Probation. In accordance with the agreement to be signed by the student, his parents, and the administration, violation of Principal's

Probation will result in imposition of expulsion. Ayes: Farley, Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Melinda Barthelme, second by Anthony Richards to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Street, Richards, Knepper, Millsap, Huddlestun, Barthelme, Farley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be Monday May 16, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. in the offices of the Board of Education.