

Houston Public Schools
Houston, MO 65483

Minutes of the Board of Education in regular session December 13, 2010.

- Quorum** A regular meeting of the Board of Education Houston R-I School District of Texas County, Missouri was convened at 6:06 p.m. with the following members present: Kathleen Hutcheson, Steve Pounds, Jo Holland, Doug Castleman, Sharon Horbyk, Darrell Scheets, and Tom Dunn.
- Approve Agenda** A motion was made by Doug Castleman and seconded by Sharon Horbyk to approve the agenda with the addition of IV-F (Late Work Policy). Motion carried 7-0.
- Recognitions**
- Old Business**
- Health Insurance Cap** Dr. Vandiver reported to the board on insurance rates and the possibility of needing to cap health insurance rates before the 2011-12 school year. The Board tabled the proposal until more rate and budgetary information becomes available.
- Transportation**
- Dr. Vandiver reported to the board about considerations in transportation and the impact it would be on the district and families.
- New Business**
- Consent Agenda** A motion was made by Steve Pounds and seconded by Kathleen Hutcheson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- Claims for Payment Claims approved for payment were checks 62670 - 62904.
- Transfers Approved any necessary transfers needed from the Operating Fund to the Teachers Fund and transfers as needed to the Capital Projects Fund.
- Financial Report Approved the monthly financial report.
- Communication Facilitation** Zac Rantz, Communications Coordinator for Nixa School District discussed the importance of communication and the approach Nixa takes to community relations in their district.
- Job Description Revision** Tabled until January 2011 board meeting.
- Board Retreat** A motion was made by Sharon Horbyk and seconded by Kathleen Hutcheson to approve scheduling a school board retreat on February 26, 2011, time and location to be announced. Motion carried 7-0.
- Tiger Academic/Discipline School** Mr. Yocom and Mr. Roberts approached the board with the interest of creating T.A.D.S. – Tiger Academic/Discipline School, a program that will provide an additional disciplinary consequence implemented during Saturday school for

students that can be utilized by administration as an alternative to I.S.S. Policy will be voted on January 10, 2011.

Late Work Policy Mr. Yocom asked the board to consider a revision to the late work policy in the high school handbook. Policy will be voted on January 10, 2011.

Program Evaluations A motion was made by Steve Pounds and seconded by Doug Castleman to approve the **Guidance and Counseling Evaluation** as presented by the school counselors. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Steve Pounds and seconded by Kathleen Hutcheson to approve the **Career and Technical Education** evaluation as presented by Mr. Yocom. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Reports Mr. Yocom, Mrs. Dill, Mrs. Fronterhouse, Dr. Vandiver, and Mrs. Horbyk gave reports on various activities to the board.

Next Board Meeting A motion was made by Doug Castleman and seconded by Jo Holland to have the next regular board meeting on January 10, 2011 at 6:00 in the superintendent's office. Motion carried 7-0.

Closed Session A motion was made by Kathleen Hutcheson and seconded by Sharon Horbyk to go into closed session pursuant to RSMO Section 610.021 subsections 3 and 13. Motion carried 7-0. Kathleen Hutcheson yea, Steve Pounds yea, Jo Holland yea, Doug Castleman yea, Sharon Horbyk yea, Darrell Scheets yea, and Tom Dunn yea.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 9:47 p.m.

Adjournment A motion was made by Kathleen Hutcheson and seconded by Steve Pounds to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Secretary

President