

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305  
School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
March 13, 2017

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 7:00 pm. Present were Trustees Stigum, Haight, Striebeck, and Davis. Trustee Pentzer was absent at first. Also attending were Superintendent Baumberger and Clerk Weeks. Sarah Hatfield was the only one in the audience.

Trustee Striebeck moved that the consent agenda be approved. Trustee Davis seconded the motion. The consent agenda included certain current bills of this school district to be paid as presented: checks #31054 – 31086 totaling \$53,221.34. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Pentzer arrived to take his seat at 7:04pm.

The Emergency Closure for January 18, 2017 was left off of the February Meeting Agenda. The calendar had been updated to add a day on February 10 to cover this closure. Trustee Haight moved and Trustee Striebeck seconded to approve the Emergency Closure on January 18, 2017. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The calendar for the 2017-2018 school year was discussed. Calendar B with a start date of August 28 and an end date of May 31 was presented. Principal Hatfield noted that staff comments favored Calendar B. Also considered was Calendar A with a start date of August 21 and an end date of May 24. With Calendar A, the first semester would end before the Winter Break and school would be done before Memorial Day weekend. Trustee Striebeck moved to approve Calendar A. Trustee Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 4 -1 with Trustee Stigum voting nay.

A discussion was held about how the van is being used and the benefits and costs savings the District has realized in the last couple of years. No action taken.

Trustee Striebeck put together an employee survey for the board's consideration. It would be set up with the assistance of the Idaho School Boards Association. Trustee Pentzer moved to use Trustee Striebeck's survey and get it set up in an online process with help from the Idaho School Boards Association. Trustee Haight seconded the motion which was passed.

The new hire of Matthew Ruth as Junior High Track Coach was presented to the board. Trustee Haight moved and Trustee Striebeck seconded to approve the hire as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Principal Hatfield went through her report touching on the current graduation policy, student numbers, attendance and other happenings. She reported that Trace Brammer is Valedictorian and Emma Johnson is Salutatorian this year.

Superintendent Baumberger talked about how student athletes are dealing with challenging schedules and the positive impact of checking grades at the end of the semester.

Questions were posed to the administrators about the Senior Project process which led to an explanation of the process.

Chairman Stigum declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

  
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Board Chairman