

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305  
School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
March 14, 2016

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 6:59 p.m. Present were Trustees Striebeck, Stigum, and Pentzer. Trustees Haight and Davis were absent. Also attending was Clerk Weeks and Superintendent Baumberger. The audience included Josette Nebeker, Connie Pentzer, Bill Gehring, Merrie Rampy, and Steve Wherry. Chairman Stigum presided at the meeting.

No change was proposed to the agenda.

Trustee Pentzer moved that the consent agenda be approved. Trustee Striebeck seconded the motion. The consent agenda included certain current bills of this school district to be paid as presented: checks #30336 – 30385 totaling \$62,281.95. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Bill Gehring talked about his activities as Counselor. This included pursuit of scholarship opportunities, the upcoming SAT, and character education.

Another reading of Policy 415.0 – Graduation was held. There was a minor issue in revising the text of the policy which was noted and will be corrected. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Striebeck seconded to approve the revised policy as presented with the noted corrections. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The 2016-2017 school year calendar with 144 school days was presented to the board. The calendar presented last month was 147 days, 3 days more than last year. In the revised calendar, school would start on August 22, 2016 and end on May 25, 2017 with a total of 144 days. The holiday break would start on December 22, so that break would be a little shorter than it had been. Graduation would be on May 26 at 7:00pm, with flexibility if needed for senior parents. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Striebeck seconded to approve the revised calendar as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Clerk Weeks discussed the district's financial status and the need to set the levy amount. It was felt that the levy did not need to be raised but that it was too soon to consider dropping it. Trustee Striebeck moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded to set the amount requested at the levy election to be held on May 17, 2016 at \$499,000. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A discussion was held on how to proceed with staffing the library and filling the English language arts need for the next school year. The consensus was to plan on having Connie Pentzer be the librarian at classified pay next year and to advertise for an English language arts teacher as well.

Superintendent Baumberger discussed the status of the sports co-ops. Nezperce High School wishes to continue with football for the next two years. Culdesac High School wished to continue with volleyball, girls and boys basketball and host softball. Culdesac is willing to pay for an assistant coach in the three sports Highland will host. There has been some discussion with Summit High School to have them be part of the co-op for boy's basketball as they will maybe have 4 players next year. The combined numbers with the three high schools would be below the 99 student threshold to stay in our current league. The consensus was that Superintendent Baumberger should proceed in finalizing the continuing co-ops for the next two years and continue discussions with Summit.

The topic of early release for softball players for practice was presented to the board. For last year and the last two weeks, softball players have been released at 3:30 to get to practice at Culdesac. Now that daylight savings time is in effect, it is easier to have enough sunlight to practice for two hours. After discussion, some of it heated, Trustee Stigum will talk with the softball coach at Culdesac about the situation so the girls won't have to leave until school is out.

Trustee Davis arrived to take his seat on the board at 7:49pm.

Principal Hatfield and Superintendent Baumberger touched on their activities.

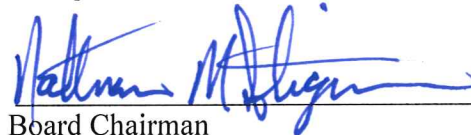
Trustee Davis moved to enter into Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206(1) (a) & (b) for a personnel issue. Trustee Pentzer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all four board members present voting aye at 8:03pm. The general tenor was discussion of a personnel issue. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Striebeck seconded to leave executive session. A vote was taken and the motion passed at 8:05pm.

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Striebeck seconded to advertise for a Kindergarten teacher for the next school year. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Chairman Stigum declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Clerk



Board Chairman