

**Highland School District #203  
MWC Library  
Zoom available  
Tuesday, April 19, 2022**

**Regular Board Meeting-7:00 p.m.**

The **April 19, 2022, Regular Board Meeting** was called to order by Chair Nikki Keller at 7:02 p.m. Others present included Board members David Barnes, Lupita Flores, and Cindy Reed, Superintendent Mark Anderson, Director of Business and Operations Francis Badu, MWC Principal Andrea Wickenhagen, MWC Teachers, Lisa Biddick, Margo Gonzalez, Bre Hoffee, Kristina Messer, and Sandra Zugner, HHS student Rachael Keller, and Recording Secretary Julie Notman. Board Member Carlos López was absent.

The **flag salute** was led by David.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No one had any questions nor corrections. David moved to approve the **March 7, 2022, Work Study Session** and the **March 15, 2022, Regular Board Meeting** minutes as presented, Lupita 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

**a. Public Comment:** MWC Principal Andrea Wickenhagen shared that the teachers all worked diligently to learn new curriculum this school year and saw indescribable growth in their students. She highlighted that of the kindergarteners with a PowerPoint presentation with graphs of Academic focus areas math and reading, and Behavior growth for these young ones that haven't been to any school prior to this year. Andrea emphasized how important it has been for the students to have in-person classes and the greater effectiveness of it over the remote learning during the pandemic.

**b. Administrator Reports:** Nikki encouraged the Board to contact any administrator if they had any questions about their report.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. 2022-2023 Instructional Calendar:** Mark shared the calendar that the HEA voted in for next year. The Board didn't care for the two weeks that offer only four days of intersession, and Winter Intersession being next to Winter Break. They feel the students need, and the teachers want, the full five days each week and that three weeks off from regular school at Christmas is too long. After much discussion they directed Mark to return to the calendar committee to share their concerns. The board vote on a 2022-2023 Instructional Calendar will be reconvened at the May 2 Board meeting.

**b. Overnight/Out-of-State Travel Request-HHS Band Trip:** Francis shared a recommendation to approve the trip. The Policy 1660 language is confusing as it pertains to parent booster sponsored trips and overnight/out-of-state trips that need board approval. He met with John and reviewed their funding process and all the students are fully funded with an appropriate process. Cindy moved to approve the Overnight/Out-of-State Travel Request-HHS Band Trip as presented, Lupita 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. HHS Graduation-Attendance:** Each year the group planning the HHS graduation needs to know which board members plan to attend as their prepare documents. All board members present said they plan to attend.

**b. Budget Status/Enrollment and Operations Report:** Francis: There isn't good news this month. With the drop in enrollment and subsequent reduction in allotment/funding, the GF is \$927K, 57% of where we

were last year at this time. We must look ahead carefully at how we will fund the next two years. The other fund balances were much the same except Transportation, down to \$22k but we just purchased a bus. Enrollment was better this month with five more enrolling than withdrawing but the FTE at 1019 is still nine below the budgeted number of 1028.

**c. Personnel Report:** Mark: We are excited that we have hired an on-site school psychologist starting next school year. There are two retirements, paraeducator Denise Herman and kitchen staff Robin Wynn, a family leave request for Cesar Farias, and a one-year leave of absence request from Karin Skone. The TIS Crossing Guard program has been reinstated and an HJH Asst. Girls Soccer coach hired. Lupita moved to approve the April 19, 2022 Personnel Report as presented, David 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried.

**d. Legislative Report:** Cindy said that she had nothing to report at this time.

**f. Payment of Bills-General, ASB, and Payroll:**

The board had the opportunity to review the check summaries. There were no questions nor concerns. David moved with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy to approve payments for General Fund, ASB, and Payroll as presented; motion passed:

- **General Fund bills** for \$320,796.33 with warrants 75257 through 75369.
- **ASB Fund bills** for \$12,173.99 with warrants 6731 through 6743.
- **Payroll Fund bills** for \$204,349.23 with warrants 75370 through 75384 and \$995,485.67 by direct deposit.

**6. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Nikki reviewed the calendar dates: May 2 will be a Special meeting, May 17 is the regular board meeting. May 30 is Memorial Day.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Nikki Keller adjourned the April 19, 2022, Regular Board Meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary