

**Highland School District #203
Regular Board Meeting
Highland High School Classitorium
Tuesday, February 18, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**

The **February 18, 2014, Regular Board Meeting** was called to order by Vice Chair Becky Laughery at 7:00 p.m. Others present included Board Members Chris Garent, Matt Barker, and David Barnes; Director of Business and Operations Francis Badu; Recording Secretary Lupe Paniagua; Principals Mindy Schultz, Brandon Jensen, Russ Hill and Athletic Director/Asst. Principal Don Strother; HHS Teacher Brad Jacobson and HJH Teacher J Jackson; Community members Cindy Reed and Ryan Monson. Board Member Nikki Keller and Superintendent Mark Anderson were unable to attend. Director of Student Services Barb Gilbert was excused.

David led the **flag salute**.

Chris moved, with 2nd by David, to approve the **minutes of the January 7, 2014 Board Work Study and the January 21, 2014 Regular Board Meeting**; motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

HHS Principal Brandon Jensen and HHS Teacher Brad Jacobson presented their **Positive Insights** for the Highland High School. Brandon updated the Board on *Project Lead The Way* (PLTW) and said the program focuses on science, technology, engineering and math. Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Bartel have gone to a 10 day intensive training course for this program. Mr. Jacobson added that this course exposes students to some of the major concepts they will encounter in a postsecondary engineering course and gives students the opportunity to develop skills and understand the concept. Some of the activities offered are robotics, testing and building trusses, bridge building, fluid power and pressure, electricity, and solar energy. Then he passed around a bridge building model made by a student taking the class for the Board to see. He said they are hoping next year's physics/principles of engineering and chemistry students will receive college credit from Central Washington University. Chris asked how many students were taking the class. Mr. Jacobson said there are currently 45 seniors enrolled. The Board thanked Brandon and Mr. Jacobson for their presentation.

Principal Kelley Thorson joined the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Administrator Reports

MWC Principal Russ Hill said that the Family Math Night was held on January 24th, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the MWC gym. There were approximately 300 students, parents and siblings attending. Russ said the goal for this event was to give parents

exposure to the activities that are being presented in the classrooms, that they could bring back to their household for additional practice. The second 4-year old night was held on Monday, February 3rd from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Russ updated the Board on the Smart Balanced Assessment.

TIS Principal Mindy Schultz reported they are finished with benchmark testing and have met as a group to look over data to identify their strengths and areas of improvement. She went over some data of improvement with the Board. TIS had their first Family Night and will be having a second one in April.

Athletic Director Don Strother briefly updated the Board on the three wrestlers going to state and added that this Thursday boys' basketball will be playing Naches.

HJH Principal Kelly Thorson said HJH Teacher J Jackson will be giving the Board report as part of his principal internship. Mr. Jackson updated the Board on the Teen Outreach Program (T.O.P.) and said the 7th grade T.O.P. students did an anti-bullying presentation. The 9th grade T.O.P students presented information about healthy relationships. On Friday, February 7th a representative from Pennies for Patients gave a half hour long presentation to the students, explaining the fundraiser and showing the students how blood cells work. He added that 76% of the 7th and 8th grade students are currently at grade level with Benchmark Testing for Language Arts. Mr. Jackson updated the Board on Highly Capable and the learning walks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Becky presented the 3rd *Reading of Revised Policy 1400-Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum*. After some discussion Matt moved, with 2nd by David, to approve the policy as revised; motion passed.

Becky presented the 3rd *Reading of Revised Policy 1630-Evaluation of the Superintendent*. After some discussion Matt moved, with 2nd by David, to approve the policy as revised; motion passed.

Becky presented the 3rd *Reading of Revised Policy 3210-Nondiscrimination*. After some discussion Matt moved, with 2nd by David, to approve the policy as revised; motion passed.

Becky presented the 3rd *Reading of Revised Policy 3432-Emergencies*. After some discussion Matt moved, with 2nd by David, to approve the policy as revised; motion passed.

Becky presented the 3rd *Reading of Revised Policy 6213 Reimbursement for Travel Expenses*. After some discussion Matt moved, with 2nd by David, to approve the policy as revised; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jackson is requesting for the Board to review the nominal amounts for which **Associated Student Bodies** (ASB) money can be used and the frequency at which prizes, award and incentives can be given. Director of Business and Operations Francis Badu said any item given to a student should be of nominal value such as an inexpensive pin, plaque or trophy and of no functional use or value except to the person receiving the award. Further discussion was held. Becky said they will further review the board policy and work with Mr. Jackson within the legal parameters governing public funds. The Board will further discuss the topic in the next Board Work Study.

Francis Badu and community members Cindy Reed and Ryan Monson discussed the **Bond/Levy Results** with the Board. Francis said the Replacement Maintenance and Operation Levy ran successfully. The bond to construct and renovate school facilities failed. Cindy suggested rerunning the Bond and to encourage the students who are 18 and older to register to vote. Ryan said the Bond should rerun with very minimal change and gave the Board some suggestions. Mr. Jensen said he is going to have Bond information for parents to look over in the next parent teacher conference. Francis suggested having a Special Board Meeting next Tuesday, March 4th, 2014 in place of the Board Work Study to present to the Board the new resolution (Bond to Construct and Renovate School Facilities). All questions were answered by Francis, Ryan and Cindy at that time.

Becky presented an **Out of State Overnight Travel Request** to Silverwood, ID for HS Band, Drill and Cheer to perform in the Spokane Lilac Festival parade on Saturday, May 17th, spend the night and go to Silverwood the next day, Sunday, May 18th. Board member David said he would volunteer to chaperon on the trip if needed. After discussion, Chris moved, with 2nd by David, to approve the overnight trip request as presented; motion passed.

Francis presented the **Energy Efficient Grant Resolution #4-13**. After some discussion Matt moved, with 2nd by David, to approve the resolution as presented; motion passed.

Francis presented the **Budget Status/Enrollment and Operations Report**. He said for enrollment we are looking at 1,182 students for the month of February. The January fund balances are \$913,708 for General Fund, \$69,222 for Capital Projects, \$770,614 for Debt Services, \$107,307 for ASB and \$615 for Transportation. Francis added that the heating cost and the special education department are a bit low for fund balance.

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Francis included ASB Fund balances for the Board to review. All questions were answered by Francis at that time.

Becky presented the **Personnel Report**. After a brief discussion, David moved, with 2nd by Chris to approve the personnel report as presented; motion passed.

Becky gave a brief **Legislative Report** update.

After brief discussion, it was moved by Matt and 2nd by David to approve payments of **General Fund bills** for \$172,971.93 with warrants 61162 through 61282; the **ASB Fund bills** for \$10,189.07 with warrants 5308 through 5323; and the **Payroll Fund bills** for \$318,811.41 with warrants 61283 through 61343 and \$547,953.77 by direct deposit as presented; motion passed.

There being no further business, Becky adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Chair

Secretary