

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 8, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school. Present were Trustees Mendenhall, Smith, and Knowlton. Trustee Goeckner was absent. Also attending was Clerk Weeks and Superintendent Kellogg. There were as many as 5 in the audience.

Clerk Weeks opened the meeting at 7:01pm. Clerk Weeks administered the Oath of Office to the newly re-elected Trustees.

Zone 3 – Michelle Mendenhall

Zone 4 – Monica Smith

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

Trustee Mendenhall moved to keep the regular board meetings on the second Monday of each month but to change the time to 6:00pm in the library of the school. Trustee Knowlton seconded the motion which was passed.

Trustee Knowlton 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 Mendenhall 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 #34694 – 34735 totaling \$87,461.77. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Danette Horrocks, 4th Grade Teacher, was present to talk about Elementary happenings. The fundraising has started for the 4th Grade Boat Trip. Benchmark testing is underway. A committee has started to look at math curriculum.

Shandrie Stigum, Business Teacher, was present with two of her BPA members, Greta Watson and Carol Lanz. 11 of 12 who competed at Districts qualified for State BPA competition. BPA hosted the Alumni Basketball Game during the winter break and raised \$1,400.

Brett Arnzen has expressed interest in filling the Zone 1 seat but does not live in Zone 1. The 90-day mark to appoint someone from any zone was January 7. No one else has expressed interest. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to appoint Brett Arnzen to the Zone 1 seat. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Principal Finnell reviewed a few topics.

- She went with ASB officers to Nezperce to plan for upcoming activities like the 3L throwdown
- Benchmarking
- Only 4 Seniors are in government class as the rest went to Boys and Girls State

Superintendent Kellogg let her report stand as presented but talked about several items.

- Attendance Data
- The Governor’s State of the State address where he gave no support for vouchers but is proposing \$2 Billion for school facilities over 10 years.


Trustee Smith then declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.



Board Chair



Clerk



Date