

Highland Community Schools  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, November 20, 2017  
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 Mike Golden, Cindy Michel, Lois Schneider, Kevin Engel and Nate Robinson present. Megan Allen and Rachel Longbine were absent. Also in attendance were Dr Mike Jorgensen, Superintendent, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal, Jane O’Leary, Elementary Principal and Sue Rich, Board Secretary.

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

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Agenda Items:

**Minutes:** Approval of the October 9, 2017 regular meeting minutes.  
Approval of the October 23, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

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

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

General Fund - \$92,579.78  
Prepaid General Fund - \$20,584.45  
Schoolhouse Fund - \$103,086.89  
Prepaid Schoolhouse Fund - \$17,226.00  
Activity Fund - \$28,739.74  
Prepaid Activity Fund - \$1,843.20  
Lunch Fund - \$14,781.94  
Insurance Fund - \$1,713.51  
Prepaid Insurance Fund - \$2,270.56

**School Fund Raisers:**

None

Engel made a motion to approve the consent agenda withholding the Nate & Julie Robinson transportation payment. Seconded by Golden.

Motion carried 5-0

Golden made a motion to approve the Nate & Julie Robinson transportation payment. Seconded by Schneider.

Motion carried 4-0  
Robinson abstained

Receive Visitors:

Robert Schneider of Riverside spoke about board policy 213-Public Input at Board Meetings.

Jean Lenz and Angela Langstraat from Hills Bank presented President, Nate Robinson with a check for \$944.06 from the Classroom Cash program. Since 2004 Classroom Cash has contributed \$24,147.66 to the Highland Community School District.

Golden made a motion to approve the early graduation request pending all graduation requirements are met. Seconded by Engel.

Motion carried 5-0

Engel made a motion to approve the SBRC Application for open enrollment out and ELL instruction beyond 5 years in the amount of \$156,219.42. Seconded by Golden.

Motion carried 5-0

Golden made a motion to approve the modified supplemental amount-dropout prevention resolution for the 2018-19 school year in the amount of \$143,869. Seconded by Schneider.

Motion carried 5-0

The board discussed board policy 507.6 – Student Insurance and decided they would like to keep this policy in place and continue to enforce the policy.

All policies in Series 503-504 were reviewed.

Golden made a motion to approve Series 503-504 board policies with the below policies noting changes. Seconded by Engel.

Motion carried 5-0

503.1R2	Student Suspension
503.3	Fines-Fees-Charges
503.4R1	Good Conduct Rules
504.3R	Student Publications
504.5	Student Fund Raising

Series 505-506.1R were discussed. Final changes will be brought back to the December meeting for final approval.

Nate Robinson and Lois Schneider gave a SIAC committee meeting report. The topic being discussed right now is moving the 5<sup>th</sup> grade out to the middle school. There are many more questions to be answered and more parent involvement is needed. Committee member Jayme Kallaus spoke about a community padlet that is on the school website to be able to give input on. Dr Jorgensen stated this decision does not need to be made right away and we will take our time talking this through. The next SIAC committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Dr Jorgensen spoke on behalf of the technology committee stating they mostly talked about future budgets at the meeting. The next technology committee meeting is set for December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Schneider made a motion to approve the following resignations and appointments.  
Seconded by Golden.

Motion carried 5-0

Resignations:

Johnny O’Leary- JH Boys Basketball Coach  
Skyler Houseal – Weight Room Supervisor

Appointments:

Cassi Montandon – Middle School Science Teacher for 2018-19– BA (0)  
Amber Dean – Highland Elementary Floating Special Education Associate – 7.5 hrs/day - \$9.75/hr.  
Mitchell Huntington – JH Boys Basketball coach – 9%

Board of Directors:

- 1) Nate Robinson stated the school board convention was good.
- 2) Mike Golden had attended an automation fair with Robotics there and stated our team looked a lot like what he saw there.
- 3) Kevin Engel attended the musical and really enjoyed it, girls basketball started Friday night and he enjoyed the school board convention.

Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal:

- 1) Mr Zywiec has been working on mock up 5<sup>th</sup> grade schedules.
- 2) Proposals for career and tech academies are being looked at.
- 3) Jim Johnson from The News in Kalona will be publishing students articles 2 times per month in the paper. Also looking at student internships at the newspaper.

Jane O’Leary, Elementary Principal:

- 1) The 5 Improvement teams have been meeting. They are Leader in Me, PBIS, Math, Literacy and Literacy in content area.
- 2) Amy Davis and Angie Alberts are working towards doing a coding class for 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> graders in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.
- 3) The ESO is sponsoring an assembly on Respect by Dan Gable on 12/18.

Sue Rich, Board Secretary:

- 1) Attended the school board convention and enjoyed the break out sessions especially for board secretaries.

Dr Mike Jorgensen, Superintendent

- 1) Spoke with Scott Warren about offering Infomatics free of charge since we will be purchasing the aerospace technology program.
- 2) The December article for the newspapers has been sent and the topic is Aerospace Technology.
- 3) Attended the musical and really enjoyed it.
- 4) We will need representatives at the meetings on operational sharing at both Highland on 11/29 and Lone Tree on 12/6 and also representatives at the WCRF grant presentation on 12/6.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school board room.

Golden made a motion to hold a closed session as authorized by Section 21.5 (1)(a) of the open meetings law to review or discuss records which are required or authorized to be kept confidential; and as authorized by Section 21.5 (1)(c) of the open meetings law to discuss strategy with counsel in matters where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of this school district in that litigation. Seconded by Engel. Roll Call Vote – All Ayes.

6:50 pm.

Motion carried 5-0

Break – 6:50 pm to 6:58 pm.

Engel made a motion to return to open session. Seconded by Michel.

7:30 pm

Motion carried 5-0

Engel made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Seconded by Golden.

Motion carried 5-0

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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