

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the Library of the school at 5:30pm. Present were Trustees Smith, Knowlton, Mendenhall, and Arnzen. Also attending was Superintendent Kellogg and Clerk Weeks. There was one person in the audience.

Trustee Arnzen moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Trustee Mendenhall 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.

Under the Finance Topic, Clerk Weeks reviewed a handout regarding the cost per \$1,000 for our supplemental levy. If the board considers raising the levy, the cost per \$1,000 would be similar to two years ago due to increasing values and property tax relief.

Trustee Andy Goeckner submitted a letter of resignation from his Zone 2 position on January 24. Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Knowlton seconded to accept his resignation and declare a vacancy for Zone 2. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The First Reading of Policy 2385 – English Learners Program was held. A sentence had to be added as a result of the recent Federal Programs Review. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to dispense with a second reading and approve the policy as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Principal Finnell gave an update on current happenings.

- Basketball
- Evaluations are underway
- Student activities with BPA, FFA, and Music
- Schweitzer Day Upcoming
- Possible Activity Night

Superintendent Kellogg gave a review of School Choice legislation under consideration. Otherwise, she let her report stand as presented.

Trustee Arnzen moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to enter into executive session as provided under Idaho Code Section 74-206 (1) (b). A roll call vote was taken with all four board members present voting aye at 6:01 pm. The general tenor of the executive session was discussion of student issues. After hearing all parties, Trustee Smith then read the following statement. It is the decision of the Board of Trustees that the explicit conditions allowing Student A to return to school after the November 4, 2024 decision have one modification. Failure to comply with any of the prescribed conditions will result in an immediate additional expulsion hearing. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Arnzen seconded to approve the decision. A roll call vote was taken with all four members voting aye and the motion passed. Trustee Arnzen moved and Trustee Knowlton seconded that the board leave executive session and reconvene in regular session. A vote was taken and the motion passed at 7:16 pm.

Trustee Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Matthew Smith
Board Chair

Matthew Weeks
Clerk

3-10-25
Date