

**Highland School District #203  
Board Work Study Meeting  
Highland District Office  
December 1, 2015-AMENDED**

Board Chair Chris Garent convened the Board Work Study Meeting at 7:04 a.m. Others present were Board Members Becky Laughery, Nikki Keller, and Matt Barker; Superintendent Mark Anderson; Director of Business and Operations Francis Badu; Board Member Elect Lupita Flores; teacher John Straehle; and Recording Secretary Julie Notman. Board Member David Barnes was unable to attend.

John Straehle presented the **Out-of-State/Overnight Travel Request** with a handout, and explained the costs, travel plans, and itinerary of a trip to San Francisco for 34 band students plus up to 11 adults on March 31-April 4, 2016. He answered questions from the board and gave information about previous trips taken; fundraising plans; administrator costs (Brandon Jensen); security at the hotel; and educational and performance opportunities. John left the meeting at 7:14 a.m.

Brandon Jensen entered the meeting at 7:15 a.m.

Brandon presented the thoughts and options concerning offering **Online Learning** at HHS. He explained E2020, the district's current option for credit retrieval and its limitations. The desire is to be able to offer online courses to address a number of needs including students transferring in from out-of-state that lack Washington State required credits; credit retrieval; AP classes; and other interesting/advanced classes not otherwise available. Other items discussed included available programs; state record keeping requirements; location and timing of offering online classes; class supervisor needs; costs of program/space/supervisor, and pro and cons of offering online classes. The board consensus is that online classes seem like a good idea and would benefit the students but there are many logistics to iron out.

Ryan Monson joined the meeting at 7:58 a.m.

Ryan Monson presented the **Capital Projects Update** with a PowerPoint showing the current configuration of classrooms in each of the junior high and high school wings then proposed changes for classroom placement, options of adding classrooms in the art room, business classroom, and Classitorium, as well as the addition of a dedicated PE/Weight/Fitness room. There was much discussion about the options presented including concerns about changes that are being considered that appear to be different from the language in the bond regarding the upgrades. Francis explained the legal protocol required concerning the use of bond monies and what must be done if adjustments from the original bond language are desired. The board liked the proposals as they present an efficient use of existing space, would better separate the junior high and high school students, would be esthetically pleasing and create a more secure facility. More discussion is needed however plus cost estimates must be obtained before further steps are taken.

Ryan noted that the reroofing project is now complete including the final punch list, except for the walkway path which will be done when the weather is favorable next spring. Discussion has begun regarding the MWC electrical upgrade with construction set to occur over summer break 2016.

Brandon and Ryan left the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

*1st Reading of Revised Policy & Procedure 6700 Nutrition and Physical Fitness:*  
Francis explained the need to update the district's current policy to align with state and federal requirements. A committee comprised of members representing school staff, the public and the board is being formed that will annually review our policy and procedures to ensure we remain compliant. There was some discussion regarding the policy and federal requirements. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading will be at the December Board meeting with a vote expected at the January Board meeting.

Mark gave the **Legal Update**.

Meeting concluded at 9:30 a.m.

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Chair

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Secretary