

Highland Community Schools
Board of Directors Work Session
Monday – October 26, 2020
5:00 p.m. – Highland Board Room

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

Samantha Holden, Kathy Butler, Rachel Longbine, Megan Allen, Kevin Engel and Nate Robinson were present. Mike Golden was absent. 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.

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

Motion carried 6-0

A summary of this years’ MAP testing results for secondary students was discussed with the Board by Mrs Hazelett and Mr Zywiec. The assessments for each student will eventually be put in the students’ testing folder for parents to view.

Block scheduling was discussed with the Board at length. The A/B block is what is being looked at for next school year for grades 6-12. Basically an A/B block is taking an 8 period day and scheduling it out over 2 days. This would allow for more instruction time. The teachers will be discussing this throughout the year during professional development time.

Superintendent Update:

Bond Issue and Playground – Jane O’Leary, Luke Newton, Jon Harding and Ken met at the playground last Friday to look over everything and determine when the 1 year warranties should start. The large swing is supposed to be here Friday, 10/30. The screens will not be put in the new high school windows at this time

Waste Water Project – Sara from HR Green joined via Zoom to discuss the project and the design work. She discussed the gravel drive to be put in for construction, the ultraviolet (UV) lights for disinfection and an area light to be installed. All of these items will be included in the design work.

District Needs Assessment Survey – We have gotten 212 responses so far with 112 coming from parents and the community, 61 from students, 33 from staff and 6 from administration and board. The survey will be available until Friday, 10/30 but may be longer if need be.

Board Goals – Academics- we discussed the block scheduling, Finances-let Ken know if there is other information you want on finances, Facilities-discussed the industrial tech room/shop and how to start cleaning that up as well as the cost and going forward with the new walk in freezer, also along with facilities there have been 9 new cameras installed at the middle/high school, Culture-the needs assessment survey included 10 culture related questions.

Fusion Forward has made nice posters with the board goals listed on them to be hung up around the district.

IASB Convention Confirmations – Megan Allen will be attending the Equity Pre-convention workshop on 11/10 and the regular convention virtually on 11/18 & 19. Nate Robinson will be attending the delegate assembly virtually on 11/17.

The negotiations board committee will begin meeting in January to start to go over the Master Contract and Compendium.

Longbine made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Butler. Motion carried 6-0.

The work session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON

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