

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305  
School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
May 13, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 6:01pm. Present were Trustees Arnzen, Mendenhall, and Smith. Trustees Knowlton and Goeckner were absent. Also attending was Superintendent Kellogg and Clerk Weeks. Louise Manuel, Tim Kinzer, JD Webb, Monica Dau, Dennis Dau, Miranda Williams, and one other person were in the audience.

Trustee Mendenhall moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Trustee Arnzen 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. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Clerk Weeks talked about the status of the budget process leading up to the budget to be presented next month.

A hearing was then held regard the matter of increasing fees for the school lunch program. The National School Lunch Program reimbursement rates have increased to a point requiring an increase greater than 5%. The proposed fees would be as follows.

ELEMENTARY (K-5) LUNCH	Was \$2.95	Proposed \$3.50
SECONDARY (6-12) LUNCH	Was \$3.30	Proposed \$3.75
ADULT LUNCH	Was \$4.70	Proposed \$5.00
ADULT BREAKFAST		Proposed \$2.85

There was some discussion about increasing patronage for lunch. Superintendent Kellogg said that is part of an ongoing review. Trustee Arnzen moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to approve the updated prices as published. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 calendars were presented to the board. The 2024-2025 calendar would have school starting on August 26 and ending on June 4 for grades 7-11. Grades K-6 and grade 12 would be done on May 29. The seniors would have two senior project days on March 7 and April 25. Also, there would be a two-week holiday break. Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Arnzen seconded to approve the 2024-2025 calendar as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The consensus was to consider the 2025-2026 calendar for further consideration.

Harlow's School Bus Service responded with a modification option if two routes were combined. The savings before fuel surcharge was estimated to be \$24,473 from the 5-route estimate of \$336,328. Bus drivers and parents in the audience offered comment supporting keeping the 5 routes. The consensus of the board was to keep the 5 routes and continue to finish the contract for consideration at the next meeting.

Under House Bill 521 that was recently signed into law, there is an option to receive a lump sum amount or take the funding over 10 years. The lump sum amount for Highland is estimated to be around \$650,000. The annual amount would be \$65,000 but would be required to reduce any supplemental levy. Trustee Arnzen moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to approve receiving the HB 521 funding in an up-front lump sum. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The football team will be attending a camp outside Idaho next month. Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Arnzen seconded to approve the use of football equipment at the camp and to authorize Board Chair Smith to sign a letter to be sent to IDHSAA. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Two trustees agreed to represent the board in Negotiations, Trustee Smith and Trustee Arnzen. A proposed time will be communicated with the Highland Education Association.

Trustee Knowlton then joined the meeting by telephone at 7:00pm.

Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Arnzen seconded to enter into Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) to consider the evaluation of a district employee. A roll call vote was held with all four members voting aye at 7:01pm. The tenor of the executive session was evaluation of a district employee.

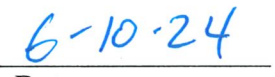
Trustee Arnzen moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to leave executive session. A vote was taken and the motion passed at 7:38pm.

Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Arnzen seconded to approve the Superintendent Evaluation. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Smith then declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

  
Board Chair

  
Clerk

  
Date