

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305  
School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
April 11, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the Library of the school at 7:00pm. Present were Trustees Smith, Knowlton, Mendenhall, and Goeckner. Also attending was Superintendent Gion and Clerk Weeks. Dennis Fredrickson, Kaleigh Poxleitner, and Danette Horrocks were in the audience. Trustee Smith presided at the meeting.

Trustee Knowlton moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Trustee Mendenhall 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 #34148 – 34197 totaling \$98,648.36. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

English Teacher Kaleigh Poxleitner gave a presentation on a new English Curriculum, MyPerspectives, from Savvas Learning Company. She had experience with it at her former district and highlighted the positive aspects of the curriculum in comparison to the current curriculum. Superintendent Gion highlighted analysis from edreports.com and how the old and proposed curriculum compared. He proposed signing up for a six-year license. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to approve the new curriculum. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Debi Schoonover, Trustee from Zone 1, tendered her resignation, to be effective immediately, on March 14. Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Knowlton seconded to declare a vacancy for Zone 1 and to begin advertising. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

In light of the resignation of Vice Chair Debi Schoonover, the matter of updating check signers on the Caped Credit Union Accounts and consider appointing a new Vice-Chair was brought before the board. Chad Knowlton nominated himself to be Vice Chair. The change in check signers would remove Debi Schoonover and add Chad Knowlton. Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Goeckner seconded to appoint Trustee Chad Knowlton as Vice Chair and to remove Debi Schoonover and add Chad Knowlton to the Caped Credit Union Accounts. Other signers, Nathan Weeks, Shannan Randall, and Jacob Gion would remain. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Resignation of Jacob Gion as Superintendent at the of his 2021-2022 Contract on June 30 was presented to the board. Trustee Knowlton moved “with deep regret” to accept the resignation. Trustee Mendenhall seconded the motion which was passed.

The process of searching for a new superintendent was discussed. It was settled to post the job on EdjobsIdaho and Schoolspring and see what the response is within a couple of weeks. Evaluation of the search will be considered at the point.

The 2022-2023 School Year Calendar was presented to the board. School would start on August 22, 2022 and end on May 31, 2023. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to approve the 2022-2023 Calendar as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The New Hire of Heath Fuller as Maintenance/Custodial Coordinator was presented to board. Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Knowlton seconded to approve the new hire as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The matter of approving Certified Staff Returning for the 2022-2023 School Year was presented to the board. Trustee Knowlton moved to table the action item until the May meeting. Trustee Goeckner seconded the motion which was passed.

The status of the Pandemic Operations Plan was discussed. No action needed at this time. The item will be included on future agendas for the time being.

Principal Fredrickson gave a report of the following.

- ISATS are starting
- BPA and FFA successes at State Conferences
- Upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences
- Prom on April 30
- City Clean up on April 28.

Superintendent Gion gave a verbal report on the following.

- A thank you to the board for their support in his time with the District
- Legislative Updates
- \$104 Million into the career ladder
- Governor’s \$1,000 bonus for staff
- Rural loan help for teachers
- \$46 million into literacy in lieu to help pay for full-day Kindergarten
- Curriculum Adoption Committee to include parents
  
- Search to start for Basketball Coaches as Brett Arnzen has turned in his resignation
- A plan for an RTI Coordinator for next year

Trustee Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

  
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 Board Chair

  
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 Clerk

  
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