HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305

School Board Minutes Special Meeting October 22, 2012

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in special session in the IEN room of the school at 7:00 p.m. Present were Trustees Johnston, Patterson, Stigum, and Pentzer. Trustee Widmier was absent. Also attending were Clerk Weeks and Superintendent Orr. Chairman Johnston presided at the meeting. The audience included Loren Orr and Tim Droegmiller.

Three changes were proposed to the agenda.

- 2A. Approval for Superintendent Orr to do research for her Dissertation at Highland.
- 2B. Season Passes for Athletics.
- 2C. Discussion on Board Position for Propositions 1, 2, and 3 on the November Ballot.

Trustee Patterson moved and Trustee Stigum seconded to approve the changes to the agenda. The items came up after the agenda was posted. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Superintendent Orr discussed the progress of her research into her dissertation. The topic is Teacher Retention. She explained that when research is done for a graduate school project, the superintendent approves it. In this case, the board needs to approve allowing the superintendent to do the research. She said that there is a lot of research into why teachers leave but not much into why they stay. Our elementary staff has been stable and that inspired her research. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to approve allowing Superintendent Orr to proceed with her research. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Stigum talked about the idea of patrons buying a season pass instead of the punch tickets currently used for fans of Highland athletics. Various schemes have been discussed as to pricing. Trustee Patterson moved to have administration proceed with this research. The motion died for lack of a second. Loren Orr said he would look into the matter further and report back at the next regular meeting.

The board discussed writing a letter of support for the propositions 1, 2, and 3 that are on the November Ballot. The desire was to support Proposition 1 and Proposition 3. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Stigum seconded to have Superintendent Orr and Clerk Weeks draft a letter to the editor of the Lewis County Herald and The Lewiston Tribune which would be signed by all board members after they have had a chance to review it. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Loren Orr discussed the status of applicants for Boy's and Girl's basketball coach. Two applicants have been interviewed. Tim Droegmiller stated that he really wasn't planning to apply but offered to be an unpaid assistant.

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 four board members present voting aye and executive session began at 8:05pm. The general tenor of the executive session was discussion of personnel issues and pending litigation.

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

Trustee Pentzer moved that Rusty Lorentz be hired as Girl's Head Basketball Coach. Trustee Stigum seconded the motion which was passed.

Chairman Johnston declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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Board Chairman