

Heber Springs School District
School Board Meeting Minutes

The Heber Springs Board of Education held their regularly scheduled board meeting on January 21, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. All members were present.

I. President Gary Redd called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion to approve agenda. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

II. President Gary Redd asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the December 17, 2012, regular board meeting. It was noted that motion and second is not required when entering or exiting executive session. Motion to approve the minutes with modification. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

III. Mr. Hester presented the financial report for approval. A discussion followed. Motion to approve the financial report: Kevin Thomas
Second: Al Thomas.
Motion passed.

IV. School/Business Reports:

- Mr. Hester reported that February 15, 2013, would be a make-up day for the day missed on January 16, 2013, due to inclement weather.
- Mr. Johnston congratulated the cheer squad for winning the 4A Co-ed State Cheer Competition. He also congratulated the band members who made all-region band.
- Mrs. Moody recognized the spelling bee winners and stated that they would be competing in the county spelling bee on January 28th.
- Mr. Mueller thanked Tom Hill, transportation director, and the bus drivers for getting all the students home safely on the recent early out due to snow. He reported that all first grade classrooms now have I-pads for all students.
- Mr. Hester gave an update on the purchase and estimated delivery date of the two used school buses.
- Mr. Brooks Jackson, Architect, reported on the cost of proposed projects. A discussion followed.
- Mr. Hester reported on the refunded bond savings account. A discussion followed on use of the funds.
- Mr. Hester reported that the district is scheduled to host the state track meet. He reported on the present condition of the track and what options can be taken to repair the track. A discussion followed.
- Mr. Johnston presented a curriculum change for the high school. He stated that CBA is not a state required course for graduation. It is a local requirement only. He proposed that CBA be removed as a local graduation requirement. A discussion followed. He also proposed removing the student classification wording from the student handbook.
- Mr. Hester reported on the possibility of a new grant that would help schools hire resource officers. A discussion followed on hiring a second resource officer.
- Mr. Hester presented resignations/retirements/new hires for approval.

It is noted that Kevin Thomas left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Kevin Thomas rejoined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

It is noted that Al Thomas left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

V. Executive Session. The board went into executive session to discuss personnel.

VI. Board Action

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to remove CBA as local graduation requirement and make it an elective course. Motion to retain current graduation credit requirements, remove CBA as a local graduation requirement and make it an elective course: Al Thomas
Second: Rick Garner
Oppose: Holly Meyer and Gary Redd
Motion failed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to move remove "student classification" wording from high school student handbook.
Motion to remove wording: Al Thomas
Second: Rick Garner
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to approve the following personnel items:
Retirement effective end of the school year: Connie Moody – middle school principal, and Cheryl Orr – elementary assistant principal
Resignation effective immediately: Pauline Johnston – food service
Motion to accept retirement/resignation: Holly Meyer
Second: Rick Garner
Motion passed.

Mr. Hester made a recommendation to hire Dennis Powell for an afternoon short bus route.
Motion to hire: Holly Meyer
Second: Rick Garner
Motion passed.

Due to scheduling conflict the February board meeting has been moved to February 11, 2013.
Due to Spring Break the March board meeting has been moved to March 11, 2013.

VII. With no further business, President Gary Redd asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Rick Garner made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Kevin Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the January 21, 2013, regular meeting are approved.

Mr. Gary Redd, President

Mr. Kevin Thomas, Secretary

Mr. Russell Hester, Superintendent