

Highland School District #203
District Office
Monday, October 3, 2022

Special Board Meeting-7:00 a.m.

The **October 3, 2022, Special Board Meeting** was convened at 7:02 a.m. by Board Chair Nikki Keller. Present included Board members Lupita Flores and Cindy Reed, Superintendent Mark Anderson, Director of Business and Operations Francis Badu, and Recording Secretary Julie Notman. Board members David Barnes and Carlos López were absent.

1. INTERSESSION UPDATE: Mindy: Intersession starts today. The HS has 81 signed up and is offering credit support, art options, phys. ed options, college info, marching band, journalism, and brain health & wellness. HJH has 54 signed up and is offering a math/money focus with business building, band, art, and brain health & wellness. TIS has 62 signed up and has a year-long focus on number sense taught through math, science, art, tech, and engineering activities. MWC has 75+ signed up and will focus on phonics this year in a variety of fun math/science, reading and SEL activities. More students, those that didn't preregister, are anticipated. K-6 will have a grab-n-go breakfast available and 7-12 will have a snack offered. Winter intersession will have more Hi-Cap options. Looking ahead to next year, Fall Intersession should occur one-to-two weeks later in October.

2. COMMUNICATION CHECK-IN: The new signs look nice. Makes it more obvious that other areas need maintenance/updating. The Highland High School sign on the front entry, the columns there, the Highland Junior High letters, and the window awnings all need cleaned and painted. Francis will take a look [with Nikki &/or AD Josh] and make a recommendation. The fields at MWC will cost \$75-80K to fix the sprinkler system and repair the turf. We need a mower and shed to house it at MWC, and eventually at TIS. One K-5 building on district property adjacent to the JH/HS would be much more efficient and cost-effective for the district.

3.-4. OVERNIGHT TRAVEL REQUESTS: FFA [four students] is going to a leadership camp in Goldendale later this month. They will camp at Brooks Memorial State Park. DECA [four students] is going to a Sports and Entertainment conference in Orlando, FL in lieu of nationals. The travel/conference expenses are fully covered within the DECA and CTE budgets. The board asked about FFA, ASB and Leadership opportunities: if they have local, regional, and/or national competition/conference options. Lupita moved to approve the Overnight Travel Requests for FFA Leadership Camp and DECA Sports & Entertainment Conference, Cindy 2nd; motion carried.

Brandon in at 8:22 a.m.

9. CTE EVALUATION & PERKINS GRANT: Brandon: This is the annual required evaluation of the CTE programs at HHS. Highland belongs to a consortium which is a resource for help completing forms. Highland receives \$6,900 from the Perkins grant. Other districts receive much more as they have their math and science classes CTE approved. Students can earn dual credit in some of the CTE subject areas. Brandon shared the evaluations for the Agriculture program, Business program, and Skilled & Technical Sciences program and the Four-Year District-Wide Plan. These will be approved at the October 18, 2022 board meeting.

5. WSSDA CONFERENCE-CONFIRMATION: Mark confirmed with the board present that Lupita is not available, Cindy is committed to attending, and Nikki is a maybe depending on soccer. Carlos has indicated previously that he will attend. Highland will present about our Balanced Calendar/Intersessions during Session 3, Friday, 11/18 from 4-5:15 pm. This is a good time slot.

6. GOAL SETTING MEETING UPDATE: Not much to update, still have names from the initial dates although not many have confirmed for the November dates yet. Michelle Curry will facilitate both days.

7. REDISTRICTING PER CENSUS RESULTS: RCW 29A.76.010 requires board member districts be as equally populated as possible. Sammamish Data Systems has reviewed the results from the 2020 census and redrawn the board member boundaries in our district bringing the population counts in each member district as equal as possible. We will proceed with the next stage of redistricting.

8. MONTHLY REGULAR MEETINGS DISCUSSION-POLICY 1400: After a brief discussion about changing the monthly board meetings from a Work Study and Regular Board meeting to two Regular Board meetings, Cindy moved to accept Policy 1400 Meeting Conduct, Order of Business, and Quorum as presented, Lupita 2nd; motion passed. Two Regular Meetings will be held each month, on the first Monday at 7 a.m. at the District Office and third Tuesday, at 7 p.m. in the HJH/HHS Library.

10. LEVY DISCUSSION: Francis: This will be a four-year replacement levy to go before the public in February. He will have financials ready for the board to review at the next meeting and the resolution ready for a vote by the Dec. 5 meeting. It is anticipated that with the increased home values we will be able to keep the rate low and very near the current rate.

11. 3rd/6th SWITCH: This has been talked about for years. We will start officially advertising at the Goal Setting meetings in November emphasizing the benefits: cost, educator and education, SBAC testing, and opportunity to have more 4 and 5 year-olds in kinder readiness classes. We are the only school in the area that has a 4-6 building. The old art room will be converted to a cafeteria, the 6th grade classes will be closest to that end, then 7th, and finally 8th in the portable.

12. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE: Mark: Had a good meeting with Monson Architect regarding timeline. Looking at upgrading HVAC system at MWC, converting old HHS Art room to 6th-8th cafeteria. Should have a plan in place by January.

There being no further business, the October 3, 2022 Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m. by Chair Nikki Keller.

Chair

Secretary