

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Special Meeting
April 28, 2020

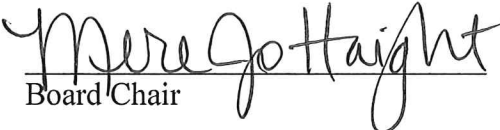
The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in special session virtually via Zoom at 7:01 pm. Present were Trustees Haight, Knowlton, Schoonover, Smith, and Mendenhall. Also attending was Clerk Weeks and Superintendent Hatfield. The audience included Dennis Fredrickson and several others. Trustee Haight presided at the meeting.

The evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic has brought further guidance from the Governor's office. A 4-stage rebound plan has been released. The plan still limits on gathering through the end of June. A survey of parents was done by Superintendent Hatfield which showed that 37% of families would not send children back to school this year even if we opened. With that and other information, it is more and more apparent each day that resuming school would have to clear difficult requirements. Trustee Smith moved and Trustee Schoonover seconded to continue to accept the soft closure through the end of the school year. A vote was taken and the motion passed.


As part of continuing school during the soft closure, daily hours of instruction have been reduced to 4 hours rather than the scheduled 6.867 hours per day. A waiver has been applied for this reduction in instructional hours for the remainder of the school year. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Schoonover seconded to approve the waiver. A vote was taken and the motion passed. If other waivers are required to have Board action, it is the intent of the Board to pursue those waivers.

Superintendent Hatfield led a discussion about Graduation. Several options are being reviewed but still depend on whether targets are met as outlined in the Governor's 4-stage rebound plan. A parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 29 to cover those topics.

Trustee Haight declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.


Board Chair


Clerk


Date