

Harrah Public Schools

Paul Blessington, Superintendent
20670 Walker Street
Harrah, OK 73045
7:00 p.m.
March 21, 2018

Special Meeting Minutes

Item #1 Call to Order/Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

Mr. McBrayer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mike Calhoun, Kevin Jones, Trey Swan and Kevin McBrayer.

Absent: Krista Harke

Others Present: Paul Blessington, Superintendent and Leslie Hobaugh, Minutes Clerk

Visitors Present: Taylor Murray, Staci Adams, Laura Parsons, Carla Jorski, Connie Jewell, Kustin Harkey, Todd Caldwell, Heather Caldwell, Sarah Schrempp, Starla Smith, Kristina Lindstrom, Cynthia Hart, Sharon Godfrey, Kenneth Riddle, Guy Worth, Vera Larsen, Jan Easley, Sharon Keil, Kim Patterson, Kathy Huskey. Other visitors may have been present but did not sign in.

Item #2 Report - Superintendent

Mr. Blessington spoke about the upcoming teacher walk out. A survey was given to certified staff asking how long they would participate in a teacher walk out and seventy six percents said "as long as it takes." Clara Reynolds will be open for breakfast and lunch, the ACT will continue for all Juniors who would like to participate at the high school, transportation will be provided for the teachers to the Capitol if there is enough interest, decisions on whether or not we will have school will be made on a daily basis and robo calls will go out each day to keep parents informed.

Item #3 Board discussion and possible consideration to vote regarding status of legislation regarding public school funding and possible action by the District, including the adoption of a Board resolution

Mr. McBrayer read the following Resolution:

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education supports public school teachers and the work that they do educating the children of our school district;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education understands that Oklahoma's public school teachers are frustrated with the lack of pay, and, as a result, the state is experiencing an extreme shortage of qualified teachers throughout Oklahoma;

WHEREAS, school districts have increasingly turned to the use of long-term substitute teachers and emergency certified teachers to educate students;

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature is the governing body that dictates funding to public school districts;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education supports a salary increase for public school teachers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby encourages the Oklahoma Legislature to find a dedicated source of revenue that can be utilized to fund a much needed, reoccurring salary increase that will be provided to public school teachers in Oklahoma.

Adopted this 21st day of March, 2018.

Mr. Calhoun made a motion to accept the Resolution as read. Second by Mr. Jones. Motion carried.

(Calhoun, yes - Jones, yes - Swan, yes - McBrayer, yes)

Item #4 Vote to adjourn

Mr. Calhoun made a motion to adjourn. Second by Swan. Motion carried.

(Calhoun, yes - Swan, yes - Jones, yes - McBrayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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Kevin McBrayer, President

Trey Swan, Vice-President

ABSENT
Krista Harke, Clerk

Kevin Jones, Assistant Clerk

Mike Calhoun, Member

Mr. Blessington, Superintendent

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA,

I, the undersigned Minutes Clerk, of the Board of Education of Harrah Public Schools District I-7, Oklahoma County, do hereby certify that the date, time and place of this special meeting was given at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to the County Clerk of Oklahoma County.

I also certify that at least 24 hours prior to this meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, notice of the date, time, place and agenda of this meeting was posted in prominent public view at the location of this meeting this 19th day of March, 2018.

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Leslie Hobaugh, Minutes Clerk