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President Havenor called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M. in the MS/HS IMC at Central.

Roll call: Dan Wallery, present; Jody Ausen, absent; Greg Sather, present; Tom Bilski, present; Robert Smith, present; Brett Semingson, absent; Lois Havenor, present. Five present, two absent.

Verification of public notice and agenda was published in the April 7, 2011 issue of the Tri-County News. Agendas also posted at all three schools and the post offices in Eleva and Strum.

Motion by Bilski, seconded by Smith to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Motion by Sather, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2011 regular board meeting. Motion carried.

Communications – Havenor read a Thank You note for the breakfast during bus driver appreciation week from the bus drivers and Barry Svoma. Invitations to attend Reality Check for high school seniors and Career Pathway Event were presented to the board.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Wallery to approve payment of General Fund checks #43036-43215; Petty Cash check #1722-1727; Student Activity Fund checks #14795-14826. Roll call: Sather, yes; Wallery, yes; Bilski, yes; Smith, yes; Havenor, yes. Motion carried

Ausen entered meeting at 6:44 p.m.

The board reviewed a list of ideas presented by the staff in November to improve various areas of our schools and the progress made in these areas and listened to new concerns.

Motion by Ausen, seconded by Sather to approve hire of Tracy Phillips as part-time classroom aide for elementary student as long as he is a resident of the district. Motion carried.

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Motion by Sather, seconded by Smith to accept the retirement/resignation request from Ardyth Brenner with thanks and gratitude for her many years of service to the district. Motion carried.

Motion by Bilski, seconded by Wallery to approve the early retirement stipend increase of 2.2% based on the Midwest CPI according to the teacher master contract for a new amount of \$6,792.03 for 2011. Motion carried.

Records request policy was referred to the policy committee to review.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Wallery to cancel the scheduled May 6, 2011 teacher in-service making it a student/teacher full day with administration having the authority to find the additional hours to meet the contractual hours for teachers. Motion carried.

Motion by Bilski, seconded by Ausen to move insurance options to closed session. Motion carried.

WASB employee handbook tabled until further information is known.

Motion by Wallery, seconded by Ausen to approve the technology purchase order to CDW-G for \$31,516.64 using ARRA funds to pay for it. Roll call: Smith, yes; Wallery, yes; Ausen, yes; Sather, yes; Bilski, yes; Havenor, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Kulig, HS/MS Principal presented information on changing the high school and middle school schedule from an eight period day to a seven period day. The board requested more information be brought back at the May meeting.

Motion by Wallery, seconded by Ausen to reduce Ag Teacher Warren Behm and Family and Consumer Ed Teacher Judy Foss to 50% layoff for 2011-12 school year. Roll call: Smith, yes; Bilski, yes; Sather, yes; Ausen, yes; Wallery, yes; Havenor, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Kempf, Elementary Principals report on WKCE test results were tabled to the May meeting.

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Mr. Semingson, Superintendent reported on suggestions from a food service audit in March. He also informed the board that Garry Hageness, who was nominated by our school district, won this year's Bert Grover Child Advocacy Award from WASDA.

Havenor and Mr. Semingson gave an overview of their attendance at the WASDA Day at the capital.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Sather to enter executive session as per SS 19.85 to discuss retirement stipends and sick day payouts along with insurance options. Roll call: Sather, yes; Ausen, yes; Wallery, yes; Bilski, yes; Smith, yes; Havenor, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Semingson, seconded by Smith to exit executive session. Roll call: Sather, yes; Ausen, yes; Bilski, yes; Wallery, yes; Smith, yes; Havenor, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wallery, seconded by Bilski that the School Board will honor the voluntary early retirement provisions of the 2010-11 Teachers Master Agreement at a fixed rate of \$6,792.03 for those employees who qualify for early retirement by June 30, 2011, upon retirement. Roll call: Smith, yes; Bilski, yes; Sather, yes; Ausen, yes; Wallery, yes; Havenor, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Sather that the School Board will honor the unused sick leave provisions of Article XXI – Retirement of the Support Staff Master Agreement at an average hourly rate of the 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 school years for those employees who are eligible for retirement by June 30, 2011, upon retirement. Roll call: Smith, yes; Wallery, yes; Ausen, yes; Sather, yes; Bilski, yes; Havenor, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ausen, seconded by Smith to renew life insurance for the non-represented staff for the 2011-12 school year. Roll call: Sather, yes; Wallery, yes; Bilski, yes; Ausen, yes; Smith, yes; Havenor, yes. Motion carried.

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The School Board will set up informational meetings with insurance representatives at an upcoming special Board meeting.

Motion by Wallery, seconded by Bilski to adjourn. Roll call: Smith, yes; Bilski, yes; Sather, yes; Ausen, yes; Wallery, yes; Havenor, yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 P.M.

THOMAS J. BILSKI
CLERK