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## Board of Directors Board Minutes July 16, 2013

**Board Members** Bob Moore, Board Chair, Directors John Lang, Mike McGowan, Carol Moorehead, Doug Nelson, Ron Radabaugh and Terry Rahmsdorff

**HDESD Staff** John Rexford, Superintendent, Jayel Hayden, Director of Human Resources, Greg Munn, Director of Fiscal Services and Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant

**Call to Order** Bob Moore called the July 16, 2013 meeting to order at 5:35 pm

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### Appoint Board Members

Bob Moore reviewed the history of the governance model that High Desert ESD began piloting in 2006. With the passage of SB529, the governance model became permanent. The High Desert ESD Board consists of five members elected by our constituent districts, and four members appointed to represent the community. Two of the appointed positions are currently open. We received one application for each position. Bob Moore submitted an application for the Social Service Representative position, and Terry Rahmsdorff submitted an application for the Business Representative position.

- **Doug Nelson moved and Mike McGowan seconded a motion to appoint Bob Moore as the Social Service representative and Terry Rahmsdorff as the Business representative. Only elected board members (Lang, McGowan, Moorehead and Nelson) voted on this motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

### REPORTS

#### Fiscal Report

Greg Munn presented the Finance Report for July 2013

- Revenue is up about \$50,150 over budget primarily due to revised State School Fund revenue estimates. Projected expenditures are approximately \$250,000 under budget. This will leave us with an estimated ending fund balance of \$820,000. Greg answered questions about the savings in the expenditures.
- The auditors will be in next month. The finance committee will meet to review the audit report in November. The Board will receive the report at their November meeting.
- Greg distributed copies of the 2013-14 adopted budget.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### Election of 2013-2014 Officers

Bob Moore explained the Board's desire to have board leadership positions filled for a year or two. At that time the board member would move aside to provide others the opportunity to transition into the leadership roles. With the number of newer board members, Bob and Scott would be willing to fill the positions again this year. Bob will be stepping out of the chair position next year. The Chair and Vice-Chair have met with the superintendent on a monthly basis to review and revise the board agenda. They have tried to include one additional board member at each meeting to increase their knowledge and comfort level with leadership.

- **Doug Nelson moved and Terry Rahmsdorff seconded the motion to nominate as Bob Moore as Board Chair and Scott Reynolds as Vice-Chair. There were no further nominations. Carol moved the nominations be closed. The motion carried 7-0.**

**Resolution 25-13 – Annual Procedural Business**

Mike McGowan declared a conflict of interest due to his relationship with PayneWest Insurance. Because of this conflict of interest, Mike will not participate in the discussion or take part in the vote. Superintendent Rexford reviewed the resolution. There are three professional services that require a request for proposal. It has been over seven years since the High Desert ESD went through the proposal process for an insurance agent. He would recommend sending out an RFP for insurance this year, and then one for auditor services next year. He would also recommend that all three professional services be on a five year rotation.

- **Carol Moorehead moved and Ron Radabaugh seconded a motion to approve Resolution 25-13 Annual Procedural Business as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Mike McGowan abstained from voting.**

**Health Insurance Recommendation**

Jayel Hayden noted that because of our involvement with OEBC, we no longer have the option of selecting an insurance carrier. With OEBC, we have the option of selecting plans. Our collective bargaining agreement states the Board will approve the plans that are being offered. The committee moved away from the lower deductible plans in order to keep the plans more affordable for our staff members. Superintendent Rexford participated in the process this year and was very impressed with the committee's engagement and ability to make an informed decision considering the impact on our staff and their families.

- **Carol Moorehead moved and Mike McGowan seconded a motion to approve the Health Insurance Recommendation as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

**Consent Agenda**

- **Ron Radabaugh moved and Carol Moorehead seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0. Terry Rahmsdorff abstained because he was not in attendance.**
  - Personnel Changes for July 2013
  - Board Minutes 6-18-2013

**DISCUSSION ITEMS****Superintendent Report and Legislative Update**

- Superintendent Rexford shared a review of the 2013 Legislative Session. There was significant progress in education funding and structure. The Governor is hopeful there may be more PERS reform. We will continue to support actions in that direction.
- The legislature limited the number of carve outs from K-12 funding to a minimum by rejecting the Governor's request for over a \$100 million in new programs off the top of the State School Fund (SSF).
- We plan to pursue participation in the regional early learning hub, and we are waiting for additional information.
- HB2506 established an interim task force to review the school funding formula and recommend changes if it needs updating. John will be actively seeking an appointment to the school funding task force. Carol asked if this would be a true look at the SFF. John said it is a fresh look and an opportunity to review the formula. Terry asked about equitable funding. Superintendent Rexford stated he would be advocating for equitable access to education for all students.
- HB3401 regulates how the money flows from the ESD to the district. High Desert ESD Board has supported providing the districts with the best value. Superintendent Rexford is an advocate of this governance model because we have members elected to our board to represent the best interests of their districts.
- There are a variety of bills that were left on the table. He plans to invite legislators to a meeting with the superintendents and the board in the fall.
- Superintendent Rexford played an Assistive Technology video from the student who had requested to keep his Victor Reader. Carol thanked him for sharing the video and reminding us all of the good work we are doing with students.

**Board Chair Report**

- Both Bob and Scott shared their support of the compromise and PERS reform with Senator Knopp.
- Bob and Scott have also scheduled a meeting with Greg Colvin regarding Superintendent Rexford's contract.
- We will look at next month's agenda and determine if there is a need for an August board meeting.
- Doug Nelson reported the OSBA budget has been approved. They are on sound financial footing this year, due in part to the leadership of Betsy Miller-Jones. OSBA has extended Betsy's contract for another year.
- OSBA will no longer be conducting executive searches. They will be contracting out those services.

**Adjourn**

The July 16, 2013, High Desert Education Service District Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

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Bob Moore, Board Chair

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Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant