

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 10, 2013

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 7:03p.m. Present were Trustees Johnston, Stigum, Patterson, Widmier, and Pentzer. Also attending was Clerk Weeks. Chairman Johnston presided at the meeting. The audience included Scott Hill, Josette Nebeker, Jeremiah Wynott, Holly Droegmiller, Mere Jo Haight, Katie Haight, Cindy McIlvain, Dina Frei, John Frei, Dallas Frei, Anjee Toothaker, Chris Cowan, Connie Pentzer, Dorothy Tiede, and Steve Wherry.

Four changes were proposed to the agenda.

- 6B. New Hire – Michelle Jones – Special Education Teacher
-- Brad Baumberger – Superintendent / Elementary Principal
- 4B. Delete Senior Project Update - Nathan Haight
- 4B. Connie Pentzer – Library Update

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Patterson 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.

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Patterson seconded that the consent agenda be approved as presented. This included certain current bills of this school district, be paid as presented: checks - #28627 - 28661 totaling \$57,955.45. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Chairman Johnston presented plaques honoring the departing board members for their years of service on the board as follows.

- Debra Widmier, 8 years, from August, 2005 to June, 2013.
- Catherine Patterson, 5 years, from July, 2008 to June, 2013.

Josette Nebeker, Vo-Ag Teacher, presented the Senior Project Handbook to the board. She commented that deadlines are set and the students are well aware of them. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Stigum seconded to have this be an agenda item at the July meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Connie Pentzer, Librarian, gave a report on Library activities, usage, and vision. Around 11,500 books were checked out during the last school year. Many of the books are at least 20 years old. Her desire is to get the cataloging system updated and to continue to pursue updating the collection.

Clerk Weeks reported on the progress of the Science Room update. Things are in motion to begin demolition next week. The old chemicals will be removed this week by Clean Harbours. The flooring is currently scheduled to be installed starting July 1.

A hearing was held regarding increasing lunch prices effective for the 2013-2014 School year.

The proposal was to increase prices as follows:

ELEMENTARY (K-5) LUNCH	Was \$2.00 Proposed \$2.25
SECONDARY (6-12) LUNCH	Was \$2.25 Proposed \$2.50
ADULT LUNCH	Was \$3.50 Proposed \$3.75

No comments from the public were made except passing comments about food quality. Trustee Patterson moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to approve the lunch price increases as detailed. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The hearing for the 2013-2014 Budget was held. No comments from the public were made. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to approve the 2013-2014 Budget as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Patterson moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to approve the hire of:

- Scott Hill – Secondary Principal
- Connie Pentzer – 4/7 FTE English Teacher
- Michelle Jones – Special Education Teacher
- Brad Baumberger – Superintendent / Elementary Principal

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Widmier moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to accept the negotiated Master Agreement with the Highland Education Association for the 2013-2014 School Year as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The topic of professional development days was discussed. Our Positive Time Reporting policy allows approved professional development days to be compensated. The consensus of the board was that would continue to happen. No action taken.

The list of Teachers for the 2013-2014 school year was presented. Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to approve the list as follows.

DUTCHER, KATHERINE
TIEDE, JOAN
REID, TERESA
YOCHUM, JULIE
HORROCKS, DANETTE
RIGGERS, ALIA

COWAN, CHRIS
CREW, NEILE
HINES, TERRIE
MOODY, DEBI
NEBEKER, JOSETTE
TIEDE, DOROTHY
RAMPY, MERRIE
ROMINE, SHELLY

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A list of Coach and Extra-Curricular Contracts for next year was presented. Some had already

been approved at the April 15 meeting. More will be added at a later date. Trustee Patterson moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to approve the list that included the following:

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| Baseball Coach | Richard Zehr |
| High School Track Coach | Kelley Hewett |
| Cheer | Wendy Powell |
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| Music | Chris Cowan |
| Band | Chris Cowan |
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| BPA Advisor | Terrie Hines |
| Annual Advisor | Terrie Hines |
| Photography Advisor | Terrie Hines |
| FCCLA Advisor | Neile Crew |
| Concessions Advisor | Neile Crew |

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The results of the May 21 Trustee Election were discussed. The canvass from the Lewis County Commissioners was presented. Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded to accept the results of the election as presented. A copy of the results is included as an addendum. A vote was taken and the motion passed 4-1 with Trustee Patterson voting nay.


Dina Frei had requested that the board allow her son, Dallas Frei, to attend Highland. They live in the Cottonwood School District. Light comments were made by board members as to the readiness of Dallas to re-enter Highland. Trustee Patterson moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to approve the application for open enrollment of Dallas Frei. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

The administrative report submitted by Principal Gehring was lightly reviewed.


It was announced that the next regular board meeting will be held on July 1 at 7:00pm due to scheduling issues.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to adjourn

Chairman Johnston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



 Clerk



 Board Chairman