



Board of Directors Meeting April 19, 2011

Board Members: Chair Scott Pillar, Vice Chair Terry Rahmsdorff, Directors Jerry Crafton, Ron Gallinat, Cathy Miller, Bob Moore, Carol Moorehead, Scott Reynolds and John Sundell

HDESD Staff: Dr. Dennis Dempsey, Superintendent, Kathy Emerson, Deputy Superintendent, Paul Andrews, Executive Director of Children's Programs, Jayel Hayden, Director of Human Resources, Greg Munn, Executive Director of Fiscal Services and Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant

Call to Order: Board Chair Scott Pillar called the meeting to order with a quorum of nine at 6:40 pm

Agenda Additions/Revisions

- **Scott Reynolds moved and Cathy Miller seconded a motion to discuss adding a board member to the High Desert ESD bargaining team to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS

Fiscal Report

Greg Munn presented the Finance Report - Revenue and Expenditures as of March 31, 2011.

- General Fund – Operations, Fund Balance/ Reserves, Revenue and Expenditures
- Special Revenue Fund - Revenue is slightly ahead of expenditures right now but that will even out by the end of June.
- PERS UAL Debt Service Fund
- Detail Fund Report – Question regarding the Carl Perkins-Title I.
- Carol asked about a projected carry forward. Dr. Dempsey said the projected carry forward in the LSP is lower than it has been in previous years.

Finance Committee Report

The committee discussed the foundation for building the budget and the options for using the PERS reserve. Their recommendation was to use 25% of the PERS reserve. Bob Moore asked about the PERS rates and if there have been any projections made for when the rates will begin to rebound. Greg said we should have a projection for the next biennium by fall. Bob said if that is the case he believes the recommendation to use 25% of the reserve makes sense.

Greg has submitted the Tax Anticipation Note application (TANS) to our bank for consideration. He submitted a request for consideration earlier to OSBA but they are not offering TANS to ESDs this year as they believe there is too much risk.

Cathy Miller asked how often Skyliner Lodge is being used. Dr. Dempsey reported that we haven't had as many classes using the lodge as we had hoped because the districts are not able to pay for transportation to the lodge. There are a few weddings scheduled through the summer. He plans to discuss this with the superintendents to see if it is worth it for the HDESD to continue the lease if the districts are not committed to using the lodge for environmental education which was the plan when we initially entered into the lease with the Forest Service.

Facility Committee Report

Nothing additional to report to the Board.

Collaborative Services Study Report

The press release has been distributed and the challenges in implementing the recommendations will be in the final details in each area. Dr. Dempsey will work with the districts to create a draft on an updated organization chart incorporating the shared services plan by the May meeting. When asked if there is any plan for the worst case scenario, he said that the superintendents and the executive team have considered what they will do if the shared services do not obtain the results they are expecting.

ACTION ITEMS

Adopt 2011-2012 Revised Budget Calendar

Terry questioned the availability of the proposed budget document for the general public. Greg said the document will be available at the business office if anyone would like to review it.

- **Terry Rahmsdorff moved and Carol Moorehead seconded a motion to approve the Revised Budget Calendar for 2011-2012. Motion carried unanimously.**

Adopt 2011-2012 Board Meeting Calendar

Shelley noted that all meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month except December. The December meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month because of Christmas. There is no meeting currently scheduled during the month of July.

- **Scott Reynolds moved and Terry Rahmsdorff seconded a motion to approve the Board Meeting Calendar for 2011-2012. Motion carried unanimously.**

Consent Agenda

- **Ron Gallinat moved and Carol Moorehead seconded a motion to approve the Personnel Changes for April 2011 and Board Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2011 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Bargaining Team

Scott Reynolds said he thinks that there is value to having a board member on the bargaining team. Ron Gallinat said that he has found it helpful to listen to both sides during bargaining. John Witty is very good at explaining your role as a member on the bargaining team. It does require a fair amount of a time commitment and the meetings can become quite contentious. Scott Pillar appreciates the excellent relationship the Board has with HDESD staff and would hope a contentious bargaining session would not change that relationship. He knows John is a much better negotiator than he is so Scott is comfortable with letting John negotiate on behalf of the Board. Cathy Miller said that Redmond School District is having a newer board member sit on the bargaining team in order to gain knowledge. Carol Moorehead believes the management group is passionate about the kids and they represent the kids well with or without a board member. Jerry Crafton is not interested in serving on the bargaining team. John Sundell does not have any experience with labor negotiations and does not want to serve on the bargaining team.

- **Scott Reynolds moved and John Sundell seconded a motion to have Cathy Miller sit on the bargaining team for this bargaining session only. Motion passed 7-2 with Scott Pillar and Terry Rahmsdorff voting nay.**

Legislative Update

Dr. Dempsey reported on the status of SB250. It is laden with amendments and in its current version reduces funding to ESDs. It may have too many amendments to get enough traction to get through the House.

There is a petition among school districts to not reduce funding to ESDs. The latest numbers show 180/197 districts have signed the petition urging their legislators to not support legislation reducing funding to ESDs.

Superintendent Report

EBS registration period has been extended but our license has been filed and we already have a link being tested so we are in good shape.

Adjourn

The April 19, 2011, High Desert Education Service District Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Scott Pillar, Board Chair

Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant