

November 13, 2008
Henrietta, Texas

The Board of Trustees of the Henrietta Independent School District met in a regular meeting November 13, 2008, 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1801 E. Crafton, Henrietta, Texas.

The following members were present: Kelly Beeler, Rex Taylor, Danny Kelton, Billy Johnson, Lanny Evans, Mike Campbell and Paul Bennett

Employees attending: Jeff McClure, Scot Clayton, Kendra Bennett, Gary Parrish, Kristin Lennon, Randy Zamzow and Lori Cochran

The following guests were present: Glenda Ramsey, Kevin Darnell, Phil Major and Pan McKay

011108 The meeting was called to order by Rex Taylor, President of the Board of Trustees.

021108 Invocation was given by Rex Taylor.

031108 There was no one desiring to address the board

041108 Construction Report: After touring the gymnasium, board members were briefed by Glenda Ramsey and Kevin Darnell on the progress of construction projects.

051108 A motion was made by Mike Campbell and seconded by Paul Bennett to locate the baseball/softball complex at a location closer to the bus barn. The motion carried. The vote 7-0.

061108 After discussion, it was the consent of the board to continue the current policy and allow food and drinks in the court area of the new gym.

071108 Kenneth Savell with Birdwell Quinn & Company presented the Audit Report for 2007-2008.

A motion was made by Lanny Evans and seconded by Kelly Beeler to approve the Audit Report for the 2007-2008 school year as presented by Birdwell, Quinn and Company. The motion carried. The vote 7-0.

081108 A motion was made by Kelly Beeler and seconded by Mike Campbell to appoint Jeff McClure as a representative and Scot Clayton as proxy for the Nortex Regional Planning Commission. The motion carried. The vote 7-0.

091108 Administration Report of Student Activities and Events:

091108.1 Elementary Principal – Kendra Bennett handed out a Newsletter to board members. Attendance rate for the elementary is right at 98%. Mrs. Bennett stated that she felt the district

wide breakfast had a direct connection to the attendance rate. 66% of students had perfect attendance. Third grade musical was outstanding. Mrs. Parrish visited all the classrooms and did her drug education lessons during Red Ribbon Week. Math Night had a great turnout with lots of fun activities. HES held their first Veteran's Day Celebration. Approximately thirty Veterans came out and shared their experiences with our students. It was a very positive experience for our students and we would like to continue this program in the future. Mrs. Bennett highlighted the upcoming events. Musicals will be held on the following days: 5th grade – November 20th at 6:30 p.m., 4th Grade on December 11th at 6:30 p.m. and 2nd Grade on December 18th at 6:30 p.m. UIL will be held on December 4th at Nocona. Special thanks were expressed to Gayle Lenart, Freida Gilstrap, Kellie Harris, Kim Laseman and Barbara Pruett for all of their help with the PEIMS submission.

091108.2 Middle School Principal – Mr. McClure presented JH report in the absence of Quana West who was attending basketball games at the JH. The UIL Teams are getting ready for competition. The One Act Play group will perform on Tuesday, November 18th in Holliday. This is our first attempt in several years at One Act Play and we are really excited about the opportunity. The UIL writing competition will be held next Wednesday, November 19th at our campus. The main body of events will be held at Nocona on December 4th. The 8th grade students attended the Veterans Day Assembly at the high school on November 11th. The assembly was very rewarding for all that attended. Our campus was privileged to have two good assemblies this past month. We had an author speak to all grades about the history of raising a Civil War battleship and we had a safe schools assembly that concentrated on the prevention of bullying.

Football and volleyball seasons have ended and all teams were very competitive. We are now playing basketball and tonight are our first games.

091108.3 High School Principal – Gary Parrish reported that the 2nd six weeks just completed and the students are continuing to work very hard in the classrooms. Discipline problems are at a minimum this year. He attributes that to the fact that there has been more visibility than last year with teachers and Mr. Zamzow. Teachers and Mr. Zamzow have done an outstanding job of jumping on situations as they arise. We are beginning to look into proposed bell schedules and new courses that will need to be offered to fulfill the 4x4 mandates that will affect all students beginning with this year's sophomores. We have applied with the State to get funding on an Aero Space course identified as Scientific Research and Design which will be very exciting for our students if we are successful. We are continuing to do our focus lessons in math and Science every day and it seems to be really helping some of our students. Mr. Parrish stated that he has noticed a significant decrease in failures in some of our most difficult math classes. The Veteran's Day Program was wonderful as it always is. Mrs. Johnson, the PALS and Stuco did a great job. The Lady Cat Volleyball team is Bi-District and Area Champions. They lost to Peaster on Tuesday night in the Regional Quarterfinals. The Bearcats will play Cisco in Graham tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. Beginning next Tuesday we will be playing basketball. The JV and

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Varsity girls will be playing at home against Seymour. Donna Halsell has been granted permission to add more cheerleaders to the squad next year. Thanksgiving Holidays begin on November 26th.

091108.4 Assistant Superintendent – Scot Clayton – No report

091108.5 Superintendent – Mr. McClure expressed his appreciation for the Veteran's Day Program presented by our students. The front office of the administration offices has been remodeled. Thanks to Quana for his help moving items out of the offices. The cabinet builders did a fantastic job. Mr. McClure also gave the board members some information regarding Legislative changes.

101108 Consent Agenda Items:

101108.1 The minutes of the October 9th board meeting were approved as presented by consent of the board.

101108.2 Payment of the bills was approved as presented by consent of the board.

101108.3 The October Tax report was approved as presented by consent of the board.

111108 The board was presented a district financial report by Joy Hicks, Business Manager.

111108.1 There were no amendments to the 2008-2009 budget.

121108 Rex Taylor, President of the Board of Trustees called the board into executive session to discuss personnel at 9:27 P.M.

The board adjourned from executive session at 10:39 P.M.

131108 A motion was made by Danny Kelton and seconded by Mike Campbell to add the following individuals to the 2008-2009 substitute teacher list: Crista Byers, Jaime Byrd, Brent King, Tabitha Laird, Allison Nelson and Angela Wood. The motion carried. The vote 7-0.

141108 Adjourned (Time: 10:41 P.M.)