

Heartland Community School Henderson/Bradshaw October 2010Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Patrons, and Friends of Heartland Community Schools,

The last Friday in September is the official enrollment day for Nebraska School Districts. Heartland's enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year is up one from last year, we have 311 students in grades K-12. We have six more students in grades K-6 for a total of 158 students and 5 less at the 7-12 level for a total of 153. Our NSAA count which is made up of students in grades 9, 10, and 11 is 75. This is down 9 students from last years count.

The Heartland Board of Education adopted the 2010-2011 budget at the end of August. The budget shows an increase of 2.96% in expenditures. The 2009-2010 total was \$4,636,007 and the 2010-2011 total is \$4,773,170. The tax levy actually decreased from \$1.0575 to \$1.0501 for the General Fund. The Qualified Capital Purposes Undertaking Fund levy decreased from \$0.0203 to \$0.0196. This was all made possible by a significant increase in district valuations. The Board of Education has also been committed to building up the cash reserve so that there will be funds available in the future if there is a leveling or a decrease in land values. I can assure you the administration and the board of education make every effort to provide the best possible education in a fiscally responsible manner. The Heartland District receives very little in state aid to education from the State of Nebraska. The amount that the district will receive in the 2010-2011 school year is \$47,546. The district received \$74,680 in 2009-2010. While many districts are really concerned about a major decrease in state aid or major fluctuations from one year to the next, the small amount received by the Heartland District has minimal impact on the district budget.

A more detailed report on the enrollment by class and how the receipts and expenditures are broken down will be included in the annual report that will be included in the November Newsletter.

Sincerely, Dr. Norm Yoder, Superintendent

*****FOR SALE*****

1994 Dodge, 15 passenger van in fair condition. The van has a 360 V8 engine with 124,251 miles. Heartland Community Schools is accepting sealed bids until 12:00, Noon, Monday, October 13, at the school office. Van may be seen at Heartland Community Schools, 1501 Front Street, Henderson, NE 68371. 402-723-4434. The School has the right to reject any or all bids.



ALL SCHOOL PICTURES OCTOBER 12, 2010

All students in grades K-12 will be photographed on Wednesday morning, October 12, 2010. Parents may bring preschoolers in for photos as well, beginning at

8:00AM. Check at the school office for location. Photos will be sold on a pre-pay basis. Packets for ordering photos will be sent home with students on or about October 4th, 2010, and will be available for pickup in the school office after that date.

PARKING IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL

Please do not park in the area that is marked with yellow curbs in front of the school during school hours. This is particularly true before and after school. It is all right to use it for pick-up and drop-off of students, but it creates a real safety issue when you block the way for busses and other parents when you park in that area.

We also ask that you allow room for bus parking in these areas during school activities. This area is reserved for busses from visiting schools to park.

We appreciate your cooperation for the safety of our students!

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

There will be a major change in the Heartland Board of Education as of January 2011. Three incumbent board members, Kerri Kliewer, Galen Friesen, and Mark Dick have decided not to run for re-election. Only three candidates are running so the three new board members beginning in January will be Kent Allen, Glen Larson, and Boyd Stuhr, Jr. These three are running unopposed in the November elections. They will join continuing board members Gary Braun, Paul Brune, and Deb Wilhelm.

KILGORE LIBRARY SURVEY

The Kilgore Library is located in York and supported by each of our tax dollars for those of us who live in York County. There is a survey in this issue of the newsletter that they have requested that we include as a way for them to receive input and feedback for the library services they provide. We encourage you to fill out the survey and send it in to the library. Please do not return it to the school.

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Michael Brune	•	P, Res. Ch.
Rick Siebert	L Metal Proj.	P, Champ
Justin Wessels	·	P, Res. Ch.
Abigail Bechtel	S Wood Proj.	P, Champ.
Brent Regier	Med Wood Proj.	P, Res Ch.
Rick Siebert	Ears of Corn	P, Champ.
Brandon Friesen	Oat	P, Champ.
Michael Brune	Shelled Yel Corn	P, Champ.
Brandon Friesen	Shelled Yel Corn	P, Res. Ch.
Rick Siebert	Stalks of Corn	P, Res. Ch.
Luis Romo	Soybeans	P, Champ.
Carlie Weisheit		P, Res. Ch.
Cort Regier	Winter Wheat	P, Champ.
Brandon Friesen	Wrapped or Tied	P, Champ.

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

As the winter approaches, occasional bad weather necessitates the closing of school for the safety of our students. School closing information will be announced over the radio station KAWL (1370) and television stations KHAS, KLKN, NTV and KOLN. In Henderson it will be announced with voiceover capabilities on any cable channel (in town) when your TV is on. This year we are implementing an automated phone message service through School Reach which we plan on using for school closings. You may also call our school closing phone line at 402-723 -4421. If a decision has been made the night before, the closing will be announced at 10:00PM. In the mornings it will be announced on the half hour from 6:30AM to 8:00AM (cable only).

FBLA KICKS OFF NEW YEAR

The beginning of a new school year brings a new beginning to Heartland FBLA. On August 30, the FBLA kicked off its new year with their annual organizational meeting. The officers for this year are: Kim Goossen, President; Tori Bittinger, Vice President; Ashley Quiring, Secretary; Rachel King, Treasurer; Lincoln Ruybalid, News Reporter; Mariah Kliewer, Historian; and Sondra Buller, Committee Representative. President Kim Goossen led the meeting and gave an overview of the FBLA activities for the 2010-11 school year.

The members then competed in "Minute To Win It." They divided into five groups to battle for prizes. The games were This Blows, Movin' On Up, Wheel of a Deal, Extreme Hanky Panky and Rapid Fire. The winners were Tori Bittinger, Kim Goossen, Rachel King, Ashley Quiring and Aubrey DeBraal. The evening ended with everyone enjoying ice cream sundaes.

The chapter welcomed 12 new members: Senior Destiny Dibbern; Junior Cody Brown; Sophomore Janelle Huebert; and Freshmen Taylor Ahrens, Allison Braun, Bailey Carr, Aubrey DeBraal, Sidney Dick, Kaci Hiebner, Jonathan Larson, Morgan Michel and Olivia Prentice. Other members are Emily Huebert, Tyler Kliewer, Ashley Bittinger, Jordan Bittinger, Sara Brune and Mikaelyn Dick. The next FBLA activity is the Fall Leadership Conference in Kearney on September 28.

The winners of "Minute to Win It" from left to right: Aubrey DeBraal, Ashley Quiring, Rachel King, Kim Goos-



sen and Tori Bittinger.

Bring notes, an open mind to parent-teacher conferences

Come prepared to your next parent-teacher conference and you'll get more out of it. To make the most of meetings with your middle schooler's teachers:

- **Be there.** You won't get anything out of parent-teacher conferences if you don't show up! So do whatever it takes to be there. If it's truly impossible to attend, speak to your child's teachers about meeting at a different time (or even over the phone).
- Jot down notes ahead of time. Do you have specific questions you'd like your child's teachers to answer? Don't assume you'll remember them when you get to the meeting. Instead, write them down beforehand. But keep your list short. There probably won't be time to address dozens of issues.
- Come with an open mind. Has your child told you horror stories about a certain teacher? Don't let it affect



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how you approach your meeting. Instead, start every conference with a clean slate. It may lead to better communication all around.

• Listen. Give your child's teachers a chance to talk about their classes without interrupting. It might give you fresh insight into what's happening at school. Of course, if you hear something you don't understand, speak up and ask for clarification.

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This is the second year for Art Club and we are proud to announce we have 22 members this year.

Art Club Officers for the 2010-

2011 school year are:

Mariah Kliewer

Sam Boardman

Emily Huebert

Bailey Friesen

Amanda Rowe

Emily Ott

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Historian News Reporter

Art Club Members:

Freshman Allison Braun Sidney Dick Olivia Prentice Morgan Michel Kaci Hiebner Aubrey DeBraal Taylor Ahrens Megan Friesen Megan Boardman Jonathon Larson Sophomores Janelle Huebert Sara Brune

Juniors Jen Yoder Casey Goertzen

Seniors John Olson Anna King

Art Club added an Elementary Poster Contest to the events of Homecoming this year! All students in grades K-6 will participate. Look for the elementary and high school posters in the cafeteria and theatre hallway.

Heartland Community Schools

Henderson/Bradshaw Regular Board Meeting Monday, August 16, 2010 Henderson Attendance Center – Conference Room 8:00 PM MINUTES

Members Present: Galen R. Friesen, Gary Braun, Debra Wilhelm, Kerri Kliewer, Mark Dick, and Paul Brune. Others Present: Supt. Norm Yoder, Principals Tim Carr and Cindy Huebert.

I. Call to Order President Brune called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

II. President Brune declared the meeting to be open, legal and properly advertised with all members having been informed of the nature of the meeting and having received related information. He also indicated the posting of the open meetings law at the front of the room.

III. Approval of Agenda

<u>Action 1:</u> Motion by Kliewer, second by Braun, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

IV. Audience with Individuals and/or Committees

V. Minutes of Meeting

VI. Treasurer's Report The General Fund Treasurer's report was reviewed and filed pending audit.

VII. Claims

VIII. Financial Reports The financial reports for the School Lunch Fund, Activity Fund, Unemployment Fund, and the Depreciation Fund were reviewed and filed pending audit.

Action 2: Motion by Friesen, second by Kliewer, to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the July 12, 2010 regular meeting, July 12, 2010 policy hearing, August 9, 2010 board work session, the General

HOMECOMING OCT 4TH-8TH! GO HUSKIES!





Fund claims, and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund claims Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

IX. Administrative Reports

The board heard administrative reports on the NASB District I meeting to be held in York on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, ALICAP Insurance rebate, and future radio replacement needs.

X. Summer Projects The board reviewed the progress on the carpeting, lighting, and front entrance projects.

XI. Discussion with Neighboring Districts Supt. Yoder reported about discussions with York on cooping wrestling.

XII. Cooping Wrestling with York

Action 3: Motion by Friesen, second by Braun, to approve cooping wrestling with York for 2010-11 and 2011-12. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XIII. 2010-11 Budget

Action 4: Motion by Braun, second by Wilhelm, to tentively adopt a budget for 2010-11 to take to the budget hearing on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 of the General Fund of \$4773,170; Depreciation Fund of \$505,000; School Lunch Fund of \$185,000; Unemployment Compensation Fund of \$2950; Activity Fund of \$250,000; Student Fees Fund of \$20,000; and the Qualified Capital Purposes Undertaking Fund of \$218,700. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

The board set Tuesday, August 24, 2010 as the budget amendment and budget hearing and set Monday, August 30, 2010 for final claims.

XIV. Transportation Report The board reviewed the transportation report for 2009-2010.

XV. DISTRICT NASB Meeting Plans were finalized to attend the District NASB meeting in York on Wednesday, September 1, 2010.

XVI. Personnel

<u>Action 5:</u> Motion by Dick, second by Friesen, to approve the appointment of Michele Green as assistant girls'basketball coach. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

<u>Action 6:</u> Motion by Kliewer, second by Braun, to approve the appointment of Tanya Friesen as a bus driver. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

<u>Action 7:</u> Motion by Friesen, second by Dick, to approve the appointment of Mike Yoder as a part-time bus driver. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XVII. Adjournment President Brune adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS -

Henderson/Bradshaw 8:00 PM Budget Amendment Hearing Qualified Capital Purposes Undertaking Fund Conference Room Tuesday, August 24, 2010 MINUTES

Members Present: Galen R. Friesen, Gary Braun, Debra Wilhelm, Kerri Kliewer, Paul Brune, and Mark Dick. Others Present: Supt. Norm Yoder and Principals Cindy Huebert and Tim Carr.

I. Call To Order President Brune called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

II. President Braun declared the meeting to be open, legal and properly advertised with all members having been informed of the nature of the meeting and having received related information. He pointed out the open meetings law poster at the front of the room.

III. Public Comments on amending the 2009-2010 Qualified Capital Purposes Undertaking Fund Budget. There were no comments from the public.

VI. Adjournment President Brune adjourned the Public Hearing to at 8:01 p.m.

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS -

Henderson/Bradshaw 8:00 PM Budget Hearing Conference Room Tuesday, August 24, 2010 MINUTES

Members Present: Galen R. Friesen, Gary Braun, Debra Wilhelm, Kerri Kliewer, Paul Brune, and Mark Dick. Others Present: Supt. Norm Yoder and Principals Cindy Huebert and Tim Carr.

I. Call To Order President Brune called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

II. President Braun declared the meeting to be open, legal and properly advertised with all members having been informed of the nature of the meeting and having received related information. He pointed out open meetings law poster at the front of the room.

III. Public Comments on the Proposed 2010-2011 Budget There were no comments from the public.

VI. Adjournment President Brune adjourned the Public Hearing at 8:02 p.m.



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HEARTLAND COMMUNTIY SCHOOLS Henderson/Bradshaw Special Board Meeting Tuesday, August 24, 2010 Conference Boom

Conference Room 8:00 PM MINUTES

Members Present: Galen R. Friesen, Gary Braun, Debra Wilhelm, Kerri Kliewer, Mark Dick, Paul Brune. Others Present: Supt. Norm Yoder, Secondary Principal Tim Carr and Elementary Principal Cindy Huebert.

I. Call to Order

President Brune called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

II. President Braun declared the meeting to be open, legal and properly advertised with all members having been informed of the nature of the meeting and having received related information. He also indicated the posting of the open meetings law at the front of the room.

III. Approval of Agenda

Action 1: Motion by Braun, second by Dick, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against

IV. Audience with Individuals and/or Committees

V. Approve Claims

<u>Action 2:</u> Motion by Kliewer, second by Friesen, to approve the General Fund Transfers of \$31,000 to the Depreciation Fund (Track \$5,000, Vehicles \$26,000) and \$35,000 to the Activities Fund (\$30,000 for athletics and \$5,000 for yearbook). Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

<u>Action 3:</u> Motion by Friesen, second by Braun, to approve the General Fund claims as presented. Motion Carried: 6for; 0-against.

<u>Action 4:</u> Motion by Wilhelm, second by Dick, to approve the Qualified Capital Purposes Undertaking Fund claims as presented. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

VI. Adopt Budget for 2010-2011

Action 5: Motion by Kliewer, second by Braun, to approve the 2010-11 Budget as follows: General Fund - \$4,773,170 Depreciation Fund - \$505,000; School Lunch Fund -\$185,000; Unemployment Compensation Fund - \$2950; Activity Fund - \$250,000; Student Fees Fund - \$20,000; and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund -\$290,000. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against VII. Amended Budget for Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund

<u>Action 6:</u> Motion by Friesen, second by Dick, to approve amending the Qualified Capital Purposes Undertaking Fund Budget for 2009-2010 from \$91,500 to \$296,500 to account for the recently issued bonds. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

VIII. Summer Projects The board reviewed several possible proposals for remodeling the front entrance.

IX. President Brune adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Henderson/Bradshaw Special Board Meeting Tuesday, August 30, 2010 Henderson Attendance Center – Conference Room 8:00 PM MINUTES

Members Present: Galen R. Friesen, Gary Braun, Debra Wilhelm, Mark Dick, Paul Brune. Absent: Kerri Kliewer Others Present: Supt. Norm Yoder

I. Call to Order President Brune called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

II. President Brune declared the meeting to be open, legal and properly advertised with all members having been Informed of the nature of the meeting and having received Related information. He also indicated the poster of the open meetings law at the front of the room.

III. Approval of Agenda

Action 1: Motion by Braun, second by Dick, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1 absent (Kliewer)

IV. Audience with Individuals and/or Committees

V. Excuse Board Member – Kliewer <u>Action 2:</u> Motion by Friesen, second by Braun, to excuse board member Kerri Kliewer, who is absent for the meeting. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1 – absent (Kliewer)

VI Approve Claims

Action 3: Motion by Dick, second by Friesen, to approve the General Fund claims as presented. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against; 1 – absent (Kliewer)

VII. President Brune adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2 - Harvest of Harmony Parade

October 5 - Teacher In-Service Dismiss @ 11:40 am

October 8 - Homecoming

October 11- Board of Education Meeting 8:00 pm

October 12- School Pictures

October 18 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 8:30 pm

October 28 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 8:30 pm

October 29 - NO SCHOOL



COMMUNITY NIGHTS AT WENDY'S!

October 11, 2010 November 8, 2010 December 13, 2010 January 10, 2010 February 14, 2010 March 14, 2010 April 11, 2010

Eat at Wendy's on these nights between 5-8pm and they will donate 10% of their sales to Heartland.

At the end of the year the school with the highest sales will have their donations DOUBLED!

2011 HUSKIE YEARBOOK FOR SALE

On sale September 27– October 1 Cost: \$35 The following form may be used to reserve your copy of the yearbook. Return the form and \$35 to the school office or mail to Heartland Community School, Attn: Yearbook Staff, 1501 Front Street, Henderson, NE 68371.

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