

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305  
School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
March 12, 2018

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 7:00pm. Present were Trustees Haight, Widmier, Knowlton, and Pentzer. Also attending was Clerk Weeks, Superintendent Baumberger, and Principal Hatfield. The audience included Teresa Randall, Jennifer Crow, Chad Crow, Nathan Stigum, Sarah Murt, Debi Schoonover, and Steve Wherry. Vice Chair Haight presided at the meeting.

Trustee Pentzer moved that the consent agenda be approved. Trustee Widmier seconded the motion. The consent agenda included certain current bills of this school district to be paid as presented: checks #31833 - 31873 totaling \$63,598.12. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Jennifer Crow, English Teacher, talked about a part of her Master's Program. It begins on April 2 and involves research into writing in small school districts. Students in her classes are part of the project.

Community Service requirements for the Senior Project were discussed. Our District seems to be the only one in the neighborhood that has such a requirement. Concern was expressed that with the involvement many of our students have in multiple activities, any extra community service requirements are just too much. It will be an agenda item next month.

Two Trustees attended the Day on The Hill event in February. Trustee Widmier found it to be very informative. Trustee Haight echoed those comments. This led to a discussion on current bills before the legislature.

Two applications were received for appointment to the open seat in Zone 1, Chad Crow and Debi Schoonover. Both candidates were asked questions and were invited to offer comments. After some discussion back and forth, Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to appoint Debi Schoonover to fill the position. A vote was taken and the motion passed. She will be sworn in at the next regular meeting in April as per Idaho Code.

Principal Hatfield talked about enrollment at the school, with a total of 174. She talked about current and upcoming events including the final scheduling of Senior Project Presentations. She announced that the Valedictorians will be Jordan Pentzer and Morgan Weeks. The Salutatorian is Logan Droegmiller. She also talked about her work on next year's calendar.

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to enter Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206(1) (a) and (b) for personnel issues. A roll call vote was taken with all four board members present voting aye at 8:07pm. The general tenor was discussion of personnel issues. Trustee Widmier moved and Trustee Knowlton seconded to leave executive session. A vote was taken and the motion passed at 8:52pm.

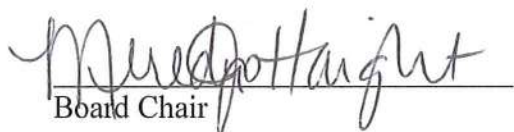
The Superintendent Evaluation was presented to the board. Trustee Widmier moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded to approve the Superintendent Evaluation as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Several applications for Superintendent were considered. As required by Idaho Code Section 74-106, the applicants considered were Thomas Graves of Abingdon, Virginia, Sarah Hatfield of Craigmont, Idaho, Lester McCormick of LaGrande, Oregon, and Andrea McMillion of Nezperce, Idaho. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to hire Sarah Hatfield as the Superintendent for the 2018-2019 fiscal year under an alternate route to certification. She was deemed to be the best applicant for the District. She is close to completing the required program through Northwest Nazarene University. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Our current Science Teacher, Sarah Murt, was hired under an alternate route to certification last summer. She has indicated she does not plan to return. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded to declare a vacancy so the District can begin the search for another science teacher. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to adjourn. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Vice Chair Haight declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

  
Board Chair

  
Clerk

  
Date