

Highland Community Schools
Board of Directors Work Session
Monday – February 22, 2021
5:00 p.m. – Highland Board Room

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

All board members were present.

Holden made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Golden. Motion carried 7-0

Angela Hazelett stated the last home event was tonight, FFA week is this week, the two state wrestling qualifiers Easton Schlabaugh and Bryce Thompson both finished 5th at state wrestling, the master schedule is being worked on, professional development is being led by the building leadership team and they are working on block scheduling, teacher evaluations will be done by the end of March, outside guests will be allowed at prom, youth sports are using our facilities now, Robotics had a virtual meet on Saturday and we are looking for a high school night custodian.

Jane O’Leary handed out an overview of different assessments the elementary students take during the year and also the diagram for Scarborough’s Reading Rope. The FAST assessment is taken by K-5th grade students and is given 3 times per year. The results for this test are gotten back much faster than other assessments and give good information. The ISASP is the statewide assessment and is taken by 3rd-5th grade students. The results for this test take longer to get back and are not as helpful at the elementary level. O’Leary asked for feedback from the board members on how to best communicate this information out to parents. Keeping it simple and to the point seemed to be the consensus as parents are mostly concerned with how their student is doing.

Mr Crawford talked about the voter approved PPEL (Physical Plant and Equipment Levy) flyer and asked what suggestions the board members had on any changes before it was mailed out to the patrons of the district this week. The vote will be March 2nd and is for 10 years to keep the voted PPEL at \$1.00 per \$1,000 valuation. Crawford stated this is not a new tax and helps fund many projects in the district.

Sue Rich handed out the FY20 audit report and gave the board members the pages they could look over to get an overview of the audit. The audit will be approved at the March 8th board meeting so if there are any questions please get them to Sue before that meeting.

Mr Crawford gave an update on the needs assessment survey and talked about what the administrative team has been discussing in their meetings. There are 3 areas of concern from the survey and those are the Iowa Core, giving a voice to all and all kids can learn at high levels. These were discussed at length with the board members.

Mr Crawford gave a brief legislative update. He stated the school vouchers are on hold in the House and that Nate and himself had attended a city council meeting to voice their concerns on this issue. He also stated that it looked like the State Supplemental Aid was going to be set at 2.4%.

The school calendar committee will be meeting Thursday after school. Mr Crawford stated he had notes from last year saying the board wanted a representative at that meeting. Rachel Longbine volunteered to attend the meeting. The SIAC meeting will be held Thursday as well at 6:00 pm in the library. The school promotion video was launched today to the website, staff emails, Facebook and Twitter.

Longbine made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Holden. Motion carried 7-0.

The work session adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON

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