

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2019

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 7:05pm. Present in person were Trustees Knowlton, Schoonover, and Smith. Trustees Haight and Pentzer were present via telephone. Also attending was Clerk Weeks and Superintendent Hatfield. The audience included Dennis Fredrickson, Gail Lowe, Danette Horrocks, Josette Nebeker, Emma Grimes, and several others. Trustee Knowlton presided at the meeting.

Superintendent Hatfield did a short Supplemental Levy Election Information presentation. She covered how much the levy costs and that the rate has been going down with the growth in the District. She also covered how we compare to other districts and what it helps us fund.

Trustee Pentzer moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Trustee Schoonover seconded the motion. The consent agenda included minutes of the last meeting and certain current bills of this school district to be paid as presented: checks #32362 and 32369 – 32409 totaling \$74,419.02. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Schoonover moved and Trustee Smith seconded to amend the agenda to add 6A. School Closing Procedures – Gail Lowe. The item came up after the agenda was posted. Today was a snow day and tomorrow might be. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Superintendent Hatfield discussed the possibility of opening up a pre-school. Trixie Grimes is planning to continue with her pre-school next year. Therefore, there was no need to further consider it at this time.

Gail Lowe, who has been Harlow's manager for the past couple of years, was present seeking clarification on when to close and what would make the determination. After discussing past practices, it was reaffirmed that the decision to close school would be attempted to be made before 6:00am. Highway District personnel would apprise Gail and in turn the Superintendent if it was advisable or possible to travel country roads. The possibility of having two-hour delays was discussed but the tenor regarding that was against it. As it was a clarification of past practices, a consensus was had regarding snow closure practices and no action was taken.

The topic of offering Kindergarten four days per week instead of the current three days was discussed. Danette Horrocks had done her master's thesis on the topic and affirmed that research supports expansion of Kindergarten. The response was positive that the time had come. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Haight seconded to offer Kindergarten four days per week starting in the next school year. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The New Hire of Rhea Stefanie White as Junior High Track Coach was presented to the board. She had been the volunteer assistant for the last two years and is an accomplished runner. Trustee Haight moved and Trustee Schoonover seconded to approve this new hire. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Principal Frederickson handed out a report and highlighted topics on it. This included student achievement in BPA Districts, the Core Leadership Team and the progress and end of the basketball seasons. Emma Grimes gave a report on FFA activities.

Superintendent Hatfield gave an oral report as today was a snow day. She talked about the Donuts for Dads and the upcoming Day on the Hill she will be attending. Also highlighted was the hole drilled in the gas tank of the new van and that the tank is being replaced.


Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Schoonover seconded to enter Executive Session under Idaho Code 74- 206(1) (b) for a student issue. A roll call vote was taken with all five board members present voting aye at 7:50pm. The general tenor was discussion of a student issue. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Schoonover seconded to leave executive session. A vote was taken and the motion passed at 8:29pm.

Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Smith seconded to approve acting on the plan for Student A as discussed in executive session. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Knowlton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.


Board Chair


Clerk


Date