

Minutes of the School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, February 2, 2000  
Huntington Elementary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Laurel Johansen, Royd Hatt, Roger Swenson, Sharman Seamons and Marie Johnson. Others present were Kirk Sitterud, Superintendent and Ross Huntington, Business Administrator.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants and minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Baltzer, Principal at Huntington Elementary was welcomed to the meeting. Mr Baltzer reported on the success his school is having this year in teaching character education. He also reported that they are having great success in teaching reading through the use of the CLIP program and Peer Tutoring. Mr. Baltzer presented the Board with a list of capital improvement requests. The Board thanked him and his staff for their efforts to help kids learn.

Wendy Hodson, Teacher, gave a short presentation about Peer Tutoring. She explained how reading scores have improved by all participants and how attendance of kids in the upper grades has improved as well. It has been recognized that the older kids do not want to be absent for fear of letting their younger tutee down. They seem to be feeling more of a sense of responsibility. She told the Board that the State will not be able to fund the program next year. She requested the Board consider funding the costs of transportation. Schools would be able to cover the costs of supplies and materials. A motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Marie Johnson that the District cover the cost of transportation next school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Following information presented to the Board by Ralph Ison, Transportation Director, a motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the purchase of a new bus from Bryson Sales. The bus will be handicapped accessible, is bid under State contract number PD 812 and will cost \$72,150.50. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ison also requested Board approval for the District to provide transportation for Cub Scouts this summer to an activity in Fillmore. A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to approve the use of school buses by the scouts under the conditions they provide the District with a Certificate of Liability Insurance and pay the appropriate fee. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended that the Board approve a new policy on School Community Councils, ABCD/KCA. Following brief discussion, and striking the words "and the school's principal" in the fourth paragraph, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the policy. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud presented information items to the Board about legislation and the Alternative Language Services Program. No action was required.

Ross Huntington, Business Administrator presented information to the Board about extending benefits under the Early Retirement Program. He recommended that retirees be allowed to extend traditional 60 month benefits up to 96 months. There would be no additional cost to the District. However, the plan would allow retirees to continue health insurance coverage for an extended period of time and thus retire two to three years earlier than under the existing plan. It was the consensus of the Board that the extended plan be tried for one year on a trial basis.

A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn to executive session to discuss litigation and personnel action. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.