

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 8, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the Library of the school at 5:31pm. Present were Trustees Smith, Knowlton, Mendenhall, Arnzen, and Stone. Trustee Smith presided over the meeting. Also attending was Superintendent Kellogg and Clerk Weeks. Mary Kay Utecht and David Brinkman were in the audience.

Under Public Comments, Mary Kay Utecht talked about the Senior to Senior program in Arizona. It has helped with student and parent engagement in light of the voucher program in Arizona.

Trustee Mendenhall 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. The Personnel Report included the following.

Resignation – Food Service – Amanda Beck – effective September 17

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Superintendent Kellogg reviewed the plans for the new CTE building. It is the understanding that we are waiting for permits. It is still hoped that groundbreaking will happen in September.

The results of the end of the trustee election filing period were covered. Bette Stone was the only person to file for Zone 2. Chad Knowlton and JeAnn Willson filed for Zone 5. There will be an election for that zone in November.

Superintendent Kellogg talked about the At-Risk Task Force. There are five teachers on the MTSS team working to provide supports for students and are going beyond what the policy requires.

The First Reading of Policy 443.0 to 3530 – Suicide was held. Some discussion was had. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Arnzen seconded to dispense with a second reading and approve Policy 443.0 to 3530 – Suicide as presented. Motion passed.

The First Reading of Policy 2320 – Health, Sex Education, and Human Sexuality was held. It will be on the agenda for October for a Second Reading.

The First Reading of Policy 3280 – Equal Education, Nondiscrimination, and Sex Equity was held. A couple of minor edits were noted. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Arnzen seconded to dispense with a second reading and approve Policy 3280 – Equal Education, Nondiscrimination, and Sex Equity after the minor edits were made. Motion passed.

Superintendent Kellogg touched lightly on her report. Topics discussed included the following.

- A Student Resource Officer (SRO) has been hired through a contract with Lewis County.
- ISAT Testing
- Cognia has renewed our accreditation

David Brinkman of the Idaho Association of School Administrators (IASA) was on hand to do Part 1 of Board Training.

No Executive was deemed to be needed.

Trustee Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Board Chair

Clerk

Date