

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Hamburg School Board
Portland Elementary
Monday, February 8, 2021

The Hamburg School Board met at Portland Elementary on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. for its regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Jim Wells. The roll was called. Present were Jim Wells, Shawn Hickman, James Hartshorn, Suzanne Singleton, and Debbie Jackson. Maggie Ware and Michael Wilhite were absent. Wells welcomed the persons present.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2021, REGULAR BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 19, 2021, SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING AND JANUARY 21, 2021, SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETINGS (3):

M/S (Hickman/Jackson) to approve, accept and file the minutes of January 11, 2021, Regular Board meeting minutes, January 19, 2021, Special called Board meeting minutes. January 21, 2021, Special called Board meeting minutes (with the January 21, 2021, minutes amended with the correction of the day of the week from Monday to Thursday). Motion passed 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR PERIOD 7 OF 2021:

Streeter and Spradlin reviewed fund balances and other financial reports for Period 7 of 2021.

M/S (Hickman/Hartshorn) to approve, accept and file the financial reports for Period 7 of 2021. Motion passed 5-0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION BY BOARD:

Ava Clayton Poole was one of four students that won in our Regional G/T competition. She created a 3-D vacuum to suck up parade confetti.

REPORTS AND RECOGNITION BY SUPERINTENDENT:

A. PPC and Administrator meeting minutes

Minutes have been included in packets for review.

B. Reports from Principals and Administrators

Streeter reported on meetings building leaders have had discussing what school will look like next year.

Maize-Noble-Honor Roll and Citizenship awards were given out last week.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be Thursday. Looking at reading programs.

Johnson-Allbritton-Had Honor Roll and other awards recently. Mid year reviews have been done. IReady was given in January, kids are improving. Regional Archery tournament will be virtual on Tuesday and Wednesday.

West-Portland-Glad to host tonight. Commended Portland Elementary staff publicly.

Woods-HMS-Bragged on the kids. They are stepping up-going above and beyond.

Katrina Strom, Quiz Bowl sponsor, had to do Quiz Bowl differently this year (virtually). They came in 5th in the State. HMS is doing One School One Book, everyone is reading Tuck Everlasting. Currently 66% of the students are onsite and 34% are virtual.

Outlaw-HHS-The ACT test was given on Saturday to 31 students. College scholarship application deadlines are close. The focus is on Seniors and graduation. Three of the 16

that were failing are back on track to graduate, three have come back to campus, and three are no shows. Progress reports will go out tomorrow. The 50 minute RTI block is going well. Forty-two FINS were filed today.

Jim Wells commended everyone on the job they are doing.

Griffin-The first Covid vaccine was available and given to staff on January 26. The second vaccine will be given February 23. Working on the OCR (Office of Civil Rights) report. Next month is cheer tryouts. Food pantry delivery is February 17. This is helping 125 families in our district.

Dunbar-Has gotten final allocation allotments. New/revisions to policies will be shared next month. Catapult was here today and will be back Thursday.

C. Child Nutrition Administrative Review, Carmen Smith

Mrs. Smith reported on the recent Child Nutrition Administrative Review. She also shared some of the things the department is doing to help bring the number of meals served up. Weekend meals have been sent home two weekends in January. February 1 we began serving breakfast to every student in the classroom.

D. Cheerleader Constitution Revisions, Doretta Griffin

Katrina Strom, Junior cheer sponsor, reviewed requested changes to the constitution. Discussion followed. M/S (Hartshorn/) to accept constitution changes with the exception of Article 5 #5 To be eligible for the cheer team, you must be able to score a minimum of 80% of the top score (see chart). If there are not 12 candidates of that score, then the team will be short for that cheer year. Motion died for lack of a second.

M/S (Jackson/Singleton) to leave everything as it is. Motion passed 5-0.

Brittney Harrod, Senior cheer sponsor, reviewed changes to the constitution.

M/S (Hickman/Singleton) to accept constitution changes as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Approval of the 2021-22 Hamburg School District Calendar, Michelle Dunbar

Dunbar presented the 2021-22 calendar the staff chose for approval. M/S (Hickman/Hartshorn) to approve calendar as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

F. Approval of Contract Disclosure, John Spradlin

Spradlin presented Contract Disclosure forms from the following employees: Darlene McCraw, printing on mask and shirts, etc. and Nina Stahley, monogramming and embroidery services. M/S (Hickman/Hartshorn) to approve Contract Disclosure forms as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

G. School Board Legal Liability/General Liability-Out of Arkansas Coverage Renewal- John Spradlin

Spradlin presented the School Board Legal Liability/General Liability-Out of Arkansas Coverage Renewal for \$8,718 from BXS Insurance. M/S (Hartshorn/Hickman) to approve as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

H. Update on Millage Projects

Noble Bathroom remodel: Working through Barry to address any items he sees.

Marilyn Chambers/Noble connection: This project is complete other than completing the punch list for this addition. Teachers and students are using the hallway to go from Noble to the Marilyn Chambers Building. Use of the connecting room could possibly be the 1st part of March. Tile will be replaced next Monday when students and teachers are out in the Noble hallway. Water got on the Noble hallway floor during construction on that end.

Middle School bathrooms: Working through Barry to address any items he sees. Tile work that got damaged during construction will also be replaced next Monday. Just a few tiles.

Addition on Turf Room: Roof is on this addition. Most all of the outside work is complete on the addition itself. There is still a lot of cleaning up to complete and fixing the road alongside the indoor facility that was used to get to the back to work. Work inside is continuing. Walls being painted. Suspended ceiling being hung. Still a good bit of work to be done on turf room addition inside.

Turf Field and Track: GeoSurface is finished laying the track surface. Field is complete. GeoSurface has put back the fence. This project is complete. Payment for the project is complete.

South End Classroom Addition at High School: Roof is complete. Majority of outside work is complete. Most of the work is going on inside. Currently putting in ac/heat units and doing duct work. Hanging some doors. A lot of painting is complete. Tile is being put on the floor. Still a good bit of work needs completing inside.

High School Auditorium Remodel and Addition: Metal workers are completing the metal gable rafters for the roof. Will be putting metal on the roof soon. The sloped concrete floor has been poured for the addition to the auditorium. Front steps and the handicapped ramp have been poured. It is impressive. Entry to the auditorium is going to be really nice. Fire sprinkler system is currently being installed. Again, still a lot of work to do inside. This project is some behind the others.

SPECIAL BUSINESS BY THE BOARD:

Mrs. Streeter updated the Board on Covid numbers. There are currently 48 close contacts and 7 active cases in the school. There are 65 active cases in Ashley County.

SET DATE FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Allbritton Gym.

PERSONNEL

After executive session, the following recommendations were made:

* To accept the retirement of Lloyd Collins as bus driver and maintenance effective June 30, 2021;

* To accept the resignation of Becky Adams as long-term substitute effective February 8, 2021;

* To hire Donna Lowrey as long-term substitute for the remainder of the school year for the elementary art position beginning February 2, 2021;

* To hire Krisy McClendon as an Act 1240 math teacher for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year beginning February 16, 2021;

* To hire Hilary Young as English Department Chair for the Spring Semester at HHS effective January 4, 2021;

*To hire the following administrators for the 2021-22 school year: Doretta Griffin

Donald Rosen, Eddy Tucker, Michelle Dunbar, Tricia Johnson, Tim Outlaw, Cristy West, Lesley Nelms, Chris Hammond, Blake Higginbotham, John Spradlin, Angela Maize, Penny Woods, Sarah Watson, and Penny Martin; and

*To hire Davis Liddil as bus driver effective 2/22/21 on 3.47 hours per day \$11,000/year scale.

M/S (Hickman/Singleton) to accept the recommendations as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

M/S (Singleton/Jackson) to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

After adjourning, the board took a tour of the Portland Gym.

Jim Wells, Vice-President

Maggie Ware, Secretary