

**Highland School District #203  
Special Board Meeting  
March 4, 2014, 7:00 a.m.**

Board Chair Nikki Keller convened the Special Board Meeting at 7:05 a.m. Others present were Board Members Matt Barker and Becky Laughery; Superintendent Mark Anderson and Recording Secretary Lupe Paniagua; Director of Business and Operations Francis Badu; Community Member Roger Strand. Board Members Chris Garent and David Barnes were unable to attend.

Director of Business and Operations Francis Badu presented **Resolution #5-13 Bond to Construct and Renovate School Facilities**. After some discussion Becky moved, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt to approve the **Resolution #5-13** as presented. Per legal counsel advice roll call was held and all Board members present voted yes; motion passed.

Community member **Roger Strand** joined the meeting to discuss with the Board the Bond to Construct and Renovate School Facilities. There was talk about the plans of the renovation and the expanding of the schools, which included the Ag shop and the CTE classroom space. After further discussion the Board thanked Roger for coming to the meeting. All of Rogers's questions were answered by the Board at the time of the meeting.

Roger Strand left at 7:45 a.m.

**Highland High School** Principal Brandon Jensen joined the meeting at 7:45 a.m. to update the Board on the math and science curricular, RTI system, advisory and attendance programs. He shared his improvement plans with the Board and said he will continue to improve structure in the building. After further discussion the Board thanked Brandon for the HHS update.

Brandon left the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Francis updated the Board on the **Budget Status/Operations Report** and said that we are looking at \$989,833 for the month of February. He went over the FTE enrollment history and the projected fund balance analysis for the 2013-2014 school year as part of the **Mid-Year Financial Report**. Francis added he is working with the administrative team to reduce expenditures and improve the fund balance. He also discussed the restructuring of the custodial crew to reduce overtime to substitute cost and updated the Board on the 2013-2014 projected certificated and classified staffing summaries along with a financial analysis report.

Mark reported that the Washington Legislature mandated changes to the basic education instructional hour requirement, beginning the 2014-2015 school year. **1,080 hours** of instruction is required in grades 7-12, an increase of 80 hours to the current requirement and 1,000 hours requirement in grades K-6.

Mark updated the Board on the **2014-2015 Instructional Calendar**. He will have an updated calendar for the Board to review in the next Regular Board Meeting.

The **Kindergarten Entrance Discussion** and the **Civil Rights Plan** was tabled for the March 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting.

The Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Chair

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Secretary