

Highland Community Schools
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2018
6:00 p.m. - Highland Board Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm 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, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal, Jane O'Leary, Elementary Principal and Sue Rich, Board Secretary.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Engel made a motion to set the public hearing for 2/12/18 at 6:00 pm in the high school board room and to set the date to open bids as 2/5/18 at 4:00 pm for the Instrumentation controls for HVAC project at Highland Elementary. Seconded by Golden.

Motion carried 7-0

Angie Alberts and Amy Willson gave a presentation on computer coding they are doing with grades 3-5. This started in December with something called an Hour of Code where students worked on coding for an hour. Since then the students have been able to continue to work on coding during their library time with Mrs Willson. The students have embraced this challenge and it has taught them many things such as decision making, problem solving, organizational skills, life skills and critical thinking. The next step in this process is to teach them Scratch which is a program language used in schools to introduce students to coding. Careers in coding are going to continue to grow and change as there are jobs in this field that haven't even been thought of yet.

Members of the high school Robotics team, the Finger Tightans, including Nathan Butler, Sam Smith, Matt Butler, Thomas Torrey, Noah Holden and Mykala Cox along with teacher/sponsor Tim Surine gave a presentation which included their robot Christine. There are 14 total students on the team and they meet every day in their robotics class. They split in to three groups which consist of engineering, business and marketing. They have done a lot of community outreach work this year including volunteer work and fundraising and also received a \$3,500 grant from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation. The challenge for the year was released on September 9th, league play started in November and now the students are getting ready for competition on Saturday, January 27th. There will be 22 teams at the competition and 6 will advance.

Nate Robinson stated he attended the youth basketball tournament this weekend at Highland. Megan Allen attended the speech competition this past weekend and stated this was her first time and really enjoyed it.

Dr Jorgensen met with the Highland Elementary ESO and they will be having an elementary track and field day this spring. The elementary had a STEM day last Friday and the FOSS science kits are going to focus on robotics and aerospace to get ready for the aerospace engineering class we will have starting next year. He also stated he met with the building trades staff and they will be doing more actual building of items in class with the help of Tim Ruth.

Jane O'Leary wanted to thank Angie Alberts, Amy Willson, Amrika Stumpf, Janelle Sulhoff and Sonya Stanerson for all the work they put in to STEM day last Friday. The students were super engaged and really enjoyed the day.

Angela Hazelett stated the Robotics team would be in competition this Saturday, January 27th at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Highland Board Room.

Longbine made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Seconded by Golden.

Motion carried 7-0

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