

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2025

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. Trustees Goeckner and Arnzen were absent. Also attending was Clerk Weeks and Superintendent Kellogg. There was no one in the audience.

Clerk Weeks opened the meeting at 6:01pm.

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 5:30pm in the library of the school. The possibility of holding meetings during the summer in the morning was discussed. 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 present 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. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Under the Finance Topic, Clerk Weeks reported on the proposed Discretionary Funding calculation updates. Under the proposal, Highland would be held harmless rather than receive a stronger increase like most school districts in the State.

Superintendent Kellogg let her report stand as presented but talked about the upcoming Supplemental Levy.

Trustee Smith then declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Board Chair

Clerk

Date

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
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Regular Meeting
February 10, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the Library of the school at 5:30pm. Present were Trustees Smith, Knowlton, Mendenhall, and Arnzen. Also attending was Superintendent Kellogg and Clerk Weeks. There was one person in the audience.

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.

Under the Finance Topic, Clerk Weeks reviewed a handout regarding the cost per \$1,000 for our supplemental levy. If the board considers raising the levy, the cost per \$1,000 would be similar to two years ago due to increasing values and property tax relief.

Trustee Andy Goeckner submitted a letter of resignation from his Zone 2 position on January 24. Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Knowlton seconded to accept his resignation and declare a vacancy for Zone 2. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The First Reading of Policy 2385 – English Learners Program was held. A sentence had to be added as a result of the recent Federal Programs Review. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to dispense with a second reading and approve the policy as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Principal Finnell gave an update on current happenings.

- Basketball
- Evaluations are underway
- Student activities with BPA, FFA, and Music
- Schweitzer Day Upcoming
- Possible Activity Night

Superintendent Kellogg gave a review of School Choice legislation under consideration. Otherwise, she let her report stand as presented.

Trustee Arnzen moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to enter into executive session as provided under Idaho Code Section 74-206 (1) (b). A roll call vote was taken with all four board members present voting aye at 6:01 pm. The general tenor of the executive session was discussion of student issues. After hearing all parties, Trustee Smith then read the following statement. It is the decision of the Board of Trustees that the explicit conditions allowing Student A to return to school after the November 4, 2024 decision have one modification. Failure to comply with any of the prescribed conditions will result in an immediate additional expulsion hearing. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Arnzen seconded to approve the decision. A roll call vote was taken with all four members voting aye and the motion passed. Trustee Arnzen moved and Trustee Knowlton seconded that the board leave executive session and reconvene in regular session. A vote was taken and the motion passed at 7:16 pm.

Trustee Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Board Chair

Clerk

Date

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
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March 10, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the Library of the school at 5:30pm. Present were Trustees Smith, Mendenhall, and Arnzen. Trustee Knowlton was absent. Also attending was Superintendent Kellogg and Clerk Weeks. There was one person in the audience.

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.

Under the Finance Topic, Clerk Weeks reviewed a handout regarding the status of the state funding from Salary Based Apportionment. Overall, the district is ahead over what was budgeted.

An Emergency Closure was called due to adverse weather on February 5. Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Arnzen seconded to approve the emergency closure. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The matter of setting the election for the Supplemental Levy for the 2025-2026 fiscal year was presented to the board. A discussion was held about the need to consider increasing the levy. Costs and needs of students have increased at a rate greater that can be sustained. Trustee Arnzen moved to set the Supplemental Levy amount at \$599,000 for an election to be held on May 20, 2025. Trustee Mendenhall seconded the motion which was passed.

The 2025-2026 calendar was presented to the board. The 2025-2026 calendar would have school starting on August 25 and ending on June 3 for grades 7-11. Grades K-6 and grade 12 would be done on May 28. The seniors would have two senior project days on March 13 and April 24. Also, there would be a two-week holiday break. Spring Break would be a week earlier due to State FFA. Trustee Arnzen moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to approve the 2025-2026 calendar as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Superintendent Kellogg gave a review of legislation under consideration. She also talked about the Powerschool Class Action lawsuit being filed. The consensus of the board was to participate in the class action.

Trustee Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Board Chair

Clerk

Date

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305

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April 14, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the Library of the school at 5:30pm. Present were Trustees Smith, Knowlton, Mendenhall, and Arnzen. Also attending was Superintendent Kellogg and Clerk Weeks. The audience included Becky Finnell, Margaret Robinson, Michele Anderson, Samantha Evans, Daphne Hanson, Josette Nebeker, Shandrie Stigum, Levi Bovey, Michelle Bovey, Kaleigh Poxleitner, JeAnn Willson, Jordyn Beck, Danette McNamee, Fallon Jungert, Don Curry, DeeDee Osburn, Bette Stone, Jace Roeller, Jackson Smith, Laney Bovey, and Julie Yochum.

Board Chair Smith read a statement regarding allowable public comment. No one signed up to comment.

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.

The Personnel Report included the resignation of Monty Moddrell as Boys Basketball Coach.

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Under the Finance Topic, Clerk Weeks talked about the School Finance Webinar happening on April 15 that will provide clearer information about budgeting information.

Three students, Jackson Smith, Laney Bovey, and Jace Roeller, were on hand to talk about their activities at the recent FFA State Convention.

Bette Stone, a resident of Zone 2, was the only applicant for appointment to the vacant Trustee Zone 2 seat after the resignation of Andy Goeckner. Trustee Arnzen moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to approve the appointment of Bette Stone to the Zone 2 seat. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The matter of participating in the Powerschool Class Action lawsuit was presented to the board. Trustee Knowlton moved to approve this participation. Trustee Arnzen seconded the motion which was passed.

Principal Finnell reviewed her report and included the following.

- Student Club Activities which includes BPA Nationals, FFA Soils, and a successful Honor Society Bingo night.
- City Wide Cleanup is May 1.
- Conferences held at the end of February showed attendance for K-6 at 90%, 7-12 at 63%.
- Hotcakes for Huskies is planned for April 24.

Superintendent Kellogg touched lightly on her report.

Trustee Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Board Chair

Clerk

Date