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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 22, 2025

Call to Order	Mr. Dyes called the regular meeting of the Heritage Southwest Intermediate School District Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room #1 of the Administrative Services Center on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.
Roll Call	Members present: Ms. Cripe, Mr. Ross, Mr. Dyes, Ms. Dodd Members absent: Mr. Garber Administrators Present: Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Jasper, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Geesaman
Declaration of a Quorum	Mr. Dyes declared a quorum of the Board.
Pledge to the Flag	Pledge to the Flag was recited.
Approval of Agenda	Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Cripe, to amend the agenda to add (C) Van Purchase. All in favor. Motion carried.
Communications to the Board	None
Communications from the Audience	None
Presentations	Special Education Update Superintendent went over the handouts on department updates for December 2024 & January 2025. Technology Update Staff member, Rob Sheffey, reported on various technology projects over the past year. HR Update Staff member, Brad Geesaman, gave the board a handout and discussed listed topics.
Approval of Minutes	Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, to approve the minutes of December 18, 2024 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
Treasurer's Report	Moved by Ms. Cripe, supported by Ms. Dodd, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.
Payment of Bills	Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Cripe, that the Board of Education hereby approves payment of bills which includes General Fund totaling $105,795.86 and Special Ed Fund totaling $416,711.16. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Ms. Dodd, Mr. Ross, Mr. Dyes, Ms. Cripe Nays: None All in favor. Motion carried.
Hirings	Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Teresa Gest, Sherrie Herter, and Jessica Glossenger upon appropriate unprofessional conduct review and criminal background check as recommended by the administration. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mr. Dyes, Ms. Cripe, Mr. Ross, Ms. Dodd Nays: None All in favor. Motion carried.
Leaves of Absence	Moved by Ms. Cripe, supported by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education approve the request from Jessica Rutherford for an unpaid leave of absence tentatively from February 14, 2025 through May 19, 2025. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Ms. Dodd, Ms. Cripe, Mr. Ross, Mr. Dyes Nays: None All in favor. Motion carried. Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, that the Board of Education approve the request from Emris Latham for an unpaid leave of absence tentatively from January 15, 2025 through March 12, 2025. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Ms. Cripe, Mr. Ross, Ms. Dodd, Mr. Dyes Nays: None All in favor. Motion carried.
Van Purchase	Moved by Ms. Cripe, supported by Ms. Dodd, that the Board of Education accept the bid from Tapper Ford for a 10-Passenger Van for a cost of $65,964. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mr. Dyes, Mr. Ross, Ms. Cripe, Ms. Dodd Nays: None All in favor. Motion carried.
Adjournment	Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Cripe, Secretary

These minutes are subject to board approval.