

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Harrison Board of Education

Held May 11, 2009

Denise Haskin, Secretary

President Joel Hardy called the regular meeting of the Harrison Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at 224 W. Main Street.

Members present: Joel Hardy, Doug Cobb, Denise Haskin, Marie Roth, Therese Haley, Floyd Dennis and Connie Cauchi.

Members absent: None.

Others present: Superintendent Tom House, Jacob Sullivan, Business Manager and Tammy Harcourt, Recorder.

President Hardy led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board approved the following additions/deletions to the agenda: Section III. Action Items Letter d. Mr. Jamie Lipovsky/Motor cross, remove completely and they may revisit it in June.: Also, under Section V. Informational; letter h. Spanish Trip Presentation by Jon Haley; letter i: Update on the H1N1 Flu Incident; letter j: Presentation by Scotty Igo, a 4th grade student at Hillside Elementary.

Motion by Cobb and supported by Haskin to approve the minutes of April 13, 2009 as presented. Yeas: Dennis, Cauchi, Haley, Roth, Haskin, Cobb and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Cobb to approve the minutes of May 1st, 2009 as presented. Yeas: Cauchi, Haley, Roth, Haskin, Cobb, Dennis and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Cauchi and supported by Cobb to approve the general fund checks as listed for the period April 13, 2009 through May 11, 2009 as presented. Yeas: Haley, Roth, Cobb, Dennis, Cauchi, Haskin and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Dennis to approve the financial statements for the General Fund, 1998 and 1999 Debt Retirement Funds as presented. Yeas: Cauchi, Haley, Roth, Dennis, Haskin, Cobb and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reports of Standing Committees. There have been no committee meetings.

Motion by Haskin and supported by Cauchi to adopt the CGRESD Budget as presented. The Resolution is attached and a part of these minutes, for the 2009-2010 school year. Yeas: Dennis, Cauchi, Cobb, Haley, Roth, Haskin and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis and supported by Roth to appoint Denise Haskin as the District's Election Representative with Doug Cobb being the alternate. Yeas: Haskin, Dennis, Cauchi, Cobb, Roth, Haley and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Roth and supported by Haley to adopt the resolution to vote for Barb Richardson and Sue Murowski for the CGRESD Board. Yeas: Dennis, Cauchi, Cobb, Roth, Haley, Haskin, Cobb and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Cobb and supported by Cauchi to grant permission for the ROTC to go to Camp Rotary in June. Yeas: Haskin, Dennis, Cauchi, Cobb, Haley, Roth and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Hardy asked if anyone wished to address the Board at this time. Major Keith Spurlock pressed the board once again for an answer about whether or not the district can afford the program. Superintendent House stated that he has a meeting scheduled with Superintendent Sheryl Presler of the CGRESD and Pat Graham, CTE Coordinator, on Thursday and he would have more answers after that. Gail Spurlock then asked President Hardy what he meant by "ironing things out." Again President Hardy stated that once Superintendent House has his meeting on Thursday, they will hopefully be able to answer more questions.

Mrs. Spurlock stated that the district had the information needed in terms of costs. Superintendent House stated he has had no discussion with the RESD regarding financing the program. HEA President, Kathy Conlon, addressed the board regarding the cuts being targeted at teachers. Asked the board to consider when doing the cuts, what it will do to the classroom sizes.

The Union will have a vote for concessions next Monday or Tuesday, and she'll let Superintendent House know the outcome. Brian Schmittner informed the Board that none of the Stimulus money our district receives will be able to be used at the High School level due to it not being a Title I School. The High School may lose up to 4 teachers with no extra help..

Superintendent House stated that the Civil Rights Case in the packet was informational only. He also explained to the Board the Title I ARRA money that the district may get is about \$636,000. This may allow the district to call back 4 of the teachers who will be laid off. Health Teacher, Tori Blystone gave the board a packet of information regarding the Health curriculum she teaches and the importance of it at the K-8 grade level. The next topic is the MCJROTC as a CTE course through the CGRESD. This has already been discussed in Public Participation. Superintendent House is scheduled to be at a meeting on Thursday, May 14th to try to work it into a CTE course. Superintendent House updated the Board on the changes in the calendar at the High School and the last day of school being a ½ day on June 2nd to make up for being closed due to the H1N1 flu.

President Hardy introduced Jonathan Haley, a senior at Harrison High School. He gave the board a power point presentation on their trip to Mexico. Spanish Teacher, Tod Reeve couldn't be at the meeting due to a track meet. Superintendent House explained the procedure the district followed for a probable case of the H1N1 flu. Scotty Igo, a 4th grade student at Hillside Elementary displayed to the Board his project he had been working on all year. Scotty and his aide, Judy Anderson, had written to every state governor in the United States and received all but 5 responses. President Hardy stated it truly was a wonderful project they worked hard on.

Motion by Cobb and supported by Haskin to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Cobb, Haley, Haskin, Roth, Cauchi, Dennis and Hardy. Nays: None. Motion carried.

President Hardy adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Denise Haskin, Secretary

Tammy Harcourt, Recorder