

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305  
School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
January 14, 2013

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the IEN room of the school at 7:00p.m. Present were Trustees Johnston, Stigum, Patterson, Widmier, and Pentzer. Also attending were Clerk Weeks and Superintendent Orr. Chairman Johnston presided at the meeting. The audience included, at various times, Danette Horrocks, Loren Orr, Lewis County Sheriff Brian Brokop, Sheila Hasselstrom, Connie Pentzer, Holly Droegmiller, Jeremiah Wynott, Melanie Wynott, Ron Peery, Tanner Remsburg, Patty Weeks, Trixie Grimes, and Dave Widmier.

One change was proposed to the agenda.

4A. Change from Staff Members of the Month to Discussion on Potential Policy Changes

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to accept the change to the agenda. There were no staff members nominated for staff members of the month because of recent events. The new item came up after the agenda was posted. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Stigum seconded that the consent agenda be approved as presented. This included certain current bills of this school district, be paid as presented: checks - #28346 - 28410 totaling \$58,327.16. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A discussion was opened on potential policy changes after the December 17<sup>th</sup> incident and as a follow-up to the special board meeting held on January 9. Jeremiah and Melanie Wynott expressed their concerns that their daughter is not challenged in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Trixie Grimes echoed these comments as related to her daughter in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Chairman Johnston asked for volunteers for a committee to review potential changes. Superintendent Orr presented a draft of a Sub teacher handbook and notes on what we have learned. Sheriff Brokop said he was impressed with how the staff has reacted and the changes that have been made so far. He also said a no-trespass order has been issued for Byron Edwards which is good for one year. If he is still in the area in a year, a new trespass order will be sought. It was requested to put that item on the agenda for December.

Connie Pentzer, Librarian, gave a report on her activities in the library. She requested funding be restored to prior year's levels. No action taken.

Danette Horrocks was to give a presentation on TESLA. Shannon Kenyon was to present with her but declined to come from Lewiston due to the roads. The board agreed to postpone the presentation until next month's meeting.

Clerk Weeks discussed the progress of the planning for the science room update. Information on the lab stations and proposed layouts was presented that had been supplied by Laurence Rose, Architect. The consensus was that we should proceed with the proposed layout so that the engineer can proceed with plans in order to obtain bids.

A discussion was held about upcoming board trainings provided by the Idaho School Boards Association in February. It was agreed to try for the 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Clerk Weeks started a discussion regarding next year's budget. If the state were to not restore some of the funding provisions contained in the failed Students Come First Propositions, the district would lose \$92,700 this year and next year. The latest news from the legislature is that this amount is likely to be restored in some fashion for this school year but there are no guarantees for next year. If the amount was not restored for next year, the district would be down over \$100,000.

Trustee Patterson moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to propose a supplemental levy of \$499,000 for next year to be voted on at the March 12 election. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

After discussion, it was agreed to move the regular February board meeting to the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to approve the new hire of Wendy Powell as Cheer Coach for the rest of the school year after former Cheer Coach Nolan Stigum passed away on December 27<sup>th</sup>. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The administrative reports were reviewed and lightly discussed.

Trustee Widmier 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 five board members present voting aye at 8:50pm. The general tenor of the executive session was discussion of personnel issues.

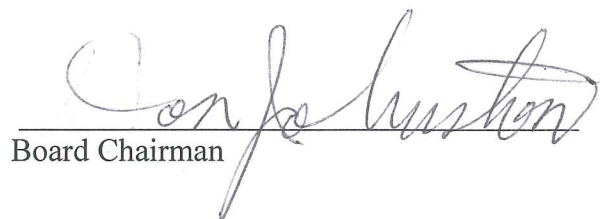
Trustee Stigum moved that the board leave executive session and reconvene in regular session. Trustee Pentzer seconded the motion which was passed at 10:09pm.

Trustee Pentzer moved that Suzi Eaton is welcome to continue helping with the music program but only if a certified teacher is present. Trustee Widmier seconded the motion which was passed.

Chairman Johnston declared the meeting adjourned at 10:14p.m.



Clerk



Board Chairman