

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305  
School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
March 8, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 7:01pm. Present were Trustees Haight, Knowlton, Smith, and Mendenhall. Trustee Schoonover attended via Zoom. Also attending was Superintendent Hatfield and Clerk Weeks. The audience included Dennis Fredrickson, Jamy Henderson, Josette Nebeker in person and Jacob Gion via Zoom.

Trustee Smith moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Trustee Mendenhall seconded the motion. The consent agenda included minutes of the last two meetings and certain current bills of this school district to be paid as presented: checks #33540 – 33581 totaling \$76,270.78. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Supplemental Levy Election is being held tomorrow, March 9. A reminder was made to be sure and vote.

FFA Advisor Josette Nebeker was on hand with FFA members doing a Parli Pro demonstration. Their topic was whether to go to the National FFA Conference this year. Students participating were Chani Brammer, Hannah Smith, Emily Dau, Taiylor Crea, Gage Crow, and Sydney Shumaker.

The new hire of Jacob Gion under an Alternative Authorization as Superintendent for the 2021-2022 School Year was presented to the board. Trustee Smith moved and Trustee Knowlton seconded to approve the new hire. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The resignation of Sandy Sisk, Secondary Teacher, at the end of the school year was presented to the board. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to accept the resignation with deep regret. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

An Emergency Closure due to heavy snow and wind was made on February 16 and 17, 2021. Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Smith seconded to approve the emergency closure. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Due to the four days of closure this year, the seniors will be short in required hours of instruction. Two days will be added, March 12 and April 30 for Grade 12 only. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Schoonover seconded to approve adding the days as outlined. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Pandemic Operations Plan was reviewed. Things have been going well in the school and county with minimal or no cases. The matter will be reviewed at the April Meeting with possible consideration of reducing the mask requirements. No action taken.

The Audit Engagement Letter proposal for three years from Quest CPAs was presented to the board. Trustee Smith moved and Trustee Schoonover seconded to approve the audit engagement as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Principal Frederickson handed out a report and highlighted topics on it. This included the following.

– The end of the third quarter

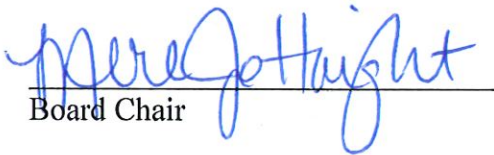
- Senior Project presentations were completed
- FFA activities presented by Advisor Nebeker included her recent trip to Burley where Dalton Davis placed first in the Idaho Farm Bureau Discussion Meet
- National Honor Society Inductions next week
- Winter sports ending and the start of Spring sports

Superintendent Hatfield highlighted topics on her report.

- Enrollment in the Elementary is at 83 students
- Tuesday, March 16 is the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school
- Pennies for Patients
- Progress on the door lock system

Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Smith seconded to enter executive session under Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(b) for discussion of personnel evaluation. A roll call vote was taken with all five members present voting aye at 8:00pm. The general tenor of the session was personnel evaluation. At 8:20pm, Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Smith seconded to leave executive session. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Haight declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

  
Board Chair

  
Clerk

  
Date