

HIGHLAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305
School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 12, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Joint School District #305 met in regular session in the library of the school at 7:02pm. Present were Trustees Smith, Knowlton, Mendenhall, and Nesbitt. Trustee Goeckner was absent. Also attending was Clerk Weeks and Superintendent Kellogg. The audience included Becky Finnell. Trustee Smith presided at the meeting.

Trustee Mendenhall moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Trustee Knowlton seconded the motion. The consent agenda included minutes of the last meeting, certain current bills of this school district to be paid as presented: checks #35347 – 35350, 34353-34400 totaling \$161,742.54 and the personnel report which included the following.

Certified

Mathu Thomason – 7/8 classroom teacher
Jessica Dahlin – 5th grade classroom teacher

Classified

Gail Lowe – Paraprofessional

Athletics

Amy Arnzen – HS Volleyball
Shandrie Stigum – JH Volleyball
Mathu Thomason – HS Girls Basketball/AD assistant
Jill Moddrell – JH Girls Basketball
Monty Moddrell – HS Football/HS Boys Basketball
John Roeller – JH Football
Karl Wilson – JH Boys Basketball
Bill Gehring – HS Track
Kaleigh Poxleitner – JH Track

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Budget Hearing for the Amended 2022-2023 Budget was held. Clerk Weeks reviewed selected parts of the budget, noting various changes. Other changes were made to federal funds to reflect the actual allocation received.

The Budget Hearing for the 2023-2024 Budget was held. Clerk Weeks reviewed selected parts of the budget, highlighting various changes. Notable changes in the budget included increases in State funding and updates to other funds. Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Nesbitt seconded to approve the Amended 2022-2023 Budget and 2023-2024 Budget as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Master Agreement for the 2023-2024 School Year was presented to the board. The Association proposed an 8.25% increase on the base, an increase of \$50 for classroom supply money from \$400 to \$450 and to not change health insurance. All proposals were agreed to. The Highland Education Association has approved and signed the document. Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Knowlton seconded to approve the 2023-2024 Master Agreement as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The following list of Returning Certified Staff returning for the 2023-2024 School Year was presented to the board.

Certified Staff Returning for 2023-24 School Year

Tana Kellogg – Superintendent – 2 Year Contract – 7/2023-6/2025
Becky Finnell - Principal

Michele	Anderson
Cowan	Chris
Gehring	Bill
Horrocks	Danette
Horrocks	Fallon
Lunders	Garrett
McFall	William
Nebeker	Josette
Poxleitner	Kaleigh
Randall	Teresa
Shandrie	Stigum
Thomason	Mathu
Eileen	Walker
Yochum	Julie

Extra-Curricular

Music	Chris Cowan
BPA Advisor	Shandrie Stigum
Annual Advisor	Shandrie Stigum
Photography	Shandrie Stigum

Coach Staff

Assistant Volleyball	Kaleigh Poxleitner
Junior High Volleyball	Shandrie Stigum
Track	Bill Gehring
Junior High Track	Kaleigh Poxleitner
Girls Basketball	Mathu Thomason

Class Advisors

Senior Advisor	Josette Nebeker
Junior Advisor	Fallon Horrocks
Sophomore Advisor	Kaleigh Poxleitner
Freshman Advisor	William McFall
8 th Grade Advisor	Bill Gehring
7 th Grade Advisor	Mathu Thomason

Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Nesbitt seconded to approve the list as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Mendenhall seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Lapwai School District for Business Services for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

An Attorney-Client Fee Contract with Frantz Law Group was presented and reviewed by the board. Trustee Knowlton made the following motion. Whereas the Board recognizes that juvenile's access and use of social media is a national and local problem which is alleged to have contributed to the mental health crisis, including students of the District, which likewise impacts the operation of the District; and whereas multi-district litigation is pending against multiple social media companies, in Federal Court; and whereas the Board, having considered the inclusion of the District in this multi-district litigation and having found it to be in the best interest of the District and its students, I hereby move that the Board take all necessary steps to join this lawsuit as a Plaintiff and hereby authorize and direct the Board's Chairman and/or the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents to that end.

Trustee Mendenhall seconded the motion which was passed.

Trustee Smith gave a recap of the board work session that was held on June 5. Board Goals were discussed and nicely recounted in an email from the facilitator, Phil Gore of ISBA. This email will be sent to trustees and further workshop dates will be discussed at the July meeting.

Principal Finnell reviewed her report which included the following topics.

- E-enrollment and registration in Powerschool
- Classwork for her Principal endorsement will be completed this summer.
- Data overview of the year just ended.

Superintendent Kellogg review her report which included the following topics.

- Meetings that have kept her busy
- Summer Maintenance

Trustee Mendenhall moved and Trustee Nesbitt seconded to enter executive session under Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(b) to consider the evaluation or disciplining of a district employee. A roll call vote was taken with all four members present voting aye at 8:16pm. The general tenor of the session was as stated in the motion. At 8:37pm, Trustee Knowlton moved and Trustee Nesbitt seconded to leave executive session. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Trustee Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.


Board Chair


Clerk

Date

 8-14-23