

**Highland School District #203
HJH/HHS Library
Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

Regular Board Meeting-7:00 p.m.

The **December 20, 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 and Cindy Reed, Superintendent Mark Anderson, and Recording Secretary Julie Notman. Board Chair Nikki Keller, Member Carlos López and Director of Business and Operations Francis Badu were excused.

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

1a. Reorganization of the Board: David suggested moving this discussion to the January Work Study/AM meeting although there would still be only three board members present. He will not be able to be present but is willing to take any position. Cindy moved to postpone the Reorganization of the Board conversation and vote until the January 9, 2023 board meeting, Lupita 2nd; motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No one had any questions nor corrections. Lupita moved to approve the **November 7, 2022** and **November 15, 2022 Board Meeting** minutes as presented, Cindy 2nd. motion carried.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Administrator Reports: There were no questions regarding the administrator reports. The pictures shared by HJH Principal Don Strother were thoroughly enjoyed.

b. Public Comment: There was no public present. A question was presented about the percentage of Special Education students Highland has. Mark said about 12% PreK-12th grade. Services range from helping students with reading and math to those needing help with life skills. An area of concern is speech where we are experiencing an increase in students in need. Our current staffing of 1.5 is inadequate. Children’s Village in Yakima is also struggling to keep up with demand.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

3rd Reading of New, Revised and to-be-Deleted Policies. There were no questions nor concerns regarding any of the policies. Cindy moved with 2nd by Lupita to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; motion carried.

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. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none on the agenda and none to introduce.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Budget Status/Enrollment Report: The reports had been reviewed: we are currently in good shape with the budget. Enrollment: It was noted that withdrawals are higher than new enrollments but that is common at this time of year as many of the students are traveling with their families and will return after the holidays. HHS Principal Mr. Jensen meets with each family before they leave to emphasize the affect an extended absence will have on the student. Some can catch up but some cannot. We are looking at ALE programs and will present options to the board. Having an online school option is expected to keep some students enrolled at Highland as a large number withdraw to enroll at districts that offer this.

b. Personnel Report: There were some corrections on the November report, an omission of a para transfer and corrections in the Extracurricular section. This month's report has the resignation of LPN Trisha Roy, and maternity leave for Rosa Valdez. The two cook positions have been filled with Michelle Montgomery and Jadyann Barnes and Jose Romero is filling one of the open para positions but there are still para-educator positions to fill and the posting has been updated. Lupita moved to accept the Corrected November 15, 2022 Personnel Report and the December 20, 2022 Personnel Report as presented, Cindy 2nd; motion passed.

c. Legislative Report: Cindy: Still nothing to report but it will get busy after the holidays.

d. Payment of Bills-General, ASB, Capital Projects, and Payroll: The board had reviewed the warrant lists as presented, there were no questions nor concerns so Cindy moved to pay the General Fund, ASB, Capital Projects, and Payroll as presented, Lupita 2nd; motion passed.

- **General Fund bills** for \$275,177.32 with warrants 76258 through 76367.
- **ASB Fund bills** for \$8,874.65 with warrants 6852 through 6866.
- **Capital Projects bills** for \$9,732.66 with warrants 691 through 692.
- **Payroll Fund bills** for \$219,386.31 with warrants 76243 through 76257 and \$1,005,313.04 by direct deposit.

6. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

The meetings next month will be on Monday, Jan. 9, and Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023. There is no school on Jan. 16 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair David Barnes adjourned the December 20, 2022, Regular Board Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Chair

Secretary