

HOUSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 28, 2013

JOINT MEETING OF HOUSTON AND CALEDONIA SCHOOL BOARDS

- I. Call to Order – Chair Stilin called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM. Members present: Gary Wilson, Michaeleen Bonner, Joe Krage, Tom Stilin, Kevin Kelleher and Mimi Carlson. Absent: Ron Evenson. Caledonia School Board members present: Michelle Werner, Kelley McGraw, Melissa Marschall, Spencer Yohe, Jared Barnes and Amanda King.
- II. Introductions – Board members in attendance provided a brief introduction of themselves and key personnel in attendance.
- III. Update on Previous Meetings with Board Representatives and Principals – Superintendent Barton shared information on past meetings that have been held between the two districts. From these meetings it has become evident that the sharing of resources would result in enhanced programming opportunities for the students and possible workload adjustments for district administrators.
- IV. Discussion – What Next – Superintendent Bartleson acknowledged that his past experiences with sharing resources had positive outcomes for the districts involved. Tom Stilin then polled Board members for their feedback on whether conversations should be continued. Board members indicated support for the idea of enhancing student programming and expressed interest in sharing agriculture courses, industrial arts, college prep and online courses. A taskforce consisting of Elementary and High School Principals and teaching staff will be formed to begin working on the details of course sharing for the 2014-2015 school year.
- V. Administrative Sharing – Superintendent Bartleson led a discussion on the potential sharing of administrative duties between the two districts. He encouraged both sides to make a list of their district’s needs as a starting point for future conversation.
- VI. Future Meetings – Principal groups will begin meeting as soon as possible to share student handbooks, course registrations and schedules. Teacher representatives from both Districts will then be included to aid in finalizing details. More conversation regarding the sharing of administrative duties will be held when the Houston Interim Superintendent vacancy has been filled.
- VII. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.