

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2015

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, Haight, Davis, and Pentzer. Also attending was Clerk Weeks and Superintendent Baumberger. The audience included Bill Heath, Josette Nebeker, Carolyn Thomason, Steve Wherry and Merrie Rampy. Chairman Johnston presided at the meeting.

Three changes were proposed to the agenda.

Add: 4D. Idaho Education Quality Program Standards Review
6C. Bus Update – Carolyn Thomason
6D. Finals Situation

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

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Davis seconded that the consent agenda be approved as presented. This included certain current bills of this school district be paid as presented: checks #29590 – 29625 totaling \$82,342.03. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Merrie Rampy gave an Academic Advisor Report. She also talked about the four-year plan that high school students have completed. FAFSA Night is next week on the 21st. The SAT will be taken by the juniors on April 15.

The results of the safety inspection were covered. The only issue was the need to update the security of the building, this required the school to leave only two doors unlocked during the day.

After the doors started being locked, there were concerns about students being able to get between the shop and the main building on a timely basis. So far students are doing o.k. The situation will be monitored.

Josette Nebeker talked about the IQPS review which involves a \$10,000 grant. If successful, the grant funds would be available for the next school year.

Josette Nebeker talked about the progress with the greenhouse. She is considering a weekend work party to get it put up as the weather allows. She has also received a grant to start growing foods for food banks.

Superintendent Baumberger talked about the continuing progress regarding the baseball field. The several parties involved, the City, the American Legion, and the Lions Club, are working toward a shared solution to proceed with the project. The Tatkos are willing to allow the property to be transferred to another entity.

Clerk Weeks talked about consideration of what the Supplemental Levy should be set at. The news from the legislature is that there is an effort to restore funding for education. No recommendation was made to increase the levy. It was not felt that it would be prudent to reduce the levy at this time with the needs the school district has. Trustee Pentzer moved to keep the Supplemental Levy at \$499,000 for the 2015-2016 school year at an election to be held on March 10, 2015. Trustee Stigum seconded the motion which was passed.

The hire of Chris Case as a part time paraprofessional was on the agenda. She is not sure about taking the position. Further discussions will be held and the position may continue to be advertised. No action taken.

Carolyn Thomason of Harlow's informed the board that Route 3 now goes to Forest which adds about 10 miles to the route. She also has a new driver, Darrel May, who is retired from the Lewiston School District and newly moved to Craigmont.

Trustee Pentzer expressed his concerns about the finals situation. Not all students are required to take finals if they meet certain grade and attendance standards. After some discussion, Superintendent Baumberger informed the board that next year the State of Idaho is requiring an end of course assessment to be used as part of the teacher's evaluation. The word is getting out to the students that next year they will all be taking finals.

Superintendent Baumberger talked about the progress of the accreditation process. The on-site visit has been moved to the first week of March.


No executive session was deemed to be needed.

Trustee Pentzer moved to adjourn.

Chairman Johnston declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Clerk



Board Chairman