

Highland Community Schools
Special Board Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2020
5:00 p.m. – Highland Board Room

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Nate Robinson.

Roll call was taken with Megan Allen, Kevin Engel, Rachel Longbine, Samantha Holden and Nate Robinson present in person and Mike Golden and Kathy Butler present via Zoom. Also in attendance were Ken Crawford, Superintendent, Jane O’Leary, Elementary Principal, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal, Bill Zywiec, Dean of Students via Zoom and Sue Rich, Board Secretary.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Engel made a motion to approve the resolution concerning pandemic response and emergency suspension of board policy. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 7-0

Longbine made a motion to approve the following resignations and appointments. Seconded by Holden.

Motion carried 7-0

Resignations:

Emily Hegenbart – Middle School Science Teacher

Appointments:

Kurtis Trout – High School Science Teacher – MA (6)

Sarah Marie Dawson – Middle School Science Teacher – MA (0)-Pending all proper licensure is complete.

Samantha Wieland – Secondary Special Education Teacher – BA (0)-Pending all proper licensure including conditional license.

Longbine made a motion to adjourn at 5:12 p.m. Seconded by Allen.

Motion carried 7-0

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PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON

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Highland Community Schools
Board of Directors Work Session
Monday – March 23, 2020
5:10 p.m. – Highland Board Room

The work session was called to order at 5:13 p.m. by President Nate Robinson.

All board members were present. Also present were Ken Crawford, Superintendent, Jane O’Leary, Elementary Principal, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal, Bill Zywiec, Dean of Students and Sue Rich, Board Secretary.

Longbine made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Engel.

Motion carried 7-0

Matt Wildman, Engineer for HR Green, joined via Zoom to give an update on the Waste Water Project. He stated the engineer at the DNR was originally supportive of the SAGR system plan but lately doesn’t seem to be on board with it. The engineer wanted to know about possibly regionalizing the waste water to a nearby community such as Riverside which is 5.5 miles away. Wildman did some further checking on this with the City of Riverside as well as the costs. He stated a 2 inch forced main could be knifed in to the ground to the City of Riverside water department with 3 lift stations for a cost of \$510,000 and a 4 inch forced main being cut in with a backhoe and 1 lift station would come at a cost of \$1.4 million dollars. The cost of the SAGR system is \$880,000 and Wildman would like to see the DNR get back to having the SAGR system as a viable option. Wildman will be talking with a higher up engineer at the DNR about this and will hopefully have another report at our April board meeting.

Update on plans during the pandemic State and National Emergency:

Jane O’Leary, Elementary Principal

- Teachers making contact with families daily
- Improvement team working on Tier 1 and math team looking at new math curriculum.
- Title I-working with teacher on re-structuring for next school year.
- Food has started to go out...151 bags in Riverside and 39 bags in Ainsworth were distributed today.
- United Way distributing books to students starting on Wednesday this week.
- Trying to contact families that haven’t been heard from since this started.
- This is a very different time right now and we have to be flexible. There is lots of anxiety from the students but the family interaction has been fantastic.

Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal

- Teachers doing a lot for students on Google Classroom
- Trying to contact students we haven’t heard from
- Getting guidance from the federal government on IEP students, IEP meetings and SDI- specially designed instruction.

Megan Allen stated the parent's part in this is important as well, and the teachers are doing an awesome job. Rachel Longbine stated the teachers are doing a fantastic job.

Ken Crawford, Superintendent

- We cannot grade the students during this time nor can we force them to do the work.
- Kudos to Rachel Cerny and Cindy Peiffer and all the helpers on getting the food bagged and out to the families.
- Did some checking on daycares and there seem to be enough right now in the community as well as in Iowa City.
- Steve, Luana and Jeff are cleaning like crazy at both buildings right now.
- The pre-construction meeting for the HVAC project will take place Wednesday, 3/25 at 9:00 am via Google Meeting.
- The visits to the other schools to look at their libraries will be postponed since all schools are currently closed.

Longbine made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Allen. Motion carried 7-0.

The work session adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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