HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 8, 2026

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 7:00am. Present were Trustees Arnzen, Mendenhall, Stone, and Willson. Trustee Arnzen presided over the meeting. Also attending was Superintendent Kellogg and Clerk Weeks. Josette Nebeker and Payton Largent were in the audience.

Trustee Stone 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. The Personnel report included the following.

Certified New Hire

Sherri Rothfusz – Secondary Social Studies

Resignation

Tyler Gillie – Secondary English

Classified Resignation

Kaleigh Poxleitner – HS Volleyball Coach

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Discussion was held again about providing CPR certification training for seniors. She had identified Jeff Cronce to provide the training. It was suggested it might be better to offer it to sophomores. Superintendent Kellogg said the person identified would be contacted to proceed further.

Under the Superintendent Report, an updated rendering of the new CTE building was handed out for review.

The Budget Hearing for the Amended 2025-2026 Budget was held starting at 7:16am. Clerk Weeks reviewed selected parts of the budget, noting various changes. Other changes were made to federal funds to reflect the actual allocation received which in several cases was lower.

The Budget Hearing for the 2026-2027 Budget was held. Clerk Weeks reviewed selected parts of the budget, highlighting various changes. Notable changes in the budget included little increase in State funding and updates to other funds. The hearing ended at 7:47am. Trustee Willson moved and Trustee Arnzen seconded to approve the Amended 2025-2026 Budget and 2026-2027 Budget as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Master Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year was presented to the board. No increase was proposed, just cover the 19.5% health insurance increase and honor movement on the salary schedule. Due to recent legislation, language was proposed by the association. It was settled to agree on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that once more is known about the impact of the recent legislation, negotiations could be opened to address that. The Highland Education Association has approved and signed the Master Agreement and associated MOU. Trustee Willson moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to approve the 2026-2027 Master Agreement and MOU. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The following list of Returning Certified Staff returning for the 2026-2027 School Year was presented to the board.

Tana Kellogg – Superintendent – 2 Year Contract – 7/2026-6/2028
Becky Finnell - Principal

Anderson	Michele
Cowan	Chris
Curry	Donald
Dahlin	Jessica
Jungert	Fallon
Lunders	Garrett
Nebeker	Josette
Randall	Teresa
Robinson	Margaret
Stigum	Shandrie
Thomason	Mathu
Uhling	Jessica
Walker	Eileen
Yochum	Julie

Extra-Curricular

Music	Chris Cowan
BPA Advisor	Shandrie Stigum
Annual Advisor	Shandrie Stigum

Coach Staff

Junior High Volleyball	Shandrie Stigum
Girls Basketball	Mathu Thomason
Assistant Softball	Shandrie Stigum

Class Advisors

Senior Advisor	Fallon Horrocks
Junior Advisor	Don Curry

Sophomore Advisor	Josette Nebeker
9th Grade Advisor	Sherri Rothfusz
7th Grade Advisor	Mathu Thomason

Concerns were expressed that the Superintendent and Principal should have been listed as a separate agenda item. Trustee Stone moved to approve the list of Certified Staff except for the Superintendent and Principal. Trustee Stone tried to reassure Principal Finnell that it would be approved next month. The motion died for lack of a second.

Trustee Mendenhall then moved and Trustee Arnzen seconded to approve the list as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed with Trustee Stone voting nay.

The list of Returning Coaches for the 2026-2027 school year was presented to the board.

Football	Monty Moddrell
Junior High Football	John Roeller
Track	Kaleigh Poxleitner
Girls Basketball Assistant Coach	Jill Moddrell
Junior High Track	Dan Smith
Junior High Girls Basketball	Jill Moddrell
Junior High Boys Basketball	Heath Fuller
Junior High Boys Basketball Assistant	Daphne Hanson

Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Willson seconded to approve the list of returning coaches as presented. Motion carried.

Payton Largent was on hand as he had expressed interest in being appointed to fill the Zone 4 position. His address had not been checked and it was determined he lives in Zone 3. If no else steps forward from within Zone 3, he can be appointed at the August Meeting.

Trustee Willson moved and Trustee Arnzen seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Lapwai School District for Business Services for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

It was decided to the Board Self-Assessment at a special meeting. Dates were proposed.

Trustee Arnzen then declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26am.

Board Chair Clerk 7-13-26 Date