

**Highland School District #203
Regular Board Meeting
Highland High School Classitorium
Tuesday, May 20, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**

The **May 20, 2014, Regular Board Meeting** was called to order by Chair Nikki Keller at 7:00 p.m. Others present included Board Members Becky Laughery and David Barnes; Superintendent Mark Anderson; Director of Business and Operations Francis Badu; Recording Secretary Lupe Paniagua; Principals Mindy Schultz, Brandon Jensen, Kelly Thorson, Russ Hill and Director of Student Services Barb Gilbert; Teacher Pat Hazen; Athletic Director/Asst. Principal Don Strother was excused from the meeting and Board Members Matt Barker and Chris Garent were unable to attend.

David led the **flag salute**.

Becky moved, with 2nd by David, to approve the **minutes of the April 8, 2014 Special Board Meeting and the April 15, 2014 Regular Board Meeting** with the appropriate changes suggested by the Board; motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Chair Nikki Keller presented **Scottie Pride Award** to Pat Hazen for his planning and providing for the 1st grade field trip every year to the high school. The 1st graders get the opportunity to plant flowers for Mother's Day and work with the high school students. "The 1st grade team appreciates all that he does for our students," Nikki said.

HJH Principal Kelly Thorson presented to the Board the **Evaluation Process** that all of the principals are using, to evaluate the certificated staff. The program is called Home Room. He went over the self-evaluation, pre-observation meeting, evidence, evidence collecting and the annual evaluation summary. All of the Boards' questions were answered at the time of the meeting. The Board thanked him for his presentation.

Administrator Reports

MWC Principal Russ Hill reported that 64 students have been registered for Kindergarten. The orientation was held on May 5th to meet and welcome all the new parents and students. Mag from We Care Sports came out on May 1st to work with each class to teach them about various non-typical sports.

HHS Principal Brandon Jensen reported that on Monday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m. they held the Evening of Excellence to recognize the academic performance of students in all curriculum areas. He updated the Board on the End of Course (EOC) Biology Exam. Brandon added that the boys' soccer team won tonight 3-0 against Okanogan.

TIS Principal Mindy Schultz reported that they are finished with the Smarter Balance and MSP testing. The benchmark testing was also completed. She updated the Board on the teachers' schedules for the following school year. The 6th grade students went to Biztown and got to experience working together in a mini-city.

Director of **Student Services** Barb Gilbert reported that Special Education continues to have higher numbers. There was a huge turnout last Thursday for the summer school registration meeting. Barb is looking into possibly hiring an additional teacher and added that the summer school staff is included in the personnel report.

Nikki presented a letter of appreciation on behalf of the **Highland Community Church** for allowing them to use the Highland facilities.

Superintendent Mark Anderson presented a letter from the **Yakima Health District** thanking Heather Garent (Attendance Clerk) for supplying the weekly data.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director of Business and Operations Francis Badu presented the *3rd Reading of Revised Policy & Procedure 3510 ASB*. After some discussion the Board decided to table the policy and procedure for the next Regular Board Meeting.

Francis presented the *3rd Reading of Proposal Policy & Procedure 3515 Student Incentives*. After some discussion the Board decided to table the policy and procedure for the next Regular Board Meeting.

Mark presented the *3rd Reading of Revised Policy 3122 Excused & Unexcused Absences*. After some discussion, Becky moved, with 2nd by David, to approve the policy as presented; motion passed.

Mark presented the *3rd Reading of Revised Policy & Procedure 2024 Online Learning*. After some discussion, Becky moved, with 2nd by David, to approve the policy and procedure as presented; motion passed.

Nikki confirmed the June Board **Retreat** day with the Board Members present. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Board retreat will be Monday, June 2nd at 7:00 a.m. in the district office. Mark added that Mindy and Russ will be joining the meeting to discuss the ELA Curriculum and Francis will be discussing the 2014-15 Budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark presented **Resolution #6-13 Delegating Authority to WIAA**. After some discussion Becky moved, with 2nd by David, to approve Resolution #6-13; motion passed.

Francis presented the **Budget Status/Enrollment and Operations Report**. He said for enrollment we are looking at 1,192 students for the month of May. The April fund balances are \$1,633,900 for General Fund, \$69,372 for Capital Projects, \$1,100,508 for Debt Services, \$103,864 for ASB and \$617 for Transportation. Francis included ASB Fund balances for the Board to review. All questions were answered by Francis at that time.

Francis presented the 2014-2015 **Facility Rental Fees and Guidelines**. After some discussion, the Board decided not to take action and table the facility rental fees and guidelines until the August Regular Board Meeting.

Francis presented to the Board the **Running Start** arrangement with Central Washington University (CWU). The discussion centered around payments made by CWU to Highland and compensation for staff involved. After some discussion Becky moved, with 2nd by David, to approve payments to staff of funds received from CWU and less any applicable taxes and benefits; motion passed.

Francis presented to the Board the status of the **Energy Efficiency Grant** awarded by OSPI. Funding for this project was contingent upon the successful passing of the recent bond. After some discussion Becky moved, with 2nd by David, to not accept the grant due to failure of the bond measure; motion passed.

Francis updated the Board on the 2014-2015 **Budget and Timeline**. He reported that he is working on the budget and will present to the Board in the July 15, 2014 Regular Board Meeting, for Board action.

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

Becky said she has no **Legislative Report** for this month.

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After brief discussion, it was moved by Becky and 2nd by David, to approve payments of **General Fund bills** for \$165,686.71 with warrants 61702 through 61814; the **ASB Fund bills** for \$14,176.50 with warrants 5357 through 5384; and the **Payroll Fund bills** for \$316,697.41 with warrants 61815 through 61868 and \$560,743.85 by direct deposit as presented; motion passed.

There being no further business, Nikki adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary