

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 8, 2014

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 7:00 p.m. Present were Trustees Johnston, Stigum, Haight, Davis, and Pentzer. Also attending was Clerk Weeks, Superintendent Baumberger, and Principal Hatfield. The audience included Carolyn Thomason, Bill Heath, Josette Nebeker, Katy Haight, Merrie Rampy, Jeremiah Wynott, and Steve Wherry. Chairman Johnston presided at the meeting.

One change was proposed to the agenda.

Add: 8B. New Hire - Assistant Boys Basketball Coach - Tim Droegmiller

Trustee Davis moved and Trustee Haight seconded to accept the change to the agenda. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Davis seconded that the consent agenda be approved as presented. This included certain current bills of this school district, be paid as presented: checks #29372 – 29423 totaling \$47,498.82. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Merrie Rampy gave an Academic Advisor Report. She talked about how student registration went and more about Advanced Opportunities for students. She also talked about the progress with possible college tours. In addition, she handed out a list of actions she has been taking with regard to being an academic advisor.

A walk-through of the school was held starting at 7:28 and ending at 7:46. It was nearly dark outside but the highlights were covered. This included repaired concrete, new flooring, and pads on the stage.

Josette Nebeker talked about the next steps to move forward with the greenhouse. The rental of the school for firefighters slowed the project down for a time. She has learned that can use PTE funds to help with funding the project. She is pursuing another grant opportunity as well. She has a meeting scheduled to locate water and power.

The First Reading of Policy 300.47 – Smoke Free Workplace and Policy 425.0 – Student Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use was held. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Stigum seconded to approve the policies as updated. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Many activity trips for which the District currently uses a yellow bus have under 15 students in participation. The cost last year for these trips was around \$19,000. The possibility of buying a 15-passenger van was discussed. Currently, the model year for the factories is in transition but the State contract for vehicles has been extended for another model year. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Haight seconded to pursue the purchase of a 15-passenger van. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Principal Hatfield reviewed statistics from the first few weeks of school. There are 182 students enrolled, 85 K-5, 97 6-12. 7th is the largest with 20. Free and reduced lunch eligibility is 64% for K-5 and 40% for 6-12. There are 25 SPED students. She reviewed the PACK program and progress with the IRI testing.

Superintendent Baumberger offered light comments for Administrative reports. Discussion about improving the track was held. Money could come from Plant Facility funds as needed.

A discussion was held about the letter from Mike Erickson, Class of 1978. He has made a \$1,000 donation to the Highland Foundation for the last three years and wants to encourage others to do the same. Chairman Johnston said he would call him and proceed from there.

No executive session was deemed to be needed.

Trustee Pentzer moved as follows:

Accept the Resignation of Merrie Rampy as 7th Grade Advisor

Approve the following New Hires:

- Josette Nebeker – 7th Grade Advisor
- Sarah Hatfield – 12th Grade Advisor
- Tim Droegmiller – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

Trustee Stigum seconded the motion which was passed.

The renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Lapwai School District to share Business Services was reviewed. The term of the agreement is to run from November 1 through June 30, 2015. Trustee Haight moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded to approve the MOU as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Chairman Johnston declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Clerk



Board Chairman