

Highland School District #203
Special Board Meeting
District Office
Monday, February 5, 2018 – 7:00 a.m.

The **February 5, 2018 Special Board Meeting** was convened at 7:03 a.m. Those present included Board Members Nikki Keller and Lupita Flores, Superintendent Mark Anderson, Director of Business and Operations Francis Badu, community member Jim Kemp, and Recording Secretary Julie Notman. Board members Matt Barker, David Barnes and Chris Garent were unable to attend.

In honor of January's Board Appreciation month, HEA President Vanessa Williams brought fresh fruit and home-made scones and PSE President Melva St. George brought vanilla lattes and mochas from Jammin' Java for the board to enjoy. These were much appreciated by all.

1. Handicap Parking & Handrail in Auxiliary Gym Discussion: Mr. Kemp voiced concerns dealing with safety on the HHS/HJH campus notably the lack of handicap parking near the spring sports fields. Currently, the only handicap parking spots available are near the school's office and it is a very long walk to the baseball field and track stadium for a handicapped person. The second concern is about the lack of handrails on the bleachers in the auxiliary (HJH) gym. Mr. Kemp also made note of the condition of the flag in the high school gym as having become faded. He suggested a big flag that can be hung on the wall and unfurled at the start of sporting events as is done in some of the other area schools. The board recognized these concerns and will look into resolving them.

Mr. Kemp left the meeting at 7:08 a.m.

Discussion ensued as to how to best address the parking and handrail concerns. Options included restriping the parking lot and adding some handicap parking spaces in appropriate areas or using temporary/portable signs on poles to designate handicap parking spots when needed. The portable signs would be put out the night before a competition as having the site supervisor put them out probably wouldn't be early enough. Nikki mentioned she has seen the flag set-up as described by Mr. Kemp but doesn't recall which district has that. It was noted that some parents picking up their students after school are parking in the handicap parking spots in front of the school despite not having authority to do so. It was suggested that the license plates be noted and reported to the State Patrol. The board agreed that the handicap parking spaces need to be increased, and gave Francis the go-ahead to research the cost of adding handrails to the HJH gym bleachers. It was suggested to put a notice on the website that persons needing special accommodations at a sporting event contact the Athletic Director to make known their needs and request assistance.

2-4. Overnight Travel Requests: There was discussion regarding the lack of information on the requests submitted. Having a list of students attending the events and details as to how costs will be covered would be helpful. Nikki noted that the wrestling requests list all the coaches as going, but is it necessary for them all to go if few athletes qualify? Mark suggested having the superintendent to have authority to grant permission in the event a team is at an away event and weather or other circumstance dictates they stay overnight unexpectedly. There wouldn't be time to bring the board together for a vote in that kind of situation. Also, could the superintendent

have authority to approve standard, every season, requests such as teams or athletes that qualify for state competitions? The district automatically pays for the costs of sending athletes/teams to state competitions. The policy concerning travel requests will be looked at and changing the language regarding state competitions will be considered. Nikki called David Barnes and via phone conference the approval of these requests was addressed. Lupita moved to approve, with 2nd by David to approve the overnight travel requests as presented; motion carried.

Agenda items 5-10 will be added to the March Work Study Session for discussion when a full board is present.

7. Mark handed out binders that Angie Sanders, School Nutrition Director had provided containing information about **School-wide Free/Reduced Meal Designation** for the board to read prior to a discussion to be held at the next Work Study Session.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

Chair

Secretary