

**Highland School District #203  
MWC Library  
Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

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

The **April 18, 2023, Regular Board Meeting** was called to order by Chair Nikki Keller at 7:00 p.m. Others present included Board members David Barnes, Lupita Flores, Carlos López and Cindy Reed, Superintendent Mark Anderson, Director of Business & Operations Francis Badu, MWC Teacher Bree Hoffee, District Speech Language Pathologist Eva Lamas, and Recording Secretary Julie Notman.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No one had any questions nor corrections. Carlos moved to approve the **March 7, 2023 Special Board Meeting** and the **March 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting** minutes as presented, Lupita 2<sup>nd</sup>. motion carried.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

**a. MWC Presentation:** Eva Lamas, District Speech Language Pathologist, shared what is being done to help non-verbal students communicate. She demonstrated an electronic device used by a blind student, electronic devices and non-electronic communication tools used by non-verbal students or those needing assistance expressing themselves beyond basic speech. She is working on getting insurance-provided devices as the district-provided devices stay in the district when a student graduates. Eva serves 55 students PK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and there are 70+ needing assistance district-wide.

Eva left the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

**b. Public Comment:** MWC Teacher Bree Hoffee shared her interest in the Hi-Cap program and invited the Board to attend the Hi-Cap supported Wax Museum her students have been working very hard on and will present in June.

**c. Administrator Reports:** There were no questions nor comments. Nikki reminded the board to reach out to the admin if a question or concern arises.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Overnight Travel Request: Club Unity & Highland Community Coalition:** Danielle Watkins was unable to attend the meeting to present. Mark: Club Unity (through the Highland Community Coalition) has the funding for some students to attend the Spring Youth Forum. They are working on finding funding for transportation. Lupita moved and Cindy 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Overnight Travel Request: Club Unity & Highland Community Coalition as presented; motion carried.

**b. iGrants-Highly Capable 22-23 Plan:** Mark: Andi is the Highly Capable Coordinator and submitted this annual iGrant application for the 22-23 Highly Capable Program Plan. There were no questions. David moved to approve the iGrants-Highly Capable 22-23 Plan as presented, Carlos 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried.

**c. Budget Status/Enrollment Report:** Francis: The end of March budget status shows the GF at \$1.58m, CP at \$3.02m, Debt service at \$3.49k, ASB at \$1.95k and Transportation at \$1.02k. GF is up from the previous year due to ESSER funds, CP is higher from the recent levy, Debt Service and ASB are about the same and Transportation is building toward purchasing a bus next year. It has helped that enrollment is up. Projections for 2023-2024 seem good but we must look ahead to year 2025-2026 when a shortfall could be possible.

Enrollment: Francis: For the second month in a row withdrawals out-number enrollment. This time by five. We still averaged 1039 FTE, 43 above the projected 996.

**d. Personnel Report:** Mark: We received two resignations and a retirement. Cynthia Acosta, working with an Emergency Sub certificate while finishing her certification, is recommended as the best fit to cover Curtis Borland's paternity leave. We just about have most of the staff in place for next year's change in grade levels. There will be a couple of transfers and a couple of positions still to post. There is an open house at TIS tonight and HJH tomorrow night to share info and answer questions about the changes. We've heard mainly good comments about it. Carlos moved and David 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Personnel Report as presented; motion carried.

**d. Legislative Report:** Cindy: Nothing to report.

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

- **General Fund bills** for \$333,516.16 with warrants 76713 through 76816.
- **ASB Fund bills** for \$4,009.35 with warrants 6900 through 6909.
- **Capital Project bills** for \$55,584.25 with warrants 697 through 697.
- **Payroll Fund bills** for \$211,569.01 with warrants 76817 through 76831 and \$995,784.82 by direct deposit.

## **6. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

The meetings next month will be on Monday, May 1, and Tuesday, May 16. Intersession is the week of May 22-26 and Memorial Day is May 29.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Nikki Keller adjourned the April 18, 2023, Regular Board Meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary