

Highland Community Schools
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, December 13, 2021
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 Samantha Holden, Monica Jepson, Megan Allen, Rachel Longbine, Mike Golden, Kathy Butler and Nate Robinson present. Also in attendance were Ken Crawford, Superintendent, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal, Jane O’Leary, Elementary Principal and Sue Rich, Board Secretary.

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

Motion carried 7-0

Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes: Approval of the November 16, 2021 special meeting minutes.

Financial Reports: Approval of the November financial reports.

Payment of Bills: Approval of the following December bills.

General Fund - \$214,132.77

General Fund Prepaid - \$8,069.66

Schoolhouse Fund - \$33,317.49

Prepaid Schoolhouse Fund - \$2,732.80

Activity Fund - \$13,244.87

Activity Fund Prepaid - \$5,388.96

Lunch Fund - \$22,478.15

Fundraisers: Volleyball-Apparel Store, FFA-Apparel Store, FFA-Sponsorships for National Convention, FFA-Fruit Sales, Volleyball-Breast Cancer Awareness Raffle & Baskets, Drill Team-Driven Coffee

Golden made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Butler.

Motion carried 7-0

Receive Visitors: Dwight Miller of Ainsworth spoke about his concern with our wastewater discharge and where it is going and where the discharge will be once we do our new wastewater system.

Matt Wildman with HR Green spoke about the contract for additional services for the wastewater treatment plant project.

Longbine made a motion to approve the HR Green contract for additional services for the wastewater treatment plant project in the amount of \$16,700. Seconded by Holden.

Motion carried 7-0

Matt Wildman spoke about rebidding the wastewater project in February with the project to be completed next summer. New bid documents will go out to the contractor plan rooms as well as anyone who bid previously and any local bidders that want the documents. He stated material prices have stabilized and this would be a good time to rebid.

Golden made a motion for authorization to rebid the wastewater project in February 2022.
Seconded by Allen.

Motion carried 7-0

Allen made a motion to approve a student for early graduation pending all requirements have been met. Seconded by Butler.

Motion carried 6-0
Holden abstained

Allen made a motion to approve the extra payment of TSS-Teacher Salary Supplement money in the amount of \$700 to each teacher on their December pay. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 7-0

Butler made a motion to approve the short throw projector project in the amount of \$75,360.
Seconded by Golden.

Motion carried 7-0

Mr Crawford discussed the winter activity numbers. There are 19 players on the boys basketball team, 17 on the girls basketball team and 19 participating in wrestling including 6 girls.

Mr Crawford went over board policies 800-804.6R1. These policies will be brought back to the next meeting for the second reading.

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

Motion carried 7-0

- 706.1 Payroll Periods
- 706.2 Payroll Deductions
- 706.3 Pay Deductions
- 706.3R1 Pay Deduction Regulation
- 707.1 Secretary's Reports
- 707.2 Treasurer's Annual Report
- 707.3 Publication of Financial Reports
- 707.4 Audit
- 707.5 Internal Controls
- 707.5R1 Internal Controls Procedures
- 708 Care, Maintenance and Disposal of School District Records
- 709 Insurance Program
- 710.1 School Nutrition Program
- 710.2 Free or Reduced Price Meals Eligibility
- 710.3 Vending Machines
- 710.4 Meal Charges
- 711.1 Student School Transportation Eligibility
- 711.2 Student Conduct on School Transportation
- 711.2R1 Student Conduct on School Transportation Regulation
- 711.3 Student Transportation for Extracurricular Activities
- 711.4 Summer School Program Transportation Service
- 711.5 Transportation of Nonresident and Nonpublic School Students
- 711.6 Transportation of Nonschool Groups

711.7	School Bus Safety Instruction
711.8	Transportation in Inclement Weather
711.9	District Vehicle Idling
711.10	School Bus Passenger Restraints
712	Before/After School Program
713	Technology and Data Security
713.R1	Security Requirements of Third-Party Vendors Regulation

Butler made a motion to approve the following resignation and appointments. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 7-0

Resignations:

Scott James – JH Boys Basketball Coach

Appointments:

Lacey Stransky – Highland Elementary Special Education Associate - \$12.00/hr

Ryan Cortum – JH Boys Basketball Coach – 7%-Pending coaching authorization

Board of Directors:

1. Mike Golden –Attended the school board convention and enjoyed the keynote speaker Yong Zhao who spoke on several issues but stated that higher level achievers are not necessarily very confident. Also enjoyed the mental health awareness session and would like to see something like this brought to the school for the students, staff and parents.
2. Rachel Longbine-Mediapolis has an awesome streaming system for their games. Would be nice to have something like that here.
3. Samantha Holden – Robotics meet here this Saturday, December 18th.

Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal:

1. Tim Ruth may be able to help us with a grant through the Home Builders Association for the shop update.
2. We may be offering a CTE Math class next year taught by Mr Hebl.
3. Attended the Science Symposium at the U of I with Ms Roth and students.
4. Additional information in the principal report in the board packet.

Jane O’Leary, Elementary Principal:

1. There are 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students that make up an elementary SIAC committee and they decided to have a school fundraiser this holiday season to raise money for the U of I Children’s Hospital.
2. This Friday the winter performance will be done by the elementary students.
3. The 1st and 4th graders will have a music concert on 12/16 at 6:00 pm.
4. Additional information in principal report

Sue Rich, Board Secretary

1. Bob Beeson Memorial money in the amount of \$2,000 was given to several athletic groups. A thank you was written from the board.
2. Attended the IASB convention and enjoyed the speakers and break out sessions.

Ken Crawford, Superintendent

1. Talked to Waco about operational sharing of superintendent, maintenance, human resources and possibly another position. They are on board to do this.
2. Dave Dickinson has been working on the tile leak at the softball field and is helping with the culvert & ditch work at the southeast end of the driveway. Appreciate his help with all of that. The county did the work on the ditch at the northeast driveway.

There will not be a work session in December.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school board room.

Longbine made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Seconded by Butler.

Motion carried 7-0

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

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