

Highland Community Schools  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2023  
5:00 p.m. – High School Board Room

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by President Nate Robinson.

Roll call was taken with Mike Golden, Dan Ruth, Josh Thomann, Monica Jepson and Nate Robinson present. Rachel Longbine and Melissa Murphy were absent. Also in attendance were Ken Crawford, Superintendent, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal, Jane O’Leary, Elementary Principal and Sue Rich, Board Secretary.

Jepson made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Ruth.

Motion carried 5-0

Melissa Murphy arrived at 5:03 pm.

Consent Agenda Items:

**Minutes:** Approval of the December 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes.

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

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

General Fund - \$67,201.06

Prepaid General Fund - \$5,450.52

Schoolhouse Fund - \$13,397.67

Prepaid Schoolhouse Fund - \$2,694.76

Activity Fund - \$17,699.58

Prepaid Activity Fund - \$1,406.21

Lunch Fund - \$11,790.23

**School Fundraisers:** Highland Shooting Sports- Clothing Fundraiser

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

Motion carried 6-0

Receive Visitors: None

Kelli Schwarz & Traci Vonnahme spoke on behalf of the Junior class and fundraising efforts for Prom. They have some upcoming fundraisers but wanted to ask for \$1,000 out of the special activity account to get the ordering started for prom.

Ruth made a motion to approve the transfer of \$1,000 from the special activity account to the Junior class. Seconded by Golden.

Motion carried 6-0

Eric Meck, Kevin Westfall, Gwen Piette and Bianca Garcia from the Robotics Team the Finger Tightans gave a presentation. This is the 13th year for the team and they also have a Robotics class during the regular school day which really helps. There are 8 students on the team this year which have different responsibilities including business, engineering and programming. They then showed the Board how the robot works this year and what the mission is at the competitions they attend. Mr Surine is their teacher/advisor and they will be attending a competition this Saturday in Bettendorf.

Ruth moved to approve the request to the School Budget Review committee for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for the 2023-2024 Dropout Prevention Program in the amount of \$151,262 for expenditures necessary to implement the 2023-2024 at risk and dropout prevention program. Seconded by Thomann.

Motion carried 6-0

Golden made a motion to approve the donation of an electronic American flag for the high school gym from Connie Moore. Seconded by Murphy.

Motion carried 6-0

Mr Crawford discussed the first reading of the following board policies 401.12 - Employee Use of Cell Phones, 401.12R(1) - Employee Use of Cell Phones Regulation, 605.6R1-Internet Appropriate Use Regulation, 605.6E1-Parent and Student Home Use Agreement-Chromebook, 605.7 - Use of Information Resources, 605.7R1- Use of Information Resources Regulation, 605.8-School District Web Page will be removed, 605.8R-Web Page Publication and Usage Regulation will be removed, 606.1 - Class Size-Class Grouping, 606.2 - School Ceremonies and Observances, 606.3 - Animals in the Classroom, 606.4 - Student Production of Materials and Services, 606.5 - Student Field Trips and Excursions, 606.6 - Insufficient Classroom Space, 607.1 - Student Guidance and Counseling Program, 607.2R1 - Student Health Services Regulation. These will be brought back to the next meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Golden made a motion to approve the below listed board policies. Seconded by Ruth.

Motion carried 6-0

601.2	School Day
802.4	Capital Assets
605.1	Instructional Materials Selection
605.1R1	Instructional Materials Selection Regulation
605.2	Instructional and Library Materials Inspection & Display
605.3	Objection to Instructional and Library Materials
605.3R1	Objection to Instructional and Library Materials-Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Regulation
605.3E1	Instructions to the Reconsideration Committee
605.3E2	Reconsideration of Instructional and Library Materials Request Form
605.3E3	Sample Letter to Individual Challenging Instructional or Library Materials
605.3E4	Request to Prohibit a Student from Checking out Specific Library Materials
605.4	Technology and Instructional Materials
605.5	School Library
605.6	Internet - Appropriate Use

Ruth made a motion to approve the below personnel item. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 6-0

Appointments:

Erin Bramble - JH Girls Wrestling Coach - 7%

Board of Directors:

-Dan Ruth said the wrestling tournament went well this weekend and wanted to thank the administrative and custodial staff for all their hard work.

Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal

-The wrestling tournament went well this weekend with a few technology glitches and trackwrestling program having issues.

-Finals started today and will continue through Thursday. Teacher workday on Friday and then no school on Monday, the 16th.

-Additional information in the principal report in the board packet.

Jane O'Leary, Elementary Principal

-Appreciated the nice kickball field today with no mud being brought into the school building.

-Teachers have moved on to Interactive Read Aloud. Janelle Sulhoff will come again next month for another update.

--Additional information in the principal report in the board packet.

Sue Rich, Board Secretary

-Handed out finance sheet to those board members who were not present last month.

-Will discuss Shelley Armstrong visitation after the meeting.

Ken Crawford, Superintendent

-The girls, boys and youth wrestling tournaments were held here this weekend and were very very busy. We need to get better parking for these types of events.

-Handed out a list of our legislators who serve our area. There are several new ones this year. A big topic this session will be the school vouchers.

-The fire marshall came last Friday and we have a few things we will need to discuss on that.

A work session will be held on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the high school board room.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school board room.

Ruth made a motion to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. Seconded by Jepson.

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, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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