

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, December 15, 2008 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President, Joyce Schafer. Present: Joyce Schafer, Rod Cole, Jim Kreamsreiter, Terry Hutchinson, Kari Rojas and Frank Fox. Bob Pasch was late arriving.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Bob Pasch arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Jim Kreamsreiter to approve the agenda with the deletion of the FFA Fruit & Nut Presentation. Motion carried 7/0.

Recognition of Guests – Karen Kavanaugh, Mike Kavanaugh, Denise McBride and Ed VanAvery.

Karen Kavanaugh asked to address the board regarding her termination. It was decided that it would be discussed during Executive Session.

Motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Jim Kreamsreiter to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2008. Motion carried 7/0.

Kari Rojas read a letter received from the US News & World Report stating that Beal City High School received a bronze medal and made their list of the top 100 high schools in the nation. We also received a letter from MHSAA commending our football program for the sportsmanship they showed during the Beal City/SHA football game.

The DSIT meeting was cancelled.

Jerry Ward reported that Alternative Ed is now on the internet on the Beal City web page. Tomorrow from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Jerry and Joan will be at Alternative Ed to meet with parents of students. Parents have been invited to come and see what their children are doing at school and meet the staff. Alternative Ed. received a tribal grant to cover the cost of the Alpha II Learning System. Jerry has one student that has met all the qualifications for graduation so far. He has filed the paper work to apply for an offsite exam permit for his students to take the ACT/MME test here at the High School.

Marci Faber reported that this Friday is their Winter Wonderland Promotion. The cafeteria is all decorated with the help of Deputy Dush, who is planning on using the decoration for a dance he is supervising on Friday.

Diane Saltarelli reported that last Friday was the PTO Santa Secret Shop. This Thursday will be the Senior Citizen Recital and Holiday Program.

Julie Freeze reported that she has been working on Budget Revisions. Bill and Julie will be reviewing them and will be scheduling a Business & Finance Committee Meeting to review the amendments. Bill, Julie and Diane met to update the Title I information for our Consolidated App.

Jeff Jackson reported that the Drama Club's performance last week went very well as well as the Band Concert last Sunday. Jeff reported on what an honor it was to receive the letter from the US News and World Report. They have completed checking the roster for the 7 – 12 MEAP & MiAccess testing. Jeff is in the process of filing the report for Education Yes. The early release this afternoon was very hectic but it went very well. Jeff thanked all the staff and administrators for their help with it. The pupil accounting audit was supposed to take place today but got cancelled because the Clare/Gladwin RESD

was closed due to weather. The Rotary Luncheon was today and our Student of the Month was Monica Adkin. Mrs. Heintz accompanied Monica to the luncheon so that Mr. Jackson could stay at the school to help with the early closing.

Aarron Butkovich reported that he will be attending a MHSAA meeting the end of January. The girls and boys district basketball draw will be next week. The Junior High boy's basketball game scheduled with Pine River for tonight was cancelled. A new Junior High boy's game has been scheduled for Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup> here in Beal City against Sacred Heart. Aarron has a tentative agreement for a one year contract with Montabella to fill our nine week football schedule next season.

John Graham reported that the snow blower which was manufactured in 1995 is falling apart. They keep piecing it back together, but he may be coming to the board requesting some type of replacement. Mark Griffis, the head of the Isabella County Emergency Management Team, is looking into getting us more radios through the Homeland Security Grant. He is also looking into trying to get our bus drivers pagers from that Grant. During the power outage today we had 4 ventilators freeze up. Some of them will have to be replaced due to the damage.

Joe Judge reported that we had no technology losses during the power outage today. Joe is beginning to work on next year's USF Funding paperwork. Joe and Bill are continuing to make changes to the web site.

Bill Chilman reported that he is extremely pleased with how everything went today with sending the students home early and how well everyone responded. Mr. Chilman also thanked Aarron for his leadership in our school getting noticed for their good sportsmanship during athletic events. Bill also reported that in January, we will be having an evacuation and reunification drill. The indications from today's early dismissal shows that the drill in January should run smoothly. Bill reviewed the budget amendments that Julie has been working on and they will meet to discuss them and prepare for a Business and Finance Committee meeting. As of right now, there will be no cuts from the state from our proration allowance. That could change down the road. Bill represented the administration at last weekend's Football Banquet. He congratulated everyone involved for putting on such a nice banquet. Bill invited everyone to his place this Sunday for a Holiday Open House. Bill will be attending both the boys and girls basketball games next week against Sacred Heart. Our staff will be working with Sacred Heart to secure good sportsmanship throughout both events.

Joyce Schafer read the financial report

Motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Jim Kreamsreiter to approve the General Fund payments of \$371,622.54, Hot Lunch payments of \$13,073.10, Athletic Fund payments of \$32,088.10. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill, Doug Dodge and Stan gave a presentation on the process of establishing the Beal City Area Foundation.

Motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the application for the Service Drive Lease/Address Change as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Kari Rojas to approve the Certification of Election as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Rod Cole, to begin the process of looking into PA106 Insurance Pooling to get better insurance prices for our non union staff.

Bill reminded the board that next month's meeting is scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., which is right after the Organizational Meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Bill presented plaques to Joyce Schafer and Jim Kremsreiter who are stepping down from their Board of Education seat after many years of service.

In honor of Board Recognition Month, Bill will be introducing the Board Members at the JH/JV/V Boys Basketball game on January 15<sup>th</sup>. He will present the plaques to Jim and Joyce during that introduction.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the recommendation of Lance Tibbits as a Voluntary Assistant Girls Basketball coach. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Frank Fox to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Neola, New, Revised, Replacement Policies as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Kari Rojas to approve the Preschool Participating Resolution as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Rod Cole to go into Executive Session under Article 8a – Personnel at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 7/0

Motion by Jim Kremsreiter, seconded by Bob Pasch, to come out of Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve of the termination of Karen Kavanaugh as it stands from before today's meeting. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7/0.

Recording Secretary  
Carrie Bleise

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Terry Hutchinson, President

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Kari Rojas, Secretary

