

Highland Community Schools
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2023
5:00 p.m. – High School Board Room

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

Roll call was taken with Dan Ruth, Rachel Longbine, John O’Leary, Karen Fink, Joslin Schott and Nate Robinson present. Monica Jepson was absent. Also in attendance were Ken Crawford, Superintendent, Jane O’Leary, Elementary Principal, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal and Sue Rich, Board Secretary.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes: Approval of the November 27, 2023 Annual/Organizational meeting minutes.

Financial Reports: Approval of the November financial reports.

Payment of Bills: Approval of the following December bills.

General Fund - \$76,713.86

General Fund Prepaid - \$2,354.10

Schoolhouse Fund - \$10,829.74

Activity Fund - \$33,114.19

Activity Fund Prepaid - \$210.00

Lunch Fund - \$20,450.68

Fundraisers: None

Ruth made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 6-0

Receive Visitors - None

Sonya Stanerson, elementary school counselor, spoke about the counselor conference her and Peg Schwab attended in Des Moines in November. Stanerson stated the highlight was the speaker Saul Paul who is a musician with a message. She stated he was very motivating, inspirational and successful even though he had a troubled childhood growing up. Paul told the group everyone has something to give no matter where you started or came from. This spring Paul will be coming to the elementary school to speak and everyone is very excited to have him.

Mr Crawford discussed the winter activity numbers. There are 26 players on the boys basketball team, 14 on the girls basketball team, 19 participating in wrestling including 7 girls, 20 out for junior high wrestling, 14 out for junior high girls basketball and 8 out for cheerleading.

Longbine made a motion to approve the student for early graduation pending all requirements are met. Seconded by Ruth.

Motion carried 6-0

Ruth made a motion to approve the SBRC Application for increased enrollment in the amount of \$47,337. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 6-0

Longbine made a motion to approve the SBRC Application for open enrollment out in the amount of \$142,982. Seconded by Schott.

Motion carried 6-0

Longbine made a motion to approve the SBRC Application for ELL beyond 5 years in the amount of \$8,016. Seconded by Fink.

Motion carried 6-0

Longbine made a motion to approve the below official bank depository and limit for the school district. Seconded by Fink.

Motion carried 6-0

UMB Bank - \$5,000,000

Mr Crawford went over board policies 216.1-216.3, 217, 401.1, 503.1, 503.1R1, 701.5R1, rescind 216.3, 216.4, 216.5. These policies will be brought back to the next meeting for the second reading.

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

Motion carried 6-0

210.06	Quorum
210.07	Rules of Order
210.07-R(1)	Rules of Order-Regulation
210.08	Board Meeting Agenda
210.08-EH(1)	Board Meeting Agenda-Example
210.08-EH(2)	Board Meeting Agenda-Example with Closed Session
210.09	Consent Agenda
211	Open Meetings
212	Closed Session
212.01	Exempt Meetings
213.01	Public Complaints
213.1R	Handling Complaints (Rescind)
214	Public Hearings
215	Board of Directors' Records
215-EH(1)	Board of Directors' Records-Board Meeting Minutes
503.08	Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence
503.08-R(1)	Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence -Student Threats of Violence and Incidents of Violence - Regulation

Longbine made a motion to approve the following resignation. Seconded by Schott.

Motion carried 6-0

Resignation:

Rocky Hamilton - JH Wrestling Coach at the conclusion of the 23 season

Board of Directors:

1. Dan Ruth-Has been helping with various wrestling events this past week. We have a large group of junior high students out for wrestling. Was nice seeing a student do the national anthem last week.

Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal:

1. Volunteers have been great at the wrestling meets.
2. Senior lounge is going good.
3. Student body spirit has been great this year.
4. Finals will be in January.

Jane O'Leary, Elementary Principal:

1. The 4th graders will take the National Assessment of Progress Test
2. Excited to have Saul Paul come to the school in the spring.
3. Fourth grade VIP day went great.

Sue Rich, Board Secretary

1. Gave out a nice handout from Iowa School Finance Information Services to each new board member about revenue sources and allowable expenses from each fund.
2. Talked to new board members about new board member workshops.

Ken Crawford, Superintendent

1. A counterfeit \$20 bill was given at the gate on Friday night.
2. The 4 day week is continuing to be discussed with all groups.
3. The next Facilities Advisory Committee meeting is Wednesday at 6:00.
4. KCTC will be putting in new VOIP phones over break.

There will not be a work session in December. The next work session will be January 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school board room.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school board room.

Longbine made a motion to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. Seconded by Schott.

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.

PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON

SECRETARY, SUE E RICH