

HIGHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #305

School Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

April 11, 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, Lynn Johnson, Bette Stone, Suzi Eaton, Holly DroegeMiller, Danette Horrocks, Teresa Reid, John Ruiz, Chantell Lowe, Sabrina Widmier, Kit Behler, Julie Yochum, and Steve Wherry.

Two changes were proposed to the agenda: 4C – FCCLA update by Chantell Lowe and Policy 300.10, changes due to law. Trustee Patterson moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to approve the changes to the agenda. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Patterson seconded that the consent agenda be approved as presented. This included certain current bills of this school district, be paid as presented: checks - #27248-27286 totaling \$52,345.53. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Principal Gehring gave a report on ASB activities. The Prom with the updated theme “Here’s to the Night” was covered among other activities.

Three students gave reports on their senior projects. Kit Behler gave an update on his project which is building a bar-b-que out of a water tank on a trailer. Sabrina Widmier gave an update on her project which is exploring and job shadowing a sports medicine career which changed slightly from physical therapy. John Ruiz’s project was exploring basketball coaching. Bette Stone gave an update on Ashley Hart’s project of putting up pictures of all graduates of Highland High.

Chantell Lowe gave a report on her recent trip to FCCLA State. She was re-elected as Region 2 director. Other students have done well at state competitions. Chantell also talked about the benefits of participating through the experience in public speaking, competition and leadership skills.

Clerk Weeks reported that parts have been ordered for the solar panel installation.

The receipt of the letter from Culdesac School District reflecting their board action to withdraw from the sports coop was reviewed. Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to accept releasing Culdesac School District from the coop and to inform them that their students still have the opportunity to play as Highland Huskies. Superintendent Garrick will write the letter. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Chantell Lowe requested the board consider adding Cross Country as a sport. Trustee Pentzer asked that it be an action item at next month’s meeting.

Clerk Weeks discussed that Trustee Johnston and Trustee Pentzer were the only candidates that had filed for reelection as trustee for their zone to a 4-year term. Since there were no other petitions filed, they are declared elected and have received their Certificate of Election.

The calendar for next school year was reviewed. One change that was made was to have school on Friday the first week of January due to January 2 being a holiday. The small tweak was made under the provision of the motion passed in March to correct the calendar for small changes.

A discussion was held regarding getting water to the new baseball field. Trustee Johnston volunteered to do the excavation. It appeared to be most feasible to branch off of the water supply on the football field.

The status of the superintendent search was discussed. Discussions are being had with the top candidate and will be discussed further in executive session.

Trustee Stigum and Trustee Pentzer were appointed by Chairman Johnston for the negotiations team. Chairman Johnston offered to be an alternate if necessary.

Bette Stone discussed the need for an interdisciplinary team for Senior Projects rather than just the senior English teacher. Further discussion with the secondary teachers will be coordinated by Principal Gehring.

Receipt of letters from Nezperce School District and Cottonwood School District withdrawing from the exceptional preschool consortium were acknowledged. It was discussed that the new special education teacher could obtain the preschool endorsement so that an aide could be supervised at Head Start.

The First Reading to Delete Policy 300.10 Reemployment of Certificated Employees was held.

Principal Gehring and Superintendent Garrick reviewed their written reports.

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

Trustee Patterson moved that the board recess until noon tomorrow. Trustee Pentzer seconded the motion which was passed.

Chairman Johnston then declared the meeting in recess at 10:35pm.

The Board of Trustees reconvened at 12:15pm on April 12, 2011 in the Teachers Lounge of the school. Present were Trustees Johnston, Stigum, Patterson, and Pentzer. Trustee Widmier was absent. Also attending was Clerk Weeks.

Trustee Stigum moved to accept the resignation of Superintendent Clair Garrick effective June 30, 2011. Trustee Patterson seconded the motion which was passed.

Trustee Pentzer moved to approve the hire of Cynthia Orr as our next Superintendent/K-5 Principal effective July 1, 2011. A letter of intent will be sent for her signature. Trustee Patterson seconded the motion which was passed.

A discussion was held regarding coaches for next year, all evaluations reflected that the coaches would be eligible to return. No action taken.

Trustee Patterson left the meeting at 1:21pm.

Trustee Stigum moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Pentzer seconded the motion which was passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Nathan Weeks
Clerk

Don Johnston
Board Chairman