

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school. Present were Trustees Nesbitt, Goeckner, Mendenhall, Smith, and Knowlton. Also attending was Clerk Weeks and Superintendent Kellogg. There were as many as 14 in the audience.

Trustee Smith opened the meeting at 7:00pm. Under board reorganization, Trustee Knowlton moved, in lieu of making nominations for Board Chair, to keep the slate of officers unchanged for the next year as follows.

Board Chair – Monica Smith
Board Vice Chair – Chad Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer – Nathan Weeks

Trustee Goeckner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Trustee Smith then presided over the meeting.

Trustee Knowlton moved to keep the regular board meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the library of the school. Trustee Mendenhall seconded the motion which was passed.

Trustee Mendenhall moved to post the notice of the monthly meetings at the same places as last year. Postings will be at the main door of the School, the Post Office in Craigmont, as well as on the District's website. A courtesy posting will be attempted at the Post Office in Winchester. Trustee Knowlton seconded the motion which was passed.

The Code of Ethics was presented to the Trustees. Each Trustee signed the Code of Ethics.

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 #35106, 35108, 35111, 35113 – 35128, 35131-35143 totaling \$89,241.84.

The Personnel Report included the following item: Position Change – Middle School Teacher to 5th Grade Teacher – Susan Cimino.

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The matter of the emergency closure due to snow on December 15, 2022 was presented to the board. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Nesbitt seconded to approve the emergency closure as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Third Reading of Policy 300.43 - Evaluation of Certificated Employees was presented to the board. Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Knowlton seconded to approve the policy as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The resignation of Jamy Henderson, 5th Grade Teacher, effective January 12, 2023, was presented to the board. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to accept the resignation as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Re-Hire of Becky Finnell as Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach was presented to the board. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Goeckner seconded to approve the re-hire as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Principal Finnell reviewed topics in her report.

- Winter Concerts and Christmas Play went well
- Finals week is underway
- Senior projects are on track


Superintendent Kellogg let her report stand as presented but pointed out the upcoming Day on The Hill.

Trustee Smith then read a statement for the audience that, in essence, their concerns are being addressed and requested patience with the process.

Trustee Smith then declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.



Board Chair



Clerk

3-13-23
Date