

Highland Community Schools  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, December 10, 2018  
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 Cindy Michel, Lois Schneider, Kevin Engel, Megan Allen, Rachel Longbine and Nate Robinson present. Mike Golden was absent. Also in attendance were Ken Crawford, Superintendent, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal, Jane O’Leary, Elementary Principal and Sue Rich, Board Secretary.

Agenda was amended to include Robert Schneider, Abby Sojka and April Stumpf for receive visitors.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Consent Agenda Items:

**Minutes:** Approval of the November 12, 2018 regular meeting minutes.  
Approval of the November 28, 2018 joint work session minutes.  
Approval of the November 29, 2018 work session minutes.

**Financial Reports:** Approval of the November financial reports.

**Payment of Bills:** Approval of the following December bills.

General Fund - \$77,616.17  
General Fund Prepaid - \$8,894.57  
Schoolhouse Fund - \$6,898.14  
Activity Fund - \$8,721.06  
Activity Fund Prepaid - \$698.49  
Lunch Fund - \$13,223.59

**School Fund Raisers:**

None

Engel made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the additional wording for Robert Schneider asking to speak at the November 12, 2018 board meeting during receive visitors. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 6-0

Receive Visitors:

Robert Schneider spoke about his concerns over board policy 213-Participation by the Public.

Abby Sojka read a statement about board members, former superintendents, administrators and concerns over the last 4 years.

April Stumpf spoke about the updating of the Highland Elementary playground and making it more ADA compliant.

Maria Meller, president of the Highland ESO gave an overview of the plans for the Highland Elementary playground upgrade and resurfacing. The group had raised \$15,000 last year for this project and hope to raise another \$15,000. The cost of the project is approximately \$285,000 plus another \$30,000 to resurface the preschool playground area. Some additional ground work would have to be done at an approximate cost of \$5,000. The total cost of this project would be around \$320,000 and would make the playground ADA compliant.

Kevin Meller from the building committee gave a recommendation to have the board move forward with a possible bond issue in the amount of approximately 2.6 million which would include upgrades to the HVAC at the secondary building, playground upgrades and resurfacing at the elementary and an additional storage area for the fine arts department.

Longbine made a motion to have a petition prepared for the possible bond issue. Seconded by Allen.

Motion carried 6-0

Dr Mike Jorgensen gave an update on the greenhouse project. There is an additional \$11,000 needed on top of the \$25,000 the district committed for the WCRF grant. A few items have been taken out or pared down for additional savings and the Highland FFA has committed a donation of \$3,000 with another possible donation coming from Stutsman. The Ag department and FFA program are very committed to starting a horticulture program here and feels it will have a positive impact on the students.

Longbine made a motion to give up to \$15,000 in additional funding to the greenhouse project. Seconded by Allen.

Motion carried 6-0

Mr Crawford went over the SIAC notes from the meeting on 12/3/18. The discussion was about scheduling of classes for next year and how this is changing. They also discussed the possible bond issue and took a tour of the building to see where the changes would occur. The communication plan was discussed at the end and Allen thanked the administration for listening to them about this issue.

Michel moved to approve the request to the School Budget Review committee for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for the 2019-2020 Dropout

Prevention Program in the amount of \$148,953 for expenditures necessary to implement the 2019-2020 at risk and dropout prevention program. Seconded by Engel.

Motion carried 6-0

The board discussed board policies 200.1 – Organization of the Board of Directors, 200.2 – Powers of the Board of Directors, 200.3 – Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and 200 – Legal Status of the Board (recommend removal). These policies will be brought back to the next meeting for the second reading.

Michel made a motion to approve board policies 106, 108 and 606.3. Seconded by Schneider.

Motion carried 6-0

106	Long Range Needs Assessment
108	Assistance Animals
606.3	Animals in the Classroom

Schneider made a motion to approve the following resignation and appointment. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 6-0

Resignations:

Christina Waters – Football Cheer Sponsor

Appointments:

Alyssa Thirtyacre – Basketball Cheer Sponsor – 3.5%

Board of Directors:

- 1) Nate Robinson stated he allowed Hills Bank to give the Classroom Cash donation during report of board last month and said this was inappropriate and it won't happen again.
- 2) Kevin Engel stated each senior basketball player and wrestler honored a staff member that made a difference in their lives last week at the basketball game.

Jane O'Leary, Elementary Principal:

- 1) The plush husky dog donation is going on until December 17<sup>th</sup>
- 2) Last Friday was VIP day for all kindergarten students. Every student had a VIP for the day.
- 3) Additional information in the principal report in the board packet.

Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal:

- 1) Attended SAMI training for 2 days with instructional coaches.
- 2) Finals schedule has been posted on the district website.

3) Additional information in the principal report in the board packet.

Sue Rich, Board Secretary:

1) New board policy updates were handed out.

Ken Crawford, Superintendent

1) Admin team has been talking about the safety plan, final reports for state reporting and possible communication apps to use.

There will be no work session this month. We will look at possibly having one the end of January.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school board room.

Allen made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 6-0

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. to 4:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON

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