

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2014

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 7:00 p.m. Present were Trustees Johnston, Stigum, Davis, Pentzer, and Haight. Chairman Johnston presided at the meeting. Also attending was Clerk Weeks and Superintendent Baumberger. The audience included Josette Nebeker, Dale Johnson, Carolyn Thomason, Catherine Patterson, and Merrie Rampy.

One change was proposed to the agenda as follows:

4E. Bus Inspection Results – Carolyn Thomason

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Haight seconded to accept the change to the agenda. The new item came up after the agenda was posted. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Davis seconded that the consent agenda be approved. This included certain current bills of this school district, be paid as presented: checks - #28996 - 29036 totaling \$56,410.98. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Merrie Rampy gave a Counselor Report. She talked about the presented handouts on updating the graduation requirements to reflect changes from the state. She also talked about alternative paths to graduation.

Superintendent Baumberger talked about the need to have a required Parent Meeting for Title I and Homeless information.

Fundraising was a topic on the agenda. Superintendent Baumberger talked about the upcoming Athletic Fundraiser scheduled for February 15 which is an adult event. He also talked about the season ticket sales and increased concessions sales.

Clerk Weeks discussed the process in the works to put the bus contract out for bid. A copy of the current contract was included in the packet. The plan is to get the bid published and sent to the contractors on the State Department of Education list within the next week. There is a required 4-week publishing period. After a successful bid is received and an agreement is reached, the State Department of Education has 21 days to review it before the contract can be finalized. Also during this time period, information will also be compiled to review the position of the District taking over busing.

Carolyn Thomason of Harlow's discussed the results of the spot inspection done by Virginia Overland of the State Department of Education earlier in the day. Two buses were selected, one of Harlow's as well as the district bus and were found to have some issues. The district bus had an exhaust leak which will require being placed out of service until repairs are done. Paperwork was mostly in order. Also, a mishap happened on Harlow's lot where a Harlow's bus was backed into the district bus breaking a window, windshield and a mirror. Repairs are in the works.

The matter of what to set the amount of the Supplemental Levy for the next school year was discussed. An inquiry from a patron was made as to what was "Plan B" if the levy failed. Discussion was had about incremental lowering of the levy amount and having no levy at all. It was requested that a rundown of what the levy supports would be most useful. The consensus was that an increase was not needed but that given our minimal fund balance of \$53,000 at the end of the last fiscal year, it would not be prudent to decrease it. Both the Governor's office and the State Department of Education proposed modest increases to funding but nothing is certain at this point. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Davis seconded to keep the levy the same at \$499,000 for the 2014-2015 Fiscal year. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A date for the Levy Information Meeting was discussed and the consensus was to have it on February 26 at 7:00 in the gym.

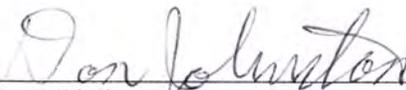
No further administrative reports were deemed to be needed.

No executive session was deemed to be needed.

Trustee Pentzer moved to adjourn.

Chairman Johnston declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.


Clerk


Board Chairman