

February 9, 2018  
Henrietta, Texas

The Board of Trustees of the Henrietta Independent School District met in a regular meeting February 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1801 E. Crafton, Henrietta, Texas.

The following members were present: Billy Johnson, Penny Riordan, Nala Chambers, Danny Kelton, Paul Bennett and Betty Ellsworth. Lanny Evans was not present.

Employees attending: Terry McCutchen, Michael Smiley, Joy Campbell, Lori Cochran, Byron West, Kendra Bennett, Kristin Lennon, David Smith and Jeff McClure

Guest attending: Brandie Watson and Brad Yurcho

010218 The meeting was called to order by Billy Johnson, President of the Board of Trustees.

020218 Invocation was given by Billy Johnson.

030218 There was no one desiring to address the board.

040218 A motion was made by Paul Bennett and seconded by Nala Chambers designating Penny Riordan as Director for the Clay County Appraisal District. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

050218 A motion was made by Penny Riordan and seconded by Betty Ellsworth to approve the CCAD budget amendment as presented. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

060218 A motion was made by Penny Riordan and seconded by Nala Chambers to approve the West Texas Food Service Cooperative Interlocal Agreement as present. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

070218 A motion was made by Paul Bennett and second by Nala Chambers to approve Rental/Use Agreement for Elementary Gymnasium as presented. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

080218 Administration Report of Student Activities and Events

080218.1 Elementary Principal – Kendra Bennett – Newsletters were distributed which highlighted recent and upcoming events. The newsletter listed the UIL results from the December Academic Meet. The Fifth Grade Musical was very good. It had lots of hi-tech holiday fun. Special thanks to Mrs. Story, who stepped in to help while Mrs. Clevenger was out. Several students read books off the Texas Bluebonnet list and were rewarded with a pizza party, hosted by Mrs. Mandy Story. We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school last week. School Counselor's Week is this week and HES celebrated Mrs. Gunter for all the many things she does to make HES a positive place for our students. Mrs. Bennett expressed appreciation to the High School PALS for their efforts to raise money for one of our students who is experiencing some serious medical issues. Some staff attended a Dyslexia Training at Scottish Rite this week. Upcoming staff development day on February 19 will be utilized for Differentiation Training provided by Region IX. We will also have training of Capturing Kids Hearts and Classroom Management. These two areas are a focus of many of our staff's individual professional development goals. Mrs. Talley has started the Jump Rope for Heart campaign with our

students. Many businesses and individuals donate for Teacher Rewards/Door Prizes. Thanks to a generous donation from Hank & Kealey Bullinger, two new basketball goals have been installed in the elementary gym. This will allow students of all ages to practice with goals of the correct height for their league and during their PE classes.

080218.2 Middle School Principal – Terry McCutchen reported that Mrs. Merileigh Johnson was treated to an Appreciation Luncheon for School Counselor's Week. Texas Bluebonnet winners were treated to lunch at Jefe's. Valentine's Dance will be on Tuesday, February 13. Cheer tryouts will be on February 16. Mrs. Sims and Mrs. Frederick and the NJHS are spreading positive vibes on the campus. Random Acts of Kindness day will be the focus on Friday, February 16. Basketball season is complete and all "A" teams finished around .500. Our "B" teams played hard and showed improvement. Track season begins on Monday, February 26 at Nocona. Benchmark testing will be administered on February 20-23. Eighth grade will tour Midwestern State University on March 7. Students will tour the campus, followed by lunch in the Clark Student Center.

080218.3 High School Principal – Michael Smiley reported that the spring semester is a very busy time for our staff and students. Students are preparing for UIL Academic Contest by attending meets; One Act Play has competition on March 1 in Graham. FFA Students are involved in Stock Shows. Thirty-two students competed in the Fort Worth Stock Show. All calf scramble participants were successful on their first attempt earning them \$500 to go towards the purchase of calf for next year. We are looking forward to March for the distribution of scholarships. Jonus Noack was selected the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) All-State Band. Solo & Ensemble Contest will be on February 24 in Wichita Falls. Winterguard placed 2<sup>nd</sup> last weekend and have several more upcoming contests. Lady Cats Basketball is finished and the Bearcats have a few games left. Softball scrimmage for today was cancelled. Next game is scheduled for February 13 at Burkburnett. Baseball begins on February 10 with a scrimmage. Tennis has 28 participating. Their first meet will be February 26. HHS Powerlifters are having a lot of success. They are placing first and second in all competitions. Coach West stated that he anticipates having several advance to Regional Meet. Golf has 15 participants, 8 boys and 7 girls. First track meet will be February 22 in Bridgeport. Bearcat Football Seniors, Trey Essler and Zack West have both signed letters of intent to play at the next level. Essler will be attending Benedictine College in Atchison, KS and West will be playing at Midwestern State University.

Athletic Director, Byron West, listed Lady Cat Volleyball and Cheerleaders that received District and State Honors.

080218.4 Assistant Superintendent – no report

080218.5 Superintendent – Jeff McClure discussed the Waiver process if needed for school closing days due to low attendance due to sickness. At this time, our numbers have not reached the 10% that would allow for utilizing the waiver process. Mr. McClure commended George Essler in his efforts to secure a grant to replace several busses. The grant, if awarded would greatly reduce the cost of replacing five busses. Brandie Watson was introduced and will be joining the Administration Staff on February 19. She will be replacing Lori Cochran as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

Mr. McClure commended Lori for her many years of service to the District. She has been outstanding and will be missed.

090218 Consent Agenda Items:

090218.1 Minutes of January 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting were approved as presented by consent of the board.

090218.2 Payment of the bills was approved as presented by consent of the board.

090218.3 The January Tax report was approved as presented by consent of the board.

100218 Joy Campbell presented the District Financial Report & Mid-year review.

100218.1 There were no amendments.

110218 A motion was made by Penny Riordan and seconded by Betty Ellsworth to order an election to be held on May 5, 2018, for the purpose of electing School Board Trustees Place Five, Place Six and Place Seven. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

120218 A motion was made by Paul Bennett and seconded by Penny Riordan to approve Joint Election Agreement with the City of Henrietta as presented. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

130218 A motion was made by Penny Riordan and seconded by Paul Bennett to appoint election judges as follows: Lori Riggins – Henrietta, Judy Morris – Jolly, Yvonne King – Lake Arrowhead, Cathy Mills – Early Voting Clerk. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

140218 A motion was made Penny Riordan and seconded by Nala Chambers to appoint Lori Riggins and Deputies as Early Voting Ballot Board. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

150218 A motion was made by Paul Bennett and seconded by Betty Ellsworth to canvass the votes from the May 5<sup>th</sup> election during the regularly scheduled board meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The motion carried. The vote 6-0.

160218 There was no executive session.

170218 There were no resignations.

180218 There were no personnel hired.

190218 Meeting adjourned. (Time 7:54 p.m.)