

Highland School District #203
HJH/HHS Library
Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Regular Board Meeting-7:00 p.m.

The **October 18, 2022, Regular Board Meeting** was called to order by Vice Chair David Barnes at 7:00 p.m. Others present included Board members Lupita Flores, Carlos López and Cindy Reed, Superintendent Mark Anderson, Director of Business and Operations Francis Badu, and Recording Secretary Julie Notman. Board Chair Nikki Keller was excused. HHS Leadership students Josh Monson, Emily Lozano, Leslie Flores, and Jose Avalos entered after 7:05 and 7:08 p.m.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No one had any questions nor corrections. Cindy moved to approve the **September 12, 2022 Special Board Meeting** and **September 20, 2022 Regular Board Meeting** minutes as presented, Carlos 2nd. motion carried.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Public Hearing-Director District Boundary Changes Proposed: David called to order the public hearing on the proposed boundary changes of the Director Districts based on the 2020 Census. Notice of this public hearing was given by advance publication in the *Yakima Herald-Republic*.

David: Let the record show that there are no members of the public present and no written submissions provided to the District, therefore this public hearing is now closed.

b. Public Comment: There was no public present.

c. Administrator Reports: There were no questions regarding the administrator reports. The board was pleased to see the test scores that HHS Principal Brandon Jensen shared with his report. Per the OSPI report, Highland had the highest score in 10th Grade ELA compared to the eleven other districts in our area and higher than the state average. 10th Grade Math had the third highest score, and 11th Grade Science had the second highest score (also above the state average). This is good news.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Goal Setting Meeting Update: The meetings will be on Mondays November 7 and November 14, 5:30-8:30 pm. Flyers will be shared during conferences next week. Those that signed up to attend the September meetings will be contacted to confirm attendance in November. Facilitator Michelle Curry will meet with admin on November 2 and join the November 7 board meeting via zoom for advance/prep discussion.

b. 2nd Reading of New & Revised Policies: There were no questions nor comments concerning any of the policies. They will move to the Consent Agenda in November.

New Policy: *4218 Language Access*

Revised Policy: *3120 Enrollment*

Deleted Policies: *3121 Compulsory Attendance*

3247 Required Notification of Isolation and Restraint of Students with IEPs and Section 504 Plans

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Mental Health Integration Project: The ESD 105 has been awarded a grant of nearly \$1m through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration each year for the next four years to expand mental health services in our region. There will be seven staff hired with the grant of which Highland will share a Mental Health Counselor with Naches. In support of the program, Highland has a commitment to

provide space for the counselor and to pay \$10K annually. Interviews will be held this Thursday. This is a great opportunity to help fill holes in providing services for our students.

b. HHS ASB Constitution: The constitution was reviewed thoroughly last year but it wasn't known at the time that it is required to be officially approved/adopted annually by the board. Carlos moved to accept the HHS ASB Constitution as presented, Lupita 2nd; motion passed.

c. Resolution #2-22 Redistricting Director Districts to Adjust to 2020 U.S. Census Data: A resolution is required to formally adopt the redistricting of the director districts. Lupita moved and Carlos 2nd to adopt Resolution #2-22 Redistricting Director Districts to Adjust to 2020 U.S. Census Data. Vote by roll call: Carlos-aye, Cindy-aye, Lupita-aye; motion carried.

d. Budget Status/Enrollment and Operations Report: The 2021-2022 books are near closing and will be shared in detail next meeting. The GF was \$2m in September 2022 and \$1.625m in September 2021. CP was down from \$574k to \$491k due to completing various projects. Debt Service has one more payment due then it will be finished leaving about \$300k in reserves. ASB is up about \$15k to \$180k and Transportation is at \$101k, which is not enough to purchase a bus. The last one cost about \$130k but prices have increased by about 20%.

Enrollment: Although we had one more withdrawn than enrolled at the October 1 count, our FTE at 1037 is 41 higher than the budgeted 996. Headcount was 1057. We hope enrollment will stay steady.

Levy: The current levy will have garnered \$4.9m over its four years with the final collection in 2023.

In considering the next levy and what rate to propose, the numbers of the 2023 property evaluations will be reviewed once they come out next month. Keeping current inflation in mind, we hope we can maintain the same rate. The board will review all the information at next month's board meetings and must decide and vote by the December 5th meeting to meet the December 16 filing deadline for a vote in February.

e. Personnel Report: The September Personnel Report has a correction for the posting of the Elementary LAP position. For October there was one resignation, Johana Garcia Sanchez, and one maternity leave request, Vanessa Colin. Recommended for hire are Paulina Castellanos/Elementary LAP, Erica López/Anticipated Elementary EL Para (replaces Johana) and Madeline Lemerande/ML Learner Teacher. Madeline has full accreditation and experience in Oregon but will teach with a conditional certificate until her Washington credentials are issued. We are posting for a COVID Response Coordinator which is part of an OPSI/Federal-ESSER grant, and three para position to fill a shortage. There are four qualified applicants being interviewed for the District Nurse position. Coaching staff for Fall Sports is listed. Carlos moved to accept the Corrected September 20, 2022 Personnel Report as presented, and the October 18, 2022 Personnel Report including Madeline Lemerande working with a Conditional Certificate, as presented, Cindy 2nd; motion carried.

f. Legislative Report: Cindy: There is nothing to report at this time but more will happen after the mid-term elections in November.

g. Payment of Bills-General, ASB, Capital Projects, and Payroll:

The board had the opportunity to review the check summaries. There were no questions nor concerns.

Cindy moved and Lupita 2nd to approve payments for General Fund, ASB, Capital Projects, and Payroll as presented; motion passed:

- **General Fund bills** for \$207,277.59 with warrants 76004 through 76111.
- **ASB Fund bills** for \$14,668.31 with warrants 6820 through 6837.
- **Capital Projects bills** for \$14,900.00 with warrants 688 through 689.
- **Payroll Fund bills** for \$202,224.15 with warrants 76112 through 76126 and \$1,152,172.15 by direct deposit.

6. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Conferences are next week with early release. Nov. 7 and Nov. 15 are board meetings-no one expressed a conflict.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair David Barnes adjourned the October 18, 2022, Regular Board Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Chair

Secretary