

Minutes of the October 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. by President Zach with members: Meyer, Huettner, Vering, Korth, Brandl, Schemek, Baumgart and Preister present.

Open meetings act is posted in the Humphrey Public Schools Library.

The meeting was legally advertised for public notice in the Humphrey Democrat on September 25, 2024.

Visitors present: Patrick Murphy with the Humphrey Democrat, Lisa Krings, Sheila Goetsch, Ashley Krings, Steve Krings, Mitzi Luedtke, Matt Bertrand, Barbara Lovercheck, Kassie Beebe, Cami Oelsligle, Anonda Schneider, Travis Friesen, Tom Meyer, Gary Bender, Jen Fistler, Pam Friesen, Carol Korth, Amanda Veik, Jill Preister, Kandee Honzel, Todd Macken, Spencer Eisenmenger, Jennifer Dunn, JoJo Dunn, Ethan Bruland, Joe Hesse

During public comment time, Barbara Lovercheck commented on behalf of the staff about the bond issue, the growth of schools and communities. Cami Oelsligle commented it is a need and not a want. Lisa Krings questioned about bond issue and ACHS accreditation. Jennifer Dunn commented about using HPS classes for Rule 10. Sheila Goetsch asked for clarification on proposed bond if it was for 7-12 or PK-12.

The minutes from the September 9, 2024 regular board meeting were reviewed. The minutes will stand as written.

The October financial report was reviewed by the board.

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

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

Elementary Principal Report – School Improvement, PT Conferences, MAP Testing, FFA Safety Academy, PK3 & PK4 Field Trips.

Secondary Principal Report – MAP Testing, PT Conferences, HWY 91 Career Fair, FFA Feed-A-Farmer, PSAT & PACT, JH Scholastic Fair, Professional Development, Activities.

Superintendent Report – Auditors, Staff Negotiations, Conference Volleyball, Veteran’s Day Program, NASB State Education Conference, Kitchen Equipment Grant, Journalism Camera.

Report from Maintenance/Custodial – Hot Water Heater Replacement, Cooling Tower Maintenance, Bus and Van Maintenance/Service Update.

It was moved by Baumgart and seconded by Korth to approve the amendment to the construction manager at risk agreement with Hausmann Construction for a possible new 7-12 facility as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Meyer, YES; Huettner, NO; Vering, YES; Korth, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Zach, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 - YES
 - 1 - NO
 - 0 - ABSTAIN
 - 0 - ABSENT

It was moved by Korth and seconded by Vering to approve the architect agreement for a possible new 7-12 facility as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Meyer, YES; Huettner, NO; Vering, YES; Korth, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Zach, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 - YES
 - 1 - NO
 - 0 - ABSTAIN
 - 0 - ABSENT

It was moved by Preister and seconded by Meyer to approve the resolution for policy 5006 appendix 1 to option enrollment for 2025-2026 as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Meyer, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, ABSENT; Korth, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, ABSENT; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Zach, YES.

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

It was moved by Schemek and seconded by Brandl to approve the resignation of Matt Bertrand at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year with regret and thank him for his years of services to Humphrey Public Schools as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Meyer, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Korth, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Zach, YES.

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

Huettner questioned some financial information.

It was moved by Baumgart and seconded by Korth to go into closed session of the board at 9:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, certified staff salaries, and negotiation updates as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Meyer, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Korth, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Zach, YES.

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

It was moved by Schemek and seconded by Huettner to come out of closed session at 10:13 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Meyer, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Korth, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Zach, YES.

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

The next regular school board meeting date is Monday, November 11, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m.

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Baumgart to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Meyer, YES; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Korth, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Zach, YES.

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

Julie Preister, Board Secretary