

HIGHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2012

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the IEN room of the school at 7:00 p.m. Present were Trustees Johnston, Stigum, Patterson, and Pentzer. Trustee Widmier was present via telephone. Also attending were Clerk Weeks, Principal Gehring and Superintendent Orr. Chairman Johnston presided at the meeting. The audience included Loren Orr, Josette Nebeker, Kate Dutcher, Carolyn Thomason, Patty Mathison, Ken Mathison, and Steve Wherry.

Several changes were proposed to the agenda:

- CHANGES: 6A. February to March 13
6B. February to March 13
- ADD: 4B. Patty Mathison – Winchester Community Center Block Grant Support Letter
6F. First Reading – Policy 429.0 Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks
– Policy 429.1 Internet Access Conduct Agreement
– Policy 429.2 Policy District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to approve the changes to the agenda. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Pentzer moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. This included certain current bills of this school district, be paid as presented: checks - #27694-27697 totaling \$4,366.71 and checks - #27702-27727 totaling \$42,795.96. The motion was seconded by Trustee Patterson and passed.

No ASB officers were present. Principal Gehring gave a brief talk about upcoming activities.

Patty Mathison of Winchester made a request to the board that a letter of support be written as part of the Community Development Block Grant being sought by the City of Winchester. The grant is to be used to upgrade their community center. Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded to approve the letter. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The letter was typed up by Clerk Weeks and signed by the trustees present and handed to Patty Mathison before the end of the meeting.

Clerk Weeks gave a report on updating the locks. Still not quite finished but nearly done. A new knob/latch had been installed on the shop but was broken within a few hours. A few odds and ends need to be handled and the job will be done.

Superintendent Orr talked about board goals. The district group is to meet next week and proceed ahead.

Another discussion was held regarding Superintendent Orr's proposal to recognize an employee of the month and how to do it. After further discussion of the ideas proposed last month, Trustee Pentzer moved that a certificate for a meal for the teacher and their guest at a restaurant in the district be given to the Teacher of The Month. Trustee Stigum seconded the motion which was passed.

Clerk Weeks discussed preliminary budget figures. The biggest issue with the budget is the loss of the Ed Jobs funds of over \$63,000. Before any other changes in the budget and with no furloughs in next year's budget, there is a deficit of \$80,000 to recover. Discussion was held about what to set the amount at. Trustee Stigum moved that the override levy be set at \$429,000, a \$120,000 increase over last year and to renew the \$40,000 per year 5-year Plant Facility Levy. The election would be held on March 13. An informational meeting was planned to be held on February 22. Trustee Widmier seconded the motion which was passed.

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to hold the February meeting on February 8 rather than the 13th due to scheduling conflicts. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A request had been made by the Red Cross to participate in the Red Cord program. This program is to recognize senior-class students who contribute a certain amount of blood while they are a senior. Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to participate in this program. A vote was taken and the motion was passed.

The first reading of policies 429.0, 429.1, and 429.2 was held. These policies will be on the agenda for next month for approval.

Superintendent Orr reviewed her Superintendent's Report. The school is getting clickers for a 60-day trial and she is applying to be a part of the ipad pilot project. She also discussed being part of the first 1/3 of schools to receive the One-to-One mobile computing device deployment. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Stigum seconded to have Superintendent Orr pursue that. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Principal Gehring reviewed his Principal's Report.

The board commended Carolyn Thomason of Harlow's regarding the exemplary bus inspection report they received.

The board noted with pleasure that the Building Inspection Report came back with no problems.

Trustee Patterson moved and Trustee Stigum 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.

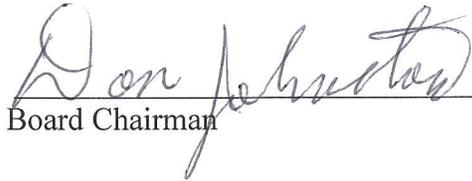
Trustee Patterson moved that the board leave executive session and reconvene in regular session. Trustee Stigum seconded the motion which was passed.

The evaluation of Superintendent Orr that was held in executive was discussed. Of the scores made on the evaluation instrument, she scored 4.25 out of 5. The board expressed appreciation for her efforts in her first six months as a superintendent and they were very pleased with her performance to date. A contract for her for next year will be presented at the next meeting.

Trustee Stigum moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Patterson seconded the motion. Chairman Johnston declared the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.



Clerk



Board Chairman