

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

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 6:00pm. Present were Trustees Arnzen, Mendenhall, Smith, Knowlton, and Goeckner. Also attending was Superintendent Kellogg and Clerk Weeks. Becky Finnell and later two others were in the audience.

Trustee Knowlton moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Trustee Arnzen 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. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Clerk Weeks talked about JFAC action in the recent legislative session. Discretionary Revenue was increased by 5.3%. Administrative and Non-Certified factors were increased by 3%. The alternative funding formula did not advance.

The topic of the district's website was discussed. Thoughts expressed including making it more mobile device friendly and to have an updated layout. The consensus was to have progress by next school year.

A Second Reading of Policy 412.1 – Request to Attend Highland School by Non-Resident Students, was held. Minor changes were discussed. Trustee Knowlton and Trustee Arnzen seconded to approve the updated policy with the minor changes. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The matter of increasing fees for the school lunch program was presented to the board. The National School Lunch Program reimbursement rates have increased to a point requiring an increase greater than 5%. The proposed fees would be as follows.

ELEMENTARY (K-5) LUNCH	Was \$2.95	Proposed \$3.50
SECONDARY (6-12) LUNCH	Was \$3.30	Proposed \$3.75
ADULT LUNCH	Was \$4.70	Proposed \$5.00
ADULT BREAKFAST		Proposed \$2.85

Trustee Arnzen moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to holding a fee increase hearing at 6:00pm at the May 13, 2024 meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The deadline for submitting bids for contract busing was 2:00pm on Monday, April 8, 2024. One bid was received from Harlow's, the current contractor. This bid included an increase in rates for routes of 6.9% and modest increases for activity labor rates. There is a plan to have a modification option in the contract if it is deemed necessary to reduce routes due to low ridership. Harlow's will prepare the contract in the next few weeks to proceed to the next step. The goal is to have the contract ready to be approved at the May meeting.

Principal Finnell reviewed her written report.

- Valedictorians are Noah Watson and Eryn Thomas, Salutatorians are Kindle Thomason, Ashley Wood, Sydney Trueblood, and Hannah Smith.
- ISAT Testing to begin April 17
- Student activities including Prom planning, State FFA and National BPA

- Math Curriculum is still being reviewed.
- ASB Elections are in planning stages

Superintendent Kellogg gave a legislative update indicating this is to be the last week of the session. There are trailer bills addressing HB521 impact on schools with a 4-day week.

Trustee Arnzen moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to enter into Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) to consider the evaluation or discipline of a public school student and evaluation of a district employee. A roll call vote was held with all five members voting aye at 6:41pm. The tenor of the executive session was a student issue.

Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Arnzen to approve discipline Option 3 as presented by Student A. They have until the end of the week to agree with this action. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Arnzen moved and Trustee Goeckner seconded to leave executive session. A vote was taken and the motion passed at 7:42pm.

The consensus was to continue with the Superintendent Evaluation at the May meeting.

Trustee Smith then declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Board Chair

Clerk

Date