

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Special Meeting
February 26, 2015

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the gym of the school at 7:00 p.m. Present were Trustees Johnston, Stigum, Haight, and Pentzer. Trustee Davis was absent until later in the meeting. Also attending was Clerk Weeks and Superintendent Baumberger. The audience included Katy Haight, Ralph Mathison, Holly Droegmiller, Alia Riggers, Kate Dutcher, Connie Pentzer, Don Wadholm, Bill Heath, and Peggy Paul. Chairman Johnston presided at the meeting.

No changes were proposed to the agenda.

Superintendent Baumberger gave a presentation about the upcoming levy election on March 10. Light comments were offered by the audience.

Kayla Dau was recommended to replace retiring teacher Dorothy Tiede for the next school year. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Haight seconded to approve the new hire of Kayla Dau as secondary math teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Davis arrived to take his seat on the board at 7:20.

With the demise of the Idaho Education Network contract that was declared void earlier this month, the internet bandwidth for the school is threatened to be shut off by February 28. The monthly cost to continue the provision of internet access was reported by ENA to be \$8,191 per month. The VOIP phone service the district uses is also provided by ENA and is intertwined with the internet service. House Bill 0168 was passed by the legislature and signed by the governor yesterday. This bill allows school districts to use emergency procurement provisions under Idaho Code to cover the cost of the service through June 30 to give time to get something else in place. Due to the proposed cost being over \$25,000, a Request for Proposal was sent to three vendors. Two vendors responded. If the district were to not continue with ENA, a disruption of voice service could happen for up to three weeks. This was deemed unacceptable. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Davis seconded to continue with ENA under the emergency provisions of House Bill 168 through the end of June, 2015. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

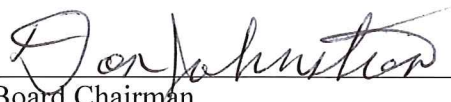
Trustee Davis moved to enter into executive session as provided by Idaho Code Section 67-2345(a), (b), (d). Trustee Haight seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all board members present voting aye at 7:34pm. The meeting was then moved to the Library. The general tenor was discussion of personnel and student issues. Trustee Haight moved and Trustee Stigum seconded to leave executive session. A vote was taken and the motion passed at 8:23pm.

Trustee Davis moved to adjourn.

Chairman Johnston declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Clerk



Board Chairman