

**Highland School District #203
District Office
Monday, March 7, 2023**

Special Board Meeting-7:00 a.m.

The **March 7, 2023, Special Board Meeting** was called to order by Chair Nikki Keller at 7:02 a.m. Others present included Board members Lupita Flores, Carlos López, and Cindy Reed, Superintendent Mark Anderson, Director of Student Success Mindy Schultz, and Recording Secretary Julie Notman. Board Member David Barnes was excused.

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

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Intersession Update: Mindy: Winter Intersession had a lower attendance than other intersessions and although the reason is uncertain, it may be because it is winter and people prefer to take a break. Total attendance was 239, about 20% of enrollment, 30% is more the norm. TIS had the most no-shows. Parents were called to ask about their absent student and in response told us that the student decided not to come. At the high school a number of students attended three of the five days, enough to complete the work but not enough to earn the credit as attendance on all five days is required. The next intersession in May will focus on transition. We plan to have Kindercamp to reach incoming kinders that have not been in any of our preschool/Transition K classes, and for the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th graders visit their new school (TMS, HMS), see the layout, and schedule, and meet some teachers. Parents will have the opportunity at Spring Conferences to sign their student up for the May intersession. We plan to advertise/invite students earlier in advance of the session, and to promote/sell it more.

b. Sexual Ed Health Curriculum-Update: Mindy: A rubric is being developed for the board and parent representatives to use to evaluate the proposed curriculums. Only the sections that we are required to teach (puberty and HIV) will be available and necessary to review. Other state required areas of instruction are already covered by our SEL classes.

Mindy left the meeting at 7:45 a.m.

c. Levy Results: We are very appreciative that the EP & O Levy passed with 60% and are very thankful for the support from our community that that shows. Of the few levies run in our area, only Mabton's failed.

d. Staffing Update: Mark: HJH Social Studies teacher, Gary Packard, has applied for the HS Social Studies teacher position and per the CBA has the job. Due to lower enrollment numbers and funding, we must decide how to utilize current staff and their strengths to match the needs of our students and the district. HJH Social Studies, TIS Counseling, MWC/TIS music and art, and the grade level changes will all require close examination and careful thought.

e. Capital Project Update: Mark: Monson Architects drafted several floor plan options for the new office space that will be constructed where the covered space/awning is outside of the old Art room. The design that seems most usable is one with two built-in office spaces, four flexible office/cubicle areas, a secretary desk, conference room and storage room. Meeting tomorrow with the architect to review the plans and options.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Overnight Travel Request-Migrant STEM Camp:

b. Overnight Travel Request-HHS Boy Soccer:

The Board reviewed each of the requests. The Migrant STEM Camp is a sleep-away event at Camp Ghormley and the Boys Soccer team travels to the west side to play matches against opponents they could meet in later competitions if they advance, as they have done in previous years. Lupita moved to approve

the Overnight Travel Request-Migrant STEM Camp and the Overnight Travel Request-HHS Boys Soccer as presented, Carlos 2nd; motion passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Nikki Keller adjourned the March 7, 2023, Special Board Meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Chair

Secretary