

HIGHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #305  
School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
July 11, 2011

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 7:02 p.m. Present were Trustees Johnston, Stigum, Widmier, Pentzer and Patterson. Also attending were Clerk Weeks, Principal Gehring and Superintendent Orr. The audience included Bill Heath, Jeanna Meacham, and Steve Wherry.

Clerk Weeks opened the meeting and administered the oath of office to re-elected Trustees Johnston and Pentzer. Clerk Weeks then asked for nominations for Chairman. Trustee Stigum moved to approve by unanimous consent to keep Trustee Johnston as Chairman and Debra Widmier as Vice Chairman. Trustee Pentzer seconded the motion which was passed.

Chairman Johnston then presided at the meeting.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to keep the regular board meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm. A vote was taken and the motion passed 3-2 with Trustee Patterson and Trustee Pentzer voting nay.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded to post the notice of the monthly meetings at the District Office and at the Post Office in Craigmont and Winchester. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Widmier moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to add one agenda item: 5D. Discussion on Policy 415.01 Graduation Requirements. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Widmier moved and Trustee Patterson seconded that the consent agenda be approved as presented. This included certain current bills of the school district be paid as presented: Checks - #27401-27426 totaling \$29,469.21. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

At that point, those attending except for Jeanna Meacham did a walk-through of the building to review its condition. Bill Heath took a list of items to be addressed. No action taken.

The board held a discussion regarding increasing Kindergarten to 3 days per week. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to increase Kindergarten from 2 days per week to 3 days per week. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Due to the increased contact time for Kindergarten, Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to offer a .69 FTE contract to Kindergarten teacher Jeanna Meacham, an increase from the .47 FTE contract she is currently under. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Superintendent Orr discussed taking the District's Title I status from targeted to school-wide. She said the district qualifies and the process takes a full school year. The board expressed positive support. No action taken.

Superintendent Orr and Principal Gehring discussed participating in Project Leadership, a program for new administrators. Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to approve allowing both of them to take the class. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Principal Gehring discussed the issue of having Adult Living as a District graduation requirement. He indicated that the State does not require it and we have had no applicants for our open .49 FTE FCS teacher position. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to approve striking Adult Living as a graduation requirement under Policy 415.01. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Clerk Weeks commented that there was no new news regarding the solar installation.

A discussion was held on the need to raise adult lunch prices as identified by the State Department of Education. Clerk Weeks will advertise for a hearing on a \$.25 increase in adult lunch prices to be held at the August meeting. Discussion continued on the issue of seconds. It was determined that more information was needed to proceed.

Consideration of an update to Policy 500.3a was postponed until the September meeting so that Superintendent Orr could have a discussion with the teachers.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to accept the resignation of Shawn Tieg as Science/Math Teacher, Junior High and High School Track Coach, Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach, and Honor Society advisor. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded to approve the hire of:

- Josette Nebeker – Vo-Ag Teacher, FFA Advisor
- Shelly Romine – English Teacher
- Merrie Rampy – Science/Math Teacher.

A vote was taken and the motion passed. It was requested by the board that the new teachers come to the September meeting to get acquainted.

Superintendent Orr handed out her summer schedule for the board's review.

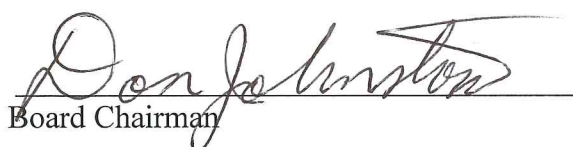
Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to enter into executive session as provided under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(b). A roll call vote was taken with all present board members voting aye. The general tenor of the executive session was discussion of personnel issues.

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

Trustee Patterson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Widmier seconded the motion which was passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.



Clerk



Board Chairman