

HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 29, 2024

President, Scott Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Members present: Cox, Monte, Johnson, Town, Ferguson, Spicer and Roupe

Members absent:

**Pledge to the flag was given**

23/24-087. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Roupe that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting and Closed Session of December 18, 2023, as presented.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

**Public Concerns and Comments:** There were no public concerns or comments.

**Communications:** The School Board members were given small tokens of appreciation in recognition of School Board Appreciation month.

Syndee Malek gave a presentation to the Board with results from the focus groups that took place during September, October, and November. The response was exceptionally positive. Donovan also spoke about the next steps in the Strategic Planning process.

23/24-088. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Town, to appoint Donovan Rowe as temporary chairman until the President of the Board is elected and Dana Town as temporary Secretary until the position of Secretary of the Board is elected.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

23/24-089. Moved by Roupe, seconded by Monte, to nominate Scott Ferguson as President of the Board of Education, through January 27, 2025.

There were no other nominations for President, therefore; Scott Ferguson will serve as Board President for the period of January 29, 2024 to January 27, 2025.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

23/24-090. Moved by Town, seconded by Johnson, to nominate Cory Roupe as the Vice President of the Board of Education, through January 27, 2025.

There were no other nominations for Vice President, therefore; Cory Roupe will serve as Board Vice President for the period of January 29, 2024 to January 27, 2025.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

23/24-091. Moved by Roupe, seconded by Cox, to nominate Dana Town as the Secretary of the Board of Education, through January 27, 2025.

There were no other nominations for Secretary, therefore; Dana Town will serve as Board Secretary for the period of January 29, 2024 to January 27, 2025.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

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23/24-092. Moved by Town, seconded by Cox, to nominate Jennifer Johnson as the Treasurer of the Board of Education, through January 27, 2025.

There were no other nominations for Treasurer, therefore; Jennifer Johnson will serve as Board Treasurer for the period of January 29, 2024 to January 27, 2025.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

23/24-093. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education adopt the schedule for the Regular Board Meetings for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, through January 27, 2025, as presented.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

23/24-094. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation from the Executive Director for Finance for banking and investment depositories for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year through January 29, 2024, as presented.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

23/24-095. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Town, that the Board of Education continue to authorize the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Board to sign checks for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, through January 27, 2025.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

23/24-096. Moved by Roupe, seconded by Town, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution for Investment Authority for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, through January 27, 2025, as presented.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

23/24-097. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education continues to authorize the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Board to invest funds of the school district for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, through January 27, 2025, as presented.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

23/24-098. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education use the Monroe Evening News as our official publication for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, through January 27, 2025.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

23/24-099. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Ferguson, that the Board of Education approve Foley & Robinette, P.C. as general counsel for Huron School District for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, through January 27, 2025.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

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23/24-100. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education approve Thrun Law Firm to handle elections and any future Durant Litigations for the Huron School District for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, through January 27, 2025.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

23/24-101. Moved by Cox, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education approve Thrun Law Firm as bond and general counsel for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, through January 27, 2025.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

23/24-102. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson that the Board formally announce the final evaluation results for Superintendent, Donovan Rowe, as Highly Effective, as presented.

*Dana Town read the statement from his evaluation results*

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

23/24-103. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Bridgette Robertson as the First Call Out Bus Driver, effective January 10, 2024, as presented.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

23/24-104. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education approve the probationary contract and hiring of Hannah Richards as the ASD Release Teacher at Flat Rock High School, effective February 15, 2024, as presented.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0      Motion carried

23/24-105. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Town, that the Board of Education approve the 50D Virtual Learning Program, under Section 21f of the School Aide Act (15 forgiveness day plan), as presented.

*Donovan explained what the 50D Virtual Learning Program is about and how it related to “Act of God” days*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Cox, Monte, Johnson, Town, Spicer  
Roupe, and Ferguson - - - AYES

Motion carried

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23/24-106. Moved by Cox, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution accepting long term maintenance of the Storm Water Management System at Miller Elementary, as presented.

*Donovan gave an explanation as to why the Board is approving these resolutions*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Cox, Monte, Johnson, Town, Spicer  
Roupe, and Ferguson - - - AYES

Motion carried

23/24-107. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Town, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution accepting long term maintenance of the Storm Water Management System at Brown Elementary, as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Cox, Monte, Johnson, Town, Spicer  
Roupe, and Ferguson - - - AYES

Motion carried

23/24-108. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Monte, that the Board approve the second reading and adoption of NEOLA Board Policy Update Volume 34 Number 2, as presented.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0

Motion carried

23/24-109. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Johnson, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of NEOLA Special November Board Policy Update, as presented.

Ayes – 7      Nays - 0

Motion carried

23/24-110. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Ferguson, that the Board of Education approve the Accounts Payable totaling \$4,820,232.80, as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Cox, Monte, Johnson, Town, Spicer  
Roupe, and Ferguson - - - AYES

Motion carried

Investment Report

Note and File

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Note and File

*There was a brief discussion as to who, if any, wanted to change subcommittees. Everyone agreed to stay on the committees that they were already on.*

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23/24-111. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Roupe, that the Board of Education accept the appointments to the subcommittees for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, through January 27, 2025 as follows:

Policy Committee:	Dana Town, Aaron Cox, Josh Monte
Finance Committee:	Scott Ferguson, Dana Town, Jennifer Johnson
LDFA Committee:	Scott Ferguson, Donovan Rowe
Facilities Committee:	Cory Roupe, Julie Spicer, Aaron Cox
Strategic Planning Committee:	Cory Roupe, Jennifer Johnson, Josh Monte

Ayes – 7

Nays - 0

Motion carried

**Comments from the Board of Education:**

Monte: Explained that he attended the Facilities Committee just prior to this meeting and he is excited about the exciting things that are ahead.

Spicer: Thanked all of the students who came out, and thanked everyone for the Board Appreciation gifts.

Cox: Thanked Syndee for her presentation on the focus group results and thanked everyone for the gifts.

Johnson: Echoed everyone's comments and reminded everyone of the Mattress fundraiser that is going on, March 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Band and Choir.

Roupe: Thanked everyone and stated that Gwen Christman passed away over the Holiday break. There will be a Celebration of Life this Saturday, in the High School cafeteria from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Town: Ms. Christman was a staple at Huron, and she will be missed. She thanked Syndee for her presentation and thanked all of the buildings and departments for the gifts. She also thanked Mr. Hudock for all of the hard work that he does in the background.

Ferguson: Thanked everyone and wished all of the employees who plan to retire the best of luck.

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**Superintendent's Comments:**

Donovan made the comment that he thinks this was Mr. Hudock's second sick day, but he wanted to express his appreciation for everything that he does. Gwen Christman will be missed around Huron, and he also thanked all of the Board Members for their dedication to the district.

23/24-112. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Cox, that meeting be adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion carried