

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 9, 2016

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 6:59 p.m. Present were Trustees Striebeck, Stigum, Pentzer, Haight, and Davis. Also attending was Clerk Weeks and Superintendent Baumberger. The audience included Josette Nebeker, Holly Droegmiller, Connie Pentzer, Don Johnston, Bill Gehring, Kathy Gehring, and Steve Wherry. Chairman Stigum presided at the meeting.

One change was proposed to the agenda.

4B. Baseball Discussion

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Davis seconded to accept the change as proposed. The item came up after the agenda was posted. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

One change was noted to the minutes for January. There was a paragraph about an addition to the agenda which was not removed in proofing. There had been no change to the posted agenda. Trustee Pentzer moved that the consent agenda be approved with the noted correction. Trustee Haight seconded the motion. The consent agenda included certain current bills of this school district to be paid as presented: checks #30280 – 30318 totaling \$48,580.94. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Bill Gehring talked about his activities as Counselor. This included pursuit of scholarship opportunities, FAFSA night, SATs, and character education.

Kathy Gehring inquired about the Baseball program and what had been done to find a coach and determine how many students wished to play. Superintendent Baumberger indicated that there hadn't been enough interest. He agreed to get a sign-up sheet going, find games, and to talk with a person who might be interested in coaching if there were enough students.

Trustee Pentzer presented his latest reworking of Policy 415.0. Discussion was held about the changes. The mood was positive about the changes and that the reworded policy be put on the March agenda.

Trustee Pentzer presented his latest reworking of Policy 500.3c Grade Scale. Trustee Striebeck moved and Trustee Davis seconded to approve the updated Policy 500.3c as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The 2016-2017 school year calendar with 147 school days was presented to the board. School would start on August 22, 2016 and end on June 1, 2017. The holiday break would start on December 22, so that break would be a little shorter than it had been. Graduation would be on May 27. Trustee Striebeck moved and Trustee Haight seconded to approve the calendar as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Superintendent Baumberger talked about the status of the sports co-ops with the Culdesac School District. They have made no financial contribution up to this point as was our deal. Their financial situation has improved over time and continuing forward, some participation would financially help our programs. The consensus was for him to proceed as described.

Principal Hatfield and Superintendent Baumberger touched on their activities. Of note was the Parent/Guardian Input form for Classroom Teacher Evaluation, only three had been returned. There are 164 Students K-12. Prom will not be combined with Nezperce this year as has been the practice. Valedictorians will be: Raelyn Davis, Hunter Droegmiller, Katy Haight, and Jasmin Lomax. Tanner Schwartz will be Salutatorian.

Trustee Davis moved to enter into Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(a) for a personnel issue. Trustee Striebeck seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all five board members present voting aye at 8:20pm. The general tenor was discussion of a personnel issue. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Davis seconded to leave executive session. A vote was taken and the motion passed at 8:39pm.

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Striebeck seconded to approve the new hire of the following:


- Track Coach – Bill Gehring
- Junior High Volleyball Assistant Coach – Amanda Beck
- Science Teacher – 2016-2017 School Year – Kari Schumacher

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Striebeck moved, to accept the resignation of Constance Pentzer from her English Language Arts Duties at the end of the school year. Trustee Davis seconded the motion, with deep regret. A vote was taken and the motion passed. She would like to perform her duties in the library on a full-time basis during the school year with some extra days outside the school year. The matter will be brought back next month with the hope more will be known about what the district's funding situation will be.

Chairman Stigum declared the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.


Clerk


Board Chairman