

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305  
School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
April 15, 2013

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the gym of the school at 6:22p.m. Present were Trustees Johnston, Stigum, Patterson, Widmier, and Pentzer. Also attending were Clerk Weeks, Principal Gehring, and Superintendent Orr. Chairman Johnston presided at the meeting. The audience included, at various times, 76 people.

Superintendent Orr gave a presentation of her vision for the District. Trustees made general comments as well.

Trustee Stigum 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 five board members present voting aye at 6:52pm. The executive session was held in the library of the school. 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 Patterson seconded the motion which was passed at 7:38pm. At this time, the board returned to the gym.

Six changes were proposed to the agenda.

- 4A. Public Comment on issues discussed by Superintendent Orr in her presentation.
- 6C. Announcements
- 7C. Nathan Haight Senior Project Update
- 8B. Resignation – Secondary Principal – Bill Gehring
- 8E. Change from Superintendent Contract to LC Eagles Football Camp
- 8F. Superintendent Contract

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

The public comment period commenced with several patrons expressing their views. During the executive session, the crowd had reacted to Superintendent Orr's presentation and several broad issues had emerged. These included: accountability, consistency, supporting staff, and not letting a vocal minority control the agenda of the school. The 75-plus people in the crowd were polled to see if they were in support of Superintendent Orr's vision. All stood in support.

Trustee Widmier moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded that the consent agenda be approved as presented. This included certain current bills of this school district, be paid as presented: checks - #28515 - 28566 totaling \$64,022.24. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Principal Gehring gave a short report on ASB activities since the ASB president was at a baseball game.

Merrie Rampy, Science Teacher, gave a report on recent expeditions taken by her and several students to science-related activities at Salt Lake City, Pocatello, and Nampa. Kaleigh Gehring expressed her appreciation of the board's support of these activities.

Announcements were made regarding top graduating seniors. Valedictorian is Chantelle Lowe, Salutatorians are Fallon Orr and Jacob Canup.

Clerk Weeks reported on the progress of the Science Room update. Some quotes have come in, more have been requested. The consensus was that a special meeting should be called in a week or two to review quotes.

Clerk Weeks reported on the recent \$499,000 Supplemental Levy Election. The measure passed with 121 voting Yes and 103 voting No. Trustee Widmier moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded to accept the results of the levy election. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Results are attached to the minutes.

Clerk Weeks discussed the candidates that emerged during the trustee candidate filing period.

Zone 2 – Catherine Patterson  
Mere Jo Haight

Zone 4 – Debra Widmier  
Jason Davis

Zone 5 – Nathan Stigum

The election for the contested seats will be on May 21.

Nathan Haight gave an update on his Senior Project to build a concession stand and storage building for the football field. His mentor, Erle Striebeck, spoke about the design and materials to be used. No action taken.

A change was proposed to the agenda: Jacob Briggs – Senior Project presentation. Trustee Patterson moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to accept the change to the agenda. The new items was overlooked during the previous amendment to the agenda. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Jacob Briggs presented his Senior Project on windbreaks which included planting trees with irrigation around the new baseball field. Clark Christensen is his mentor. Trustee Patterson moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to approve Jacob's project. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

LaLisa Thomason requested the boys basketball coach position be opened up and that the board participate in the hiring process. Chairman Johnston stated that the overwhelming majority of comments he has received from patrons is to stay the course and follow the district's employment policy. Mike Haight requested that the other board members state their opinion on the matter. Each trustee spoke in support of Chairman Johnston's remarks. No board action taken.

Three resignations were presented to the board.

Head Football Coach – Eric Hasselstrom  
Kindergarten Teacher – Jeanna Meacham  
Secondary Principal – Bill Gehring

Trustee Widmier moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to accept the resignations. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A list of coaches eligible to return for the 2013-2014 School Year was presented.

Volleyball	Danette Horrocks
Volleyball Assistant	Shandrie Stigum
Cross-Country	Kelley Hewett
Junior High Football Coach	Mitchell Scott
Junior High Football Assistant Coach	Chad Lowe
Junior High Girls Basketball Co-Coach	Alia Riggers
Junior High Girls Basketball Co-Coach	Peggy Paul
Junior High Boys Basketball	John Marker
Girls Basketball Coach	Rusty Lorentz
Boys Basketball Coach	Patty Weeks
Junior High Volleyball Coach	Danette Horrocks
Junior High Volleyball Assistant	Shandrie Stigum

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to approve the re-hire of the coaches as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Athletic Director Loren Orr discussed the wishes of the Nezperce School District to co-op more sports in the future. He also talked of the possibility in the next few years to convert from 8-man football to 6-man football. The comments received from the audience were not positive to expanding the co-op as it has been structured for football. The mood was that their athletes could be Huskies similar to the structure of the co-op with the Culdesac School District. No action taken.

With the absence of football coaches at this time, the status of the football camp scheduled to be held at Highland in June was discussed. Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to not hold the football camp this year. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Another change was proposed to the agenda: moving the Superintendent Contract Agenda Item until after the executive session. Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to move this agenda item. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The administrative reports were allowed to stand as presented.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Pentzer 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 9:30pm. The board moved to the library for the executive session. The

general tenor of the executive session was discussion of student discipline.

Trustee Widmier moved that the board leave executive session and reconvene in regular session. Trustee Patterson seconded the motion which was passed at 11:03pm.

Trustee Widmier moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded that Students X, Y and Z will not be allowed to walk at Graduation. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

At the request of the superintendent, the Superintendent Contract was tabled until next month.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to allow the baseball team to practice at Culdesac two days a week for the rest of the season. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Pentzer moved that the meeting adjourn. Chairman Johnston declared the meeting adjourned at 11:42p.m.

  
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Board Chairman