

HIGHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 14, 2011

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 7:00 p.m. Present were Trustees Johnston, Stigum, Widmier, Patterson, and Pentzer. Also attending were Clerk Weeks, Principal Gehring and Superintendent Garrick. Chairman Johnston presided at the meeting. The audience included Dale Johnson, Bette Stone, Suzi Eaton, Debbie Willoughby, Courtney Willoughby, Ashley Hart, Marcia Brammer, Jeanna Meacham, and Steve Wherry.

Three changes were proposed to the agenda: 4B – Jeanna Meacham, Kindergarten concerns, 6H – IEN – (Idaho Education Network), 6I – Trustee Zones. Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to approve the changes to the agenda. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Widmier seconded that the consent agenda be approved as presented. This included certain current bills of this school district, be paid as presented: checks - #27200-27242 totaling \$52,220.82. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Principal Gehring gave a report on ASB activities because most students were involved in the Knowledge Bowl at meeting time. The Prom with the theme “A Night to Remember” was covered as well as the coin drive underway, and the upcoming Carnival.

Two students gave reports on their senior projects. Courtney Willoughby gave an update on her children’s book which is in draft stage with illustrations to be produced. Ashley Hart gave a report on her project to put pictures of students of all graduating classes since 1963 in frames. \$1,050 has been raised to date.

Suzie Eaton gave a report with additional input from Bette Stone on Gear Up activities to date. A career fair is scheduled for March 23.

Jeanna Meacham, Kindergarten teacher, discussed her concerns about having Kindergarten only 2 days a week. She agrees that the current class is more challenged than usual but even with having an extra hour per day the class is two months behind last year at this point of the school year. Two students have a one-on-one aide. One option discussed was having Kindergarten on Mondays as well, either every other week or every week. Another option discussed included a pre-test to see where the incoming student is at with their progress. No action taken.

Superintendent Garrick reported that he had signed the Notice to Proceed for Intermountain Wind and Solar to install solar panels as part of the recently awarded grant. The company indicated that they would probably be able to install the panels in late April or May.

Principal Gehring discussed the status of baseball and softball practice. There are 14 boys and 14 girls out for baseball and softball, all from Highland. Practices will be held in the gym at Highland until the field in Culdesac is ready. A new power steering box has been ordered for the district’s bus and the bus should be ready soon. Shawn Tiegs, Track Coach, is finishing his bus driver training to be able to drive the bus for track meets. Principal Gehring discussed the action

of Culdesac's board to not budget for sports for next year since they do not have the numbers of student athletes available for sports. According to Culdesac's board chairman as relayed through Scotty and Marcia Brammer, their board has voted to cease all activities because they do not have the numbers.

The Second Reading of deleting Policy numbers 300.43a, Policy 300.43b, and Policy 300.43c was held. Trustee Widmier moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to approve the deletion of the referenced policies. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A discussion was held on the amount to set for the Supplemental Levy for next year. Clerk Weeks reviewed the current fiscal status of the district. It appeared that the levy could be kept the same as the current year at \$309,000. Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to approve setting the amount of the proposed supplemental levy at \$309,000 for the election to be held on May 17. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded to approve the calendar for the 2011-2012 school year as presented by Principal Gehring with minor changes as necessary. The first day of school will be August 29, 2011 and the last day will be June 1, 2012 on a 4-day per week schedule. A vote was taken and the motion passed 4-1 with Trustee Patterson voting nay.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to approve the emergency closures on February 28, 2011 at 1:15pm and all day on March 1, 2011. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to approve the acceptance of the resignation of Cheryl Poxleitner, Title I teacher. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded to approve the new hire of Rick Zehr as Baseball Coach. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to approve exploring getting water for the new baseball field so it's ready when the field is ready. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Idaho Education Network was discussed. The equipment for the internet connection was installed last week. An issue to be addressed is the room in which to set it up. Trustee Widmier moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded to approve moving forward with the IEN program. A vote was taken and the motion passed 4-1 with Trustee Stigum voting nay.

Trustee Pentzer moved that the district move forward with mapping of trustee zones now that the census data has been released. Trustee Widmier seconded the motion which was passed.

Marcia Brammer reviewed her SOS report that was submitted for the board packet.

The written Principal's Report and written Superintendent's Report were available for review but not discussed at length.

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Trustee Patterson moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to enter into executive session as provided under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(b). A roll call vote was taken with all present board members voting aye. The general tenor of the executive session was discussion of personnel issues.

Trustee Pentzer moved that the board leave executive session and reconvene in regular session. Trustee Widmier seconded the motion which was passed.

Trustee Widmier made a motion that the board not advertise further for superintendent and offer to keep Clair Garrick as superintendent. The motion died for lack of a second.

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Stigum seconded to advertise for a superintendent for the next two Sundays in the Lewiston, Spokane, and Boise newspapers with an application deadline of April 1, 2011. A vote was taken with the motion passing 3-1 with Trustee Widmier voting nay and Trustee Patterson not voting.

Trustee Pentzer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Stigum seconded the motion which was passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



Clerk



Board Chairman