

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 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, Mendenhall, and Arnzen. Trustee Knowlton was absent. 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 status of the state funding from Salary Based Apportionment. Overall, the district is ahead over what was budgeted.

An Emergency Closure was called due to adverse weather on February 5. Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Arnzen seconded to approve the emergency closure. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The matter of setting the election for the Supplemental Levy for the 2025-2026 fiscal year was presented to the board. A discussion was held about the need to consider increasing the levy. Costs and needs of students have increased at a rate greater than can be sustained. Trustee Arnzen moved to set the Supplemental Levy amount at \$599,000 for an election to be held on May 20, 2025. Trustee Mendenhall seconded the motion which was passed.

The 2025-2026 calendar was presented to the board. The 2025-2026 calendar would have school starting on August 25 and ending on June 3 for grades 7-11. Grades K-6 and grade 12 would be done on May 28. The seniors would have two senior project days on March 13 and April 24. Also, there would be a two-week holiday break. Spring Break would be a week earlier due to State FFA. Trustee Arnzen moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to approve the 2025-2026 calendar as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Superintendent Kellogg gave a review of legislation under consideration. She also talked about the Powerschool Class Action lawsuit being filed. The consensus of the board was to participate in the class action.

Trustee Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Board Chair

Clerk

Date