

REGULAR MEETING – January 11, 2010

The Board of Education of the Sterling Public School District met in regular session on Monday, January 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Room as advertised in the Tecumseh Chieftain and Hickman Voice News. Board members present included: Tom Nieveen, Dottie Heusman, Andrea Heusman, Mike Hestermann, Paul Saathoff and Cherie Wirthele. Others present included Ann Wickett, Principle Greg Peterson and Superintendent Larry Harnisch.

Election of officers for 2010 was held with the following officers elected: President – Tom Nieveen, Vice President – Mike Hestermann, Secretary – Dottie Heusman, Treasurer – Andrea Heusman, Paul Saathoff – Government Relations Representative.

President Nieveen informed the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted at the entrance of the meeting room. All items on the consent agenda were approved as presented and a listing of approved claims are listed at the end of this summary.

The Transportation Committee reported that a demolition company had been located that will pay an amount per ton on a bus that is selected to be demolished after the district removes any items desired to be saved for use on other buses. Superintendent Harnisch was directed to get an estimate to repair the 1997 bus prior to having the Transportation Committee make a decision on which bus should be demolished.

Principal Peterson reported on (a) Calendar changes for January & February, (b) Holiday Tourney we hosted, (c) Long term substitutes arranged for Virginia Thiesfeld and Lindsey LeMunyan, (d) NSAA meeting to be held at York January 13th. Superintendent Harnisch reported on (a) Part time bookkeeper/Secretary requested, (b) Account Procedure Manual will have to be redone, (c) Possibility of renting a bus barn during winter months, (d) Supt. will be out of office Jan. 14 to 19th.

In action items on the agenda, the board

- a. Approved on first reading amendments in board policies 4211 “Substitute Teachers,” 4151 “Personnel Leave-Excess Days of Sick Leave,” 4231 “Non-Certified Salary Guidelines.”
- b. Approved on first reading the elimination of the following policies because they will be included in the amended 4231 “None-Certified Salary Guidelines”: 4212 “Contracts”, 4241 “Sick Leave,” 4243 “Vacations/Holidays.”

The board was approached by a business to see if the district would accept the production and donation of sports programs with their business logo to be used at basketball games. This will be tried for the remainder of the winter season.

Went into Executive Session at 8:50 and came out at 9:45 to conduct annual Superintendent evaluation.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for February 8, 2010.