



Heartland Community School

Henderson/Bradshaw

August/September 2009 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Friends of Heartland Community Schools,

We are looking forward to a new school year. We trust it will be an exciting and eventful year for each Heartland student. Our commitment is to provide the best possible education for each and every student. We hope you as parents will continue to work with us, as you have in past years, to make this happen. We want each student to feel safe while at school and to have an experience that will enrich each of their lives.

I know our principals, Mrs. Huebert, elementary principal, and Mr. Carr, our new secondary principal, are also committed to providing an excellent education for each and every student. Don't hesitate to call any of us if you have questions or concerns about your child's education. We encourage you to talk first with your student's classroom teacher and if you still have questions, please feel free to give us a call.

As I mentioned, Mr. Carr is our new secondary principal replacing Blaine Friesen, who has retired. Mr. Greg Veerhusen has been hired to take Mr. Carr's place in the 6th grade classroom. Please stop by and welcome each of them to Heartland.

Bus routes are included in this newsletter. We are making a change, when possible, on the route in Bradshaw for the purposes of safety. We are making the stops in the middle of the block rather than at the intersections. We feel this will help to make it safer for children when they are getting on and off of the bus. If you see a safety problem with this change, please give us a call and we will try to make adjustments when possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a special welcome to all of our families new to the district. We hope you and your children will have a good experience at Heartland. Don't hesitate to call us if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Dr. Norm Yoder, Superintendent

Students Get the Edge
*Heartland students recognized with top honors
at the FBLA national conference*

Anaheim is one of the country's most popular tourist destinations—a place well-suited for over 7,800 future business leaders to *Get the Edge*.

Future Business Leaders of America, the largest and oldest student business organization, held their National Leadership Conference at the Anaheim Convention Center from June 23 to 29. Tori Bittinger, Crista Buller, Jennifer

Goossen, Kim Goossen, Clint Kroeker and Brianna Rader, along with adviser Kristy Most enjoyed the weeklong conference activities. The group stayed at the Anaheim Hilton Hotel next to Disneyland.

Brianna Rader placed third in the nation in Business Procedures. She received a cash award of \$100 from Junior Tours. This was Brianna's second appearance at a national conference. Last year she placed third in Accounting II.

Tori Bittinger placed fourth in the nation in Word Processing II. This was Tori's second appearance at a national conference. Last year she placed second in Word Processing I.

Crista Buller, Jennifer Goossen and Clint Kroeker placed tenth in the nation in Banking and Financial Systems. This was Crista's first appearance, Jennifer's second appearance, and Clint's second appearance at a national conference. As a freshman, Jennifer competed in Word Processing I. Last year Clint placed second in Accounting II.

These awards were part of a comprehensive competitive events program sponsored by FBLA-PBL. Individuals, state teams and local chapters were encouraged to compete in any of the nearly 60 different events, representing a wide range of activities and the business and leadership development focus of FBLA-PBL. The winners of these highly competitive and prestigious awards were selected from among FBLA-PBL's membership of over 250,000 students and advisers who represent some of the best and brightest of today's youth.

Also competing at Nationals was **Kim Goossen** in Word Processing II. The state of Nebraska won 27 top ten awards.

The group enjoyed the following activities during the week: Huntington Beach, Universal Studios Hollywood, shopping in Downtown Disney, Disneyland Park, California Adventure Park, tour of Los Angeles which included Grauman's Chinese Theatre, Kodak Theatre, Hollywood's "Walk of Fame", Rodeo Drive and the Santa Monica Pier.

Caption for picture: Tori Bittinger, Brianna Rader, Clint Kroeker, Jennifer Goossen, and Crista Buller.



BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES



New breakfast and lunch prices have been set for the 2009-2010 school year. Lunch prices for students in grades K-6 will pay \$2.50 per meal and students in grades 7-12 will pay \$2.60 per meal. Students who qualify for reduced price meals will pay \$0.40. The Huskie meal for 9-12 students will pay \$2.00 extra. Adult employees will pay \$3.10 per meal and visitors will pay \$3.70 per meal. Last spring Heartland began a new breakfast program for all K-12 students. Breakfast will continue to be served during the 2009-2010 school year for \$1.20. Students who qualify for reduced price meals will pay \$0.20.

Also, kindergarten students will have their afternoon milk included in their lunch accounts. Afternoon milk for kindergarten students is 25 cents per day. This is entered on your child's lunch account every two weeks. *We ask that all families keep their lunch accounts in a positive balance..* We need your cooperation to see that your child always has a positive balance. A call and/or a note will be sent home with your child when the account reaches a balance of \$10.00 or below. Please make every effort to send money when you receive the notice.

ADMISSION PRICES



The Heartland Community School admission prices and ticket prices for the 2009-2010 school year are as follows:

Students K-12	\$3.00
Adults	\$4.00
Senior Citizens (65+)	\$2.00

Family Passes

\$150.00 per family
\$ 60.00 per single adult
\$ 40.00 per student

(Students 6th grade and below must be accompanied by an adult to get in on a family pass.)

Non-Discrimination Policy

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, age, or handicap in admission or access to, or treatment or employment, in its program and activities. If any patron or employee feels they have been discriminated against by any school employee, please contact Superintendent, Norm Yoder or Elementary Principal, Cindy Huebert.

2009-2010 BUS SCHEDULE



THE FOLLOWING BUS ROUTES INCLUDE ALL STUDENTS WHO PLANNED ON RIDING ON A REGULAR BASIS. IF YOU RESPONDED THAT YOU WILL SELDOM RIDE, YOU ARE INCLUDED ON THE LIST THAT THE BUS DRIVERS RECEIVE. IF YOU WANT TO RIDE AT ANY TIME, PLEASE CALL THE BUS DRIVER FOR YOUR AREA AND THEY WILL PICK UP YOUR CHILD.

NORTH BRADSHAW ROUTE:

Galen Saathoff Bus 06- Clyde Goertzen, Kent Allen, Lukas Monnier, Scott Taggart, Middle of Block on E. North between Douglas & Lincoln, Middle of Block on Lincoln St. between E. North & Marshall, Middle of the Block on Marshall between Lincoln and Douglas, Corner of Clark & Fulton, Middle of Block on Stockton between Fulton & Jackson, Middle of Block on Stockton between Jackson & Marshall, Middle of Block on West St between Marshall & Jackson, Jared Hoffschneider, Middle of Block on Jackson between West & Mitchell, Star Wood, John Scott Goertzen.

WEST ROUTE: Michelle Holtzen Bus 96- Megan Boyd, Nathan Goertzen, Jared Goertzen, Sara Boardman, Jody Regier, Tim Bergen, Jerry Huebert, Gary Buller, Justin Ott, Matthew Epp, Dale Steingard, Jay Huebert.

NORTH CENTRAL ROUTE: Gene Anderson Bus 00 - Jason Quiring, Brent Buller, Lonnie Quiring, Paul Buller, Greg Boehr, Scott Onnen, Justin Goertzen, Tad Johnson, Mark Stamp, Rick Hiebner, Todd Bellis.

SOUTHEAST ROUTE: Jim Dyer Bus 02 - Jason Arbuck, Genny Sterling, Cal Hiebner, Rodney Friesen, Al Schaldecker, Scott Ulmer, Jenny Noble, Steve Hiebner, Brent Swartzendruber, Glen Ott, Troy Hiebner, Orie Friesen, Rick Glinsmann and Derrick Regier.

NORTH ROUTE: Marcia Traudt Bus 07 - Roger Spencer, Boyd Stuhr, Craig Quiring, Terry King, Joe Winter, Bryan Driewer.

KINDERGARTEN- TAKE HOME:

Route 1: Paul Buller, Jared Goertzen, Justin Ott, Steve Hiebner, Jason Arbuck

Route 2: John Goertzen, Aumer Argueta, Justin Rea, Scott Onnen, Justin Goertzen.



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The “No Child Left Behind Act” Calls for New Requirements of the School District

The new federal legislation included in the “No Child Left Behind Act” requires that schools release the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all students in grades 9-12 to any military and/or college recruiters that request them. Parents have the right to request that this information not be released without their permission. All parents of students in grades 9-12 will receive a letter with a waiver form attached. This form needs to be filled out and returned to the school to block your child’s name from being released. If you do not receive a letter and form, please call the school office and one will be sent to you. If you have any questions, please call the school office for further information.

High School Suggested School Supply List

Miss Bishop -

Nebraska Literature

- Trapper Keeper
- 2 Spiral Notebooks
- 1 Steno Pad
- 5 Folders with pockets
- 4x6 Lined Index Cards
- Legal pad or tablet

Advanced Speech

- 4x6 lined index cards
- Legal pad or tablet
- Colored pencils & markers (optional)

- Blue or Black ink pen
- Camera & film for projects throughout the year (optional)

Senior English Classes (Adv. Lit/Comp & Lit /Comp)

- Note cards for research
- May purchase paperback novel during school year
- Notebook or spiral to take notes

Julie Goertzen - Grades 9, 10, & 11 English

- Trapper Keeper or Binder
- 1 Steno Pad
- Index cards - any size
- 4 pocket folders

Marc Regier - Grades 9-12 Science

- Notebook
- Small notebook-pages don’t tear out
- 3 ring binder
- Scientific calculator

Scientific calculator

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

The Environmental Protection Agency regulation requires that all patrons and employees of the Heartland Community Schools-Henderson/Bradshaw be notified as to the location of asbestos containing materials in the school building.

Recent inspections conducted by ATC Environmental, Inc. of Omaha, confirmed earlier inspections conducted in 1983 that there is pipe insulation containing asbestos particles in several locations in the Henderson Attendance Center. These are located in the old gym, the stage, and several maintenance storage areas. Although the pipe insulation does contain asbestos particles, ATC Environmental Inc., found them to be properly encapsulated and therefore pose no threat to the students or employees of Heartland Community Schools. Management plans, as required by law, have been filed with the State Health Department and should the materials become damaged in any way, the proper action will be taken by school personnel to insure a safe environment for all students and employees. School Superintendent, Norm Yoder and Maintenance Director, Matt Quiring have received special training, as required by the EPA, to deal with any asbestos related incidents. If any employees have questions or observe any damage to any asbestos covered materials, they should contact the superintendent’s office. A detailed diagram of existing asbestos locations in the school building may be obtained from the superintendent’s office. A copy of the management plan is available for public inspection in the superintendent’s office.

*“In order to succeed, your
desire for success should be greater than
your fear of failure.”
- Bill Cosby*

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Henderson/Bradshaw
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2009

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 Blaine Friesen and Cindy Huebert and principal elect Tim Carr. Patrons: Ella Epp, Robert O. Epp, Vern Friesen.

I. Call to Order

President Braun called the regular 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 Brune, second by Kliewer, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

IV. Audience with Individuals and/or Committees

Ella Epp was present to propose raising funds to pay for Mrs. Goertzen to update the painting in the front lobby.

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 Dick, second by Wilhelm, to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the May 11, 2009 regular meeting, the general fund and Qualified Capital Purpose Funds claims. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

IX. Administrative Reports

The board heard administrative reports on the sale of the Bradshaw building and the over seeding of the football practice field;

X. Summer Projects

An update was given on the roof project and on the status of the track project.

XI. Discussion with Neighboring Districts
There have been no further discussions at this time.

XII. Choir Robe Replacement

Action 3: Motion by Friesen, second by Brune, to table the replacement of choir robes until the July meeting as we still have not received a sample robe. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XIII. Preliminary Budget Review

Supt. Yoder gave a very brief budget review for 2009-2010.

Lunch Prices

Action 4: Motion by Dick, second by Braun, to increase the lunch prices by 10 cents. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against

XV. Evaluation Procedures

The principals reviewed the procedures for staff evaluations. The superintendent and board self evaluation procedures were reviewed.

XVI. Policy Review

Action 5: Motion by Friesen, second by Kliewer, to hold the first reading, waive the second and third readings and adopt the revised SPED policies IDDF-1 – IDDF-16. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XVII. Student Insurance

Action 6: Motion by Friesen, second by Dick, to make student accident insurance available to parents from Student Assurance, Inc. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 7: Motion by Dick, second by Wilhelm, to provide catastrophic student accident insurance for all students K-12. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XVIII. Personnel

Action 8: Motion by Brune, second by Kliewer, to approve Elizabeth King and Erin Sans as local substitute teachers. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 9: Motion by Friesen, second by Kliewer, to approve the negotiated agreement with the H.E.A. for 2009-2010. The agreement sets the base salary at \$30,600 and is a 3.72% increase. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 10: Motion by Brune, second by Braun, to set the pay for support staff as discussed. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 11: Motion by Friesen, second by Braun, to set the pay for substitute teachers at \$96.00 for 2009-2010. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 12: Motion by Kliewer, second by Brune, to recognize and express appreciation to Blaine Friesen for his



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24 years of service to the district. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 13: Motion by Brune, second by Braun, to go into executive session at 10:00 p.m. to review the negotiations agreement with the certified staff, to discuss salaries for the support staff, elementary principal, the superintendent and pay for substitute teachers. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 14: Motion by Dick, second by Brune, to come out of executive session at 10:25 p.m. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 15: Motion by Dick, second by Braun, to set the salary for Norm Yoder, Superintendent, for 2009-2010 as discussed. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

Action 16: Motion by Brune, second by Kliewer, to set the salary for Cindy Huebert, Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director, for 2009-2010 as discussed. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

The board tentatively set, Monday, August 17, 2009 as the date for the board staff supper.

XIX. Adjournment
President Braun adjourned the meeting at 11:04 p.m.

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Policy Hearing
Monday, July 13, 2009
Conference Room
8:00 PM
MINUTES

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

I. Call to Order
President Braun called the hearing to order at 8:00 p.m.

II. President Braun declared the hearing 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. President Braun asked for comments and/or input on

the following board of education policies.

Policy KBDB – Parental Involvement in Schools
Policy JT – Student Fees Policy
Policy JGFA – Anti-Bullying Policy

No one was present to speak on any of the three policies.

IV. Adjournment
President Braun adjourned the hearing at 8:03 p.m.

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Regular Board Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2009
Conference Room
8:00 PM
MINUTES

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

I. Call to Order
President Braun called the meeting to order at 8:05 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 Kliewer, second by Dick, to approve the agenda as revised. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

IV. Audience with Individuals and/or Committees
Shawntae Brown was present to request consideration for the approval of her son to option to McCool Junction.

V. Minutes of Meeting
June 8, 2009 Minutes

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

VII. Claims
General Fund
Qualified Capital Purpose Funds

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 Brune, to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the June 8, 2009 regular meeting, the general fund and Qualified Capital Purpose Funds claims. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

IX. Administrative Reports

The board heard administrative reports on the success of the FBLA students at their National Conference. The board recognized Brianna Rader for placing 3rd in Business Procedures, Tori Bittinger for placing 4th in Word Processing II and Crista Buller, Jennifer Goossen, and Clint Kroeker for placing 10th in Banking and Financial Systems.

X. Summer Projects

Track: The board received an update of the track project. Current fund raising has gone over \$100,000 for cash and pledges.

Roof Project: The roof project has been completed.

Concrete Work

Action 3: Motion by Brune, second by Dick, to approve cement work to be completed by Friesen Construction on the cement in front of the theater. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XI. Discussion with Neighboring Districts

No further discussions have taken place with neighboring school districts

XII. Choir Robe Replacement

The choir robe replacement was tabled because a sample replacement robe has not been received.

XIII. Mural

Action 4: Motion by Kliever, second by Friesen, to approve a volunteer group to raise funds to bring Mrs. Goertzen back to refresh the painting on the mural in the front lobby. Motion Carried: 5-for; 1-against (Braun).

XIV. Option Program

Action 5: Motion by Dick, second by Brune, to approve the request of Kody Atkins to option to McCool Junction because of a special needs situation. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XV. Legislative Update

The board reviewed current legislation.

XVI. Athletic Department Requisitions

Action 6: Motion by Brune, second by Friesen, to approve the Athletic Department Requisitions as presented. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XVII. Student Handbooks for 2009-2010

Action 7: Motion by Friesen, second by Braun, to approve the Student Handbooks as presented. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XVIII. Admission Prices

Action 8: Motion by Friesen, second by Dick, to leave the admission prices the same for 2009-2010 as they were in 2008-2009. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XIX. Preliminary Budget Review for 2009-2010

Supt. Yoder gave a preliminary budget review. The board set Thursday, August 6, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. as the time for a budget work session.

The board set Thursday, August 27, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. as the time for the Budget Hearing.

XX. Freshman Fund Raising Project

Action 9: Motion by Wilhelm, second by Braun, to give formal approval for the Freshman fund raising project (Concession Stand at the Car Show) Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XXI. NASB District Meeting in York

The board made plans to attend the NASB District Meeting in York on Wednesday, September 2, 2009.

XXII. Kitchen Stove Replacement

Action 10: Motion by Dick, second by Kliever, to approve the Purchase of a new kitchen stove from Hockenbergs Restaurant Supply. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XVIII. Personnel

Action 11: Motion by Brune, second by Friesen, to approve Derek Stamp as an assistant Jr. High Wrestling coach provided he receives the appropriate certification. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XXIV. Adjournment

President Braun adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m.



**First Day of school is
August 19th, 2009**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 10th - Board of Education Meeting 8:00 pm

August 11th - Freshman Open House 7:30 pm

August 13th - Junior High open House 7:30 pm

August 17th – Teacher In-Service
Board and Staff Supper @ 6:30 pm

August 18 - Teacher In-Service

August 19th - First Day of School Dismiss @ 11:40pm

August 28th - Volleyball/Football Fall Scrimmage 5:00/7:00 pm

September 1st - Elementary Open House 6:00 - 7:30 pm

September 7th - No School, Labor Day

September 14th - Board of Education Meeting 8:00 pm

September 16th - Teacher In-Service 2 hour late start

September 19th - Yorkfest Parade @ 10:00am

September 25th - Homecoming

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