

Kate Rodriguez, filling in for Terri Heid, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Those present were Kate Rodriguez, Peggy Feldman, Meta Mickens-Baker, Gail Ann Briggs, Marcia Reabe, Darla Sandel, Tyler Hoff, Tom Nielsen, Janie Zalesiak, Kristy Lykkebak, Diana Roberts, and Jennifer Hamilton.

Dr. Chapman spoke to the IronPride Organization to give an overview with a look back at Unit 5, then a look ahead with the challenges the unit faces. Doctor Chapman explained that the mission statement for Unit 5 is that the district will educate each student to achieve personal excellence. The challenges in meeting this mission statement with the current growth of Unit 5 are a concern to many. Projected growth will exceed current space available as early as 2007 in some schools. A handout was distributed to explain Dr. Chapman's agenda and is on file with these minutes.

The February minutes were approved.

The following requests for funds were brought to the meeting. Tyler Hoff from the music and theater tech department requested \$700 for programmable lighting. This lighting would help to provide interesting and professional looking shows. The lights are portable, so they can move to where they are needed. There has been some fundraising by this group already. A motion was brought forth and passed to grant them \$700. Mr. Boswell, NCHS boys' tennis coach, requested funds to help offset the cost of the three gates that were installed on the north end of the tennis courts. There is also a need for windscreens on the courts that would cost approximately \$1,500. The tennis team has done a considerable amount of fundraising for these items. A motion was brought forth and passed to grant them \$750 towards their expenses. We have asked that the tennis team come back in the fall when IronPride has more funds available to ask for more money for these projects. The Junior Class requested \$2,000 for 2006 Prom and After-Prom. A motion was brought forth and passed to grant them \$1,000 plus \$500 in merchandise from the Spirit Store. Danita Johnson from the NCHS Guidance Office requested \$300 for the two NCHS students (\$150/student) that will be attending the Hugh O'Brien Conference. The two sophomore students, one of which is an alternate, were chosen based on their leadership skills. A motion was brought forth and passed to grant \$300 to enable these two students to attend the conference. Jennifer Hamilton requested funds to purchase incentives for those students who met certain requirements for good performance on the PSAE tests. There was discussion as to why an incentive was needed for students to perform well on state tests, and Ms. Hamilton stated that the PSAEs were administered the day after the ACTs and the students found no personal reason to perform well on these tests. (The ACTs could help them get into their college of choice, the PSAEs benefit the high school.) A motion was brought forth and passed to grant Ms. Hamilton \$250 towards incentives.

Treasurer Peggy Feldman reported that \$325 was made in concessions at the benefit basketball game for Dave Nelson. IronPride has currently spent or awarded \$26,373.34, and \$27,250 was budgeted last year for this year. Peggy noted that the budgetary concerns from last month's Sam's Club bill have been rectified.

The point was made that it would be considerate if some of the people making requests for funds from this organization would take the time to send a thank you note and/or let us know how they used the funds. It would also be beneficial if the t-shirts sold as fundraisers would now be printed in-house with the equipment we helped fund.

Principal's Report. Mrs. Hamilton, speaking on behalf of Dr. Nuckolls, reported that the fundraiser for Dave Nelson was a huge success. The "Kiss the Pig" contest alone raised \$350. To date, approximately \$4,000 has been raised, with donations still being received. The swimming records board funded by IronPride is awesome.

The NCHS pool is being rented out occasionally. It was rented this past weekend for a YMCA district meet.

Dr. Nuckolls sends her thanks for the support of IronPride for the drug awareness presentation.

Finals are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday before Memorial Day, unless there is a snow day tomorrow in which case they will be Thursday, Friday, and Tuesday.

#### Reports

Marcia Reabe from Special Events reported that Food Handlers Week went well. The teacher appreciation breakfast was successful. Special Events also provided the cookies and punch for the drug presentation. Marcia needs help with the food for the PSAEs on April 26 and 27.

Webmaster. Tom Nielsen reported that several items have been sent to him to be posted on the website, and they have been added. Many comments were made that the website looks great.

The IronPride Café is doing great.

Scholarships. Applications are due in the office for the service scholarship and IronPride scholarships

The Unit 5 Board recognized IronPride with a certificate based on a letter of recommendation from Dr. Nuckolls.

The next meeting will be April 17, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Schroeder