

Highland Community Schools
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 9, 2017
6:00 p.m. – High School Board Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Nate Robinson.

Roll call was taken with Mike Golden, Cindy Michel, Rachel Longbine, Megan Allen, Lois Schneider, Kevin Engel and Nate Robinson present. Also in attendance were Dr Mike Jorgensen, Superintendent, Sue Rich, Board Secretary, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal and Jane O’Leary, Elementary Principal.

Michel made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 7-0

Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes: Approval of the September 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes.
Approval of the September 25, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

Financial Reports: Approval of the September financial reports.

Payment of Bills: Approval of the following October bills.

General Fund - \$87,234.18
Prepaid General Fund - \$24,949.57
Schoolhouse Fund - \$109,491.79
Prepaid Schoolhouse Fund - \$1,105.00
Activity Fund - \$4,961.26
Prepaid Activity Fund - \$2,907.51
Lunch Fund - \$16,864.43
Prepaid Lunch Fund - \$1,509.79
Insurance Fund - \$748.56
Prepaid Insurance Fund - \$110.80

School Fund Raisers: Dance Team – Butterbraids & Cookie Dough
Approval of Cooperative Sharing Agreement with Iowa City West for bowling and swimming.

Schneider made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Seconded by Golden.

Motion carried 7-0

Receive Visitors: None

Superintendent Jorgensen went over the 2017-18 Title I application. The amount being allotted to our district is \$65,373 for this school year.

Longbine made a motion to approve the Title I application for the 2017-18 school year. Seconded by Allen.

Motion carried 7-0

The preliminary certified enrollment for October 2017 is 617.2. This is down 13 students in seats and 18 down in open enrolled in students, but overall we are down 39 students. This amounts to a reduction in funding of \$261,000 in the general fund.

Amy Schulte, the YMCA director gave a report on Camp Highland. She is glad for the collaboration between the school and the YMCA and would like to keep this going. There was an average of 32 students attending Camp Highland each day of which 23 were residents of Highland school district and 9 were non residents. The YMCA is given \$10,000 grant money

from the City of Riverside to help run the program and offer scholarships for students who may need help paying for the camp. The scholarships allow students to receive a 25% discount on the cost. There was one student this summer who used the scholarship program. Schulte stated the YMCA takes care of the transportation for swimming lessons for students attending the camp and the parents really like that. The clean up of the middle school gym seemed to be good this past summer and Schulte stated they had different staff in charge this year. They would like to use the Highland Elementary facility next summer for the program. Schneider had a question on the Camp Highland Agreement about the insurance coverage specifically the liability maximums. Schulte said she could do some further checking and get back to us on that.

Engel made a motion to table the Camp Highland agreement until the October 23rd meeting. Seconded by Golden.

Motion carried 7-0

Longbine made a motion to approve the engagement letter with Piper Jaffray for the refinancing of the SAVE bonds. Seconded by Allen.

Motion carried 7-0

Engel made a motion to approve the bond counsel with Ahlers & Cooney for the refinancing of the SAVE bonds. Seconded by Michel.

Motion carried 7-0

Dr Jorgensen spoke about the golf partnership with Blue Top Ridge stating they are willing to host, provide clubs, provide instruction and the coach. We will have our own team as long as we have enough interest, otherwise we may do a joint team with Lone Tree. We would be responsible for entry fees and getting the team to and from meets.

Schneider made a motion to approve a golf partnership with Blue Top Ridge. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 7-0

The board had discussion on possible sharing agreements with Lone Tree and prioritizing them and then scheduling another joint meeting with their board. Possible dates for the joint meeting were October 25th and November 1st. The majority of the board would rather not have it on a Wednesday so Dr Jorgensen was going to speak with Superintendent Crawford about other possible dates.

Golden made a motion to prioritize the possible sharing agreements with Lone Tree in the following order: 1. Operational Sharing 2. Instructional Sharing 3. Extra-Curricular-Other. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 7-0

Michel made a motion to approve amending board policy 507.9-Wellness Policy and 708 – Care, Maintenance and Disposal of School District Records with the changes that were discussed. Seconded by Golden.

Motion carried 7-0

Series 500-502 board policies were discussed. Final changes will be brought back to the meeting on October 23rd for final approval.

Golden made a motion to have the future meeting dates be as follows: October 23rd at 6:00 pm, November 13th at 5:00 pm for bond legal action and November 20th at 6:00 pm for regular meeting. Seconded by Engel

Motion carried 7-0

Schneider made a motion to approve the following resignations, appointments & modifications.
Seconded by Allen.

Motion carried 7-0

Resignations:

Maria Marin – Highland Elementary Teacher Associate

Appointments:

Kayla Schneider – Weight Room Supervisor - \$8.00/hr

Skyler Houseal – Weight Room Supervisor - \$8.00/hr

Modifications:

Lacey Stransky – General Cook to Highland Elementary Associate – Pending finding suitable replacement – 7.5 hrs/day - \$10.00/hr

Board of Directors:

- 1) Rachel Longbine stated that homecoming was very nice & heard good positive feedback.
- 2) Megan Allen enjoyed the dog pound and the cheerleaders were awesome as well.
- 3) Kevin Engel stated the musical will be held the first weekend in November.

Jane O’Leary, Elementary Principal:

- 1) Fire Prevention week is this week and the fire trucks are coming on Tuesday.
- 2) Fall assessments are complete and the teachers continue to work very hard.

Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal:

- 1) Deputy Ellis is coming on Thursday to talk to the middle school students about cyberbullying.
- 2) Robotics will be going to the senior villages this week in Riverside & Ainsworth.
- 3) Attended the Mike Roe presentation last week in Des Moines.
- 4) MAP testing is done.
- 5) Parent teacher conferences will be Tuesday and Thursday night.

Sue Rich, Board Secretary:

- 1) The IASB Board Convention will be held on November 15-16, 2017 in Des Moines. Sue will be doing the registrations by the end of the week. Six board members, Dr Jorgensen and Sue will be attending.

Dr Mike Jorgensen, Superintendent:

- 1) A big shout out to everyone who had anything to do with Homecoming. Everything went very well.
- 2) Robotics will be at the senior villages this week.
- 3) Nate Robinson and myself will be meeting with Kevin Kiene on November 20th.
- 4) Parent teacher conferences are Tuesday and Thursday night.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school board room.

Longbine made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Seconded by Allen.

Motion carried 7-0

Reports and documents and the full text of motions, resolutions, or policies considered by the Board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's office, 648-3822 or 657-4180, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON

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