

Minutes of the April 14, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Korth with members: Sell, Huettner, Vering, Herchenbach, Brandl, Schemek, Baumgart, and Preister present.

Open meetings act is posted in the Humphrey Public School library.

The meeting was legally advertised for public notice in the Humphrey Democrat on April 2, 2025.

Visitors present: Patrick Murphy - Humphrey Democrat, Kassie Beebe, Steph Hogancamp.

During public comment time there were no visitors who wanted to speak.

The minutes from the March 10, 2025 regular board meeting were reviewed. The minutes will stand as written.

The April financial report was reviewed by the board.

It was moved by Schemek and seconded by Brandl to approve the April general fund and special building bills and claims as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 0 – ABSENT

Mrs. Beebe and Mrs. Hogancamp provided information regarding their request for out-of-state travel approval and financial assistance for National FCCLA and National Speech.

Maintenance/Custodial Report – Hot Water heater update, heat exchanger replacement update which included pump motor and valve replacement to complete the project, JACE building controller update, Loup Power update for football field, sprinkler replacement at football field.

Secondary Principal Report – ACT update, state FFA convention, state FCCLA convention, NSCAS testing, MAP testing, 2025-2026 class schedule, graduation, professional development, activities update, NRCSA teacher of the year award.

Elementary Principal Report – School improvement, preschool roundup, kindergarten roundup, safety training, 4th quarter activities, NRCSA teacher of the year award.

Superintendent Report – Heat exchanger replacement, work with ESU 7 grant writer, REAP grant reimbursement, Bank of the Valley CD renewal, Mapping Grant awarded to HPS, school van repairs, Food Service Coordinator position filled, Additional Employment Agreements, federal funding updates, state legislative updates.

It was moved by Baumgart and seconded by Preister to approve the out-of-state travel to Orlando, Florida and provide \$250 per student and pay the registration fees to attend the 2025 National FCCLA Convention as well as the advisor's lodging, transportation and registration expenses as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 0 – ABSENT

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Vering to approve the out-of-state travel to Kansas City, Missouri and provide \$250 per student and pay the registration fees to attend the 2025 National Speech competition as well as the advisors' lodging, transportation and registration expenses as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 0 – ABSENT

It was moved by Brandl and seconded by Herchenbach to approve the contract with Cerris Systems for Hot Water Heater replacement as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 0 – ABSENT

It was moved by Baumgart and seconded by Vering to approve the JACE building controller replacement contract with Albireo Energy as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 0 – ABSENT

It was moved by Herchenbach and seconded by Schemek to approve the leasing contract with Mobile Modular for portable classrooms as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 0 – ABSENT

It was moved by Baumgart and seconded by Schemek to approve the resignation of Shelby DeVilder at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year and thank her for her years of service to Humphrey Public Schools as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 0 – ABSENT

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Vering to approve the teacher contract for Kara Libich for the 2025-2026 school year as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 0 – ABSENT

Action item #8 to consider and take possible action to approve music teacher contract died for a lack of motion due to no recommendation for the board to approve.

The next regular school board meeting date is Monday, May 12, 2025 @ 8:00p.m.

The bond committee provided an update to the board regarding options they would like to have the board consider for a possible third bond issue. One to two community meetings to present the options and gather feedback are being planned.

The Humphrey-Lindsay cooperative committee provided an update. The administration at Humphrey, Lindsay, and Archangels have been approached about cooping wrestling and bowling. The three schools are going to collect data on student interest before making any final decisions.

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Baumgart to adjourn the meeting at 9:08p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 9 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 0 – ABSENT

Julie Preister, Board Secretary