

Morning After Report April 2010

The Houston R-I School Board met Monday night. The first order of business was the swearing in of the newly re-elected members Doug Castleman and Sharon Horbyk. That was followed by the board electing new officers. They are president Dr. Tom Dunn, vice president Sharon Horbyk, secretary treasurer Kathy Hutcheson. Janice Maxwell was reappointed to her position of executive board secretary.

The meeting was held in the vocational building and prior to meeting the vocational teaching staff, along with student help, provided a great meal for the board. During the meal the board was updated on what has been going on in the vocational building and several students were recognized for various accomplishments.

Representatives of the staff Salary and Welfare committee presented recommendations and requests to the board regarding next year's compensation package.

The board again tabled the idea of approving the addition of two certified positions at the Exceptional Child Cooperative. More definite financial information should be available from the state by the time the board meets in May.

Several policy and procedure updates recommended by the Missouri School Boards Association (MSBA) were approved by the board.

The board voted to accept the health insurance rates quoted by the district's current provider to the consortium of schools to which the district belongs. Rates will go up by a modest 2.9%.

For budgetary reasons, the board voted to not offer Summer School this summer.

The half time position of Title I Parent Involvement Coordinator was eliminated by the board in order to free up Title I funds for the creation of two new paraprofessional positions that will serve students in the lower elementary grades.

Dustin Kirkman was employed as the new Head Boys Basketball coach.

Maggie Jadwin and Carla Walker were employed as co-cheerleading sponsors.

All non-certified staff were reemployed for next year.