

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 13, 2013

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 7:11p.m. Present were Trustees Johnston, Stigum, Patterson, Widmier, and Pentzer. Also attending were Clerk Weeks, Principal Gehring, and Superintendent Orr. Chairman Johnston presided at the meeting. The audience included, at various times, 10 people.

Four changes were proposed to the agenda.

- 4C. Haight Classic – 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament – Katy Haight
- 6E. Resignation – Loren Orr – Athletic Director
– Cindy Orr – Superintendent
- 6F. Declare Vacancy – Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
- 6G. New Hire – Provisional – Secondary Principal - Candidate C

Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to accept the changes to the agenda. The new items came up after the agenda was posted. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Widmier seconded that the consent agenda be approved as presented. This included certain current bills of this school district, be paid as presented: checks - #28571 - 28619 totaling \$65,455.36. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Principal Gehring gave a short report on ASB activities since the ASB president was absent.

Danette Horrocks, 4th Grade Teacher, gave a short report and distributed a handout on the TESLA program in which she is involved.

Katy Haight talked about the self-determined 4-H project she is doing as a fundraiser for the June Picnic Scholarship Fund. She is organizing a 3-on-3 basketball tournament during the upcoming June Picnic. Entry Fee will be \$40. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Stigum seconded to allow use of the gym for the project which has been named “The Haight Classic”. A vote was taken and the motion passed. As a side note, Trustee Stigum announced that Chairman Johnston and his wife, Karen, have been selected as Grand Marshalls of the June Picnic this year.

Clerk Weeks reported on the progress of the Science Room update. The cabinetry has been ordered and is scheduled to be here August 12. The flooring is scheduled to be installed the third week of June. No more quotes have been received. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to accept the quotes from Mike’s Heating and Air for the plumbing and HVAC portions and to accept the quote from City Electric for the electrical portion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Chairman Johnston, after some discussion, appointed Trustee Widmier and Trustee Stigum to hand out diplomas at Graduation on June 1.

Chairman Johnston, after some discussion, appointed Trustee Pentzer and Trustee Patterson to be the board's representatives for negotiations with the Highland Education Association for the Master Agreement for the 2013-2014 school year.

Clerk Weeks discussed the need to raise lunch prices again this year. Our paid lunch price of \$2.00 is below the difference between the School Lunch program paid lunch reimbursement and the free lunch reimbursement. Increasing the adult lunch price from \$3.50 to \$3.75, the High School lunch price from \$2.25 to \$2.50 and the Elementary lunch price from \$2.00 to \$2.25 would raise about \$2,000 per year. Trustee Widmier moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to advertise to increase the lunch prices and to hold a hearing on June 10, 2013 as part of the regular board meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Chairman Johnston discussed putting in poles that he would supply for the backstop on the baseball field. Two questions were discussed, what material to put on the poles and the orientation. Trustee Widmier moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to have home plate in the southwest corner. A vote was taken and the motion passed. More research will be done on what to put on the poles.

Two resignations were presented to the board.

Athletic Director – Loren Orr
Superintendent – Cindy Orr

Loren expressed appreciation for being given the opportunity and hoped he left things better than when he found them. Superintendent Orr commented lightly on the letter she had submitted in that she was achieving her goal to teach at the University level. Trustee Patterson moved with regret and Trustee Widmier seconded to accept the resignations. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Assistant Boys Basketball Coach Jesse Roehl was eligible to return for next year but has stated on several occasions that he would not and reiterated the same when Clerk Weeks asked again earlier in the day. He has yet to put it in writing. Trustee Patterson moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded to declare the position vacant. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Secondary Principal Selection Committee had made a decision for whom to offer the position. References haven't yet been checked yet, however. Trustee Pentzer moved and Trustee Patterson seconded to provisionally approve the hire of Candidate C should references check out and that candidate accepted the offer. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Another change was proposed to the agenda: Emergency Closure on May 13 and Make Up Day. The item had been left off the list presented earlier. Trustee Patterson moved and Trustee Pentzer seconded to add this item to the agenda. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Due to the fires that destroyed the three grain warehouses a block from the school yesterday on May 12, an emergency declaration had been made by the Lewis County Commissioners. The City of Craigmont Fire Department requested last night that school not be held today. The piles of grain and garbanzos are still burning and likely will do so for some time to come. Due to the lack of any more emergency closure days built into the calendar, the day would need to be made up. May 31 seemed to be the least inconvenient day to do that. Trustee Patterson moved and Trustee Stigum seconded to approve the emergency closure of today, May 13 and to schedule the make-up day for May 31. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The administrative report submitted by Principal Gehring was lightly reviewed. Loren Orr reported on athletic activities.

Trustee Stigum moved and Trustee Widmier seconded to enter into executive session as provided under Idaho Code Section 67-2345(b). A roll call vote was taken with all five board members present voting aye at 8:20pm. The general tenor of the executive session was discussion of personnel issues.

Trustee Patterson moved that the board leave executive session and reconvene in regular session. Trustee Widmier seconded the motion which was passed at 8:32pm.

Chairman Johnston declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37p.m.



Clerk



Board Chairman