

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305  
School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
April 13, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session virtually via Zoom at 7:01pm. Present were Trustees Haight, Knowlton, Schoonover, Smith, and Mendenhall. Also attending was Clerk Weeks and Superintendent Hatfield. The audience included Dennis Fredrickson and three others. Trustee Haight presided at the meeting.

Trustee Schoonover moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Trustee Mendenhall seconded the motion. The consent agenda included minutes of the last three meetings and certain current bills of this school district to be paid as presented: checks #33062 – 33064 and checks #33069 - 33109 totaling \$108,981.90. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The calendar for the 2020-2021 School Year was presented to the board. School would start on August 24 and fully end on June 2. Graduation is scheduled for May 22. Trustee Smith moved and Trustee Schoonover seconded to approve the calendar as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The potential new hire of a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher was on the agenda. The process wasn't completed yet so no action was possible to be taken.

The First Reading of new Policy 732 was presented to the board. This policy is to allow continued payment of employees with federal funds during the soft closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Trustee Knowlton moved to dispense with a second reading and to approve the policy as presented. Trustee Schoonover seconded the motion which was passed.

Recently the Idaho State Board of Education took action to extend the soft closure of all K-12 schools through the end of the school year. Yet to be determined criteria such as positive local conditions could allow resumption of school but that is currently unknown. Trustee Smith moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to Accept and Acknowledge the mandated soft closure through the end of the school year. A vote was taken and the motion passed. If conditions allowed reopening, another meeting would likely be held to take action on that.

In March, The Families First Coronavirus Response Act was passed by Congress and signed by the President and is set to expire December 31, 2020. There could be policies that conflict with the act during the time this law is in effect. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Smith seconded to approve the suspension of policies if conflicting with the FFCRA. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Superintendent Hatfield highlighted various topics in her verbal report which included the following.

- Very little learning was missed as instruction continued almost immediately after Spring Break as that was when the soft closure affected Highland.
- Over 100 grab-n-go lunches and included breakfasts are being served each day at the school and delivered on bus routes when instructional packets are delivered and also picked up. K-5 work is mostly packets with some online work. 6-12 students are mostly online.
- Last Friday night an event was held to honor senior athletes at 20:20 for 20 minutes. The football field lights were turned on and attendees parked in the parking lot with lights turned on. Everybody involved honored social distancing guidelines and the event was deemed a success.

- There have been numerous webinars on how to proceed through the pandemic.


Principal Frederickson gave a verbal report and highlighted topics which included the following.

- The online learning transition has progressed in a positive manner. A flow has been established with a combination of packets and USB drives and Google Drive and Meet. There has been thoughtful work by teachers to work through challenges and keep things working.
- Seniors handled the Friday Night event in a very positive manner.

Trustee Haight declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

  
Board Chair

  
Clerk

  
Date