

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

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the Library of the school at 5:32pm. Present were Trustees Smith, Knowlton, Mendenhall, Arnzen, and Stone. Trustee Smith presided over the meeting. Also attending was Superintendent Kellogg and Clerk Weeks. Josette Nebeker, Aaron Kinzer and Jackson Smith were in the audience.

There was no Public Comment.

Trustee Arnzen 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. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Aaron Kinzer and Jackson Smith talked about their attendance at the recent National FFA Convention. They flew into Chicago and drove to Indianapolis. This provided more opportunities for career exploration.

Recently Trustee Arnzen and Trustee Stone along with Superintendent Kellogg and Clerk Weeks attended the Idaho School Boards Convention in Coeur d'Alene. The trustees found it to be a worthwhile experience.

Superintendent Kellogg talked about the increasing importance of trustees having a district email address for school email correspondence. This keeps the personal email of trustees separate and protects them from subpoena in case of a lawsuit. Emails have been set up for all trustees.

Trustee Knowlton was honored for his eight years of service on the board and was presented with a plaque recognizing that.

The matter of continuing to offer a Driver's Education program was discussed. As a rural district, students can take the class from IDLA and drive with the parents. Not all parents/guardians want that option. At the November meeting, the discussion led to a preference to increase driver's education fees to a level that would cover the cost. A proposal to increase Driver's Education Fees was presented to the board as follows.

Driver's Education – In District	Was \$150.00	Proposed	\$300.00
Driver's Education – Out of District	Was \$200.00	Proposed	\$350.00

Trustee Arnzen moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to hold a hearing to increase these fees at the regular board meeting on January 12, 2026 at 5:30am. Motion passed.

Superintendent Kellogg reported that legislative activity is already heating up. There is talk of a potential 4% holdback for next fiscal year so it will be an interesting session.

Trustee Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Board Chair

Clerk

Date