

**HIGHLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 18, 2024
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

INVOCATION – led by Jimmy Johns

ROLL CALL

Board of Trustees President Jimmy Johns called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and certified the presence of a quorum. Those present: Allen Hoelscher, Brandon Bankhead, Kevin Gillespie, Rebecca Gratehouse. Brent Allen and Derek Montgomery were not in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Steven Pyburn, Business Manager LynnAnn Duniven, Superintendent Secretary Recia Hale, and Dean of Students Shea Baucom.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

ITEMS for DISCUSSION and/or ACTION

A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from the December 14, 2023 Board meeting

There was a motion made by Allen Hoelscher and a second by Rebecca Gratehouse to approve the consent agenda.
Motion passed 5-0.

B. Business Managers Report

Mrs. Duniven presented this report.

Information only, no action.

C. Quarterly Investment Report

Mrs. Duniven reviewed Quarterly Investment Report.

There was a motion made by Brandon Bankhead with a second from Kevin Gillespie to accept the Quarterly Investment Report.
Motion passed 5-0

D. 2022-23 Financial Audit Report

Mr. Michael Hamby of Merritt, McLane and Hamby presented the 2022-23 Financial Audit Report to the Board.

Allen Hoelscher made a motion to approve the 2022-23 Financial Audit Report as presented to the Board. Rebecca Gratehouse seconded the motion.
Motion passed 5-0.

E. Consider 2024-25 West Texas Food Service Coop Interlocal Agreement

This is a yearly agreement renewal.

There was a motion from Allen Hoelscher with a second from Brandon Bankhead to approve the 2024-25 WTFSC Interlocal Agreement.
Motion passed 5-0.

F. Additional Transfer Students for 2023-24

Mr. Pyburn presented additional transfer students for the 2023-24 school year.

There was a motion made by Kevin Gillespie with a second from Rebecca Gratehouse to approve or deny the students as presented to the Board.
Motion passed 5-0.

G. Abilene Regional School Program for the Deaf

This is a yearly Agenda Item that we have to review and approve.

There was a motion made by Allen Hoelscher and seconded by Brandon Bankhead to approve the agreement with the Abilene Regional School Program for the Deaf.
Motion passed 5-0.

H. Principal's Report

There was no monthly principal's report.

No action.

I. Superintendent Report

1. Upcoming Security Updates/Expenses
2. Feb. Meeting Date with Meal (19th/6:30)
3. Teacherages
 - a. The board would like to start with one new teacherage to fit within the current footprint of the school landscape. They would like to expand in the future behind the house located at 221 Highland Road.

The Board entered into closed session at 7:24 p.m. under TCG Section 551.074.

J. Personnel

1. Superintendent Appraisal
2. Superintendent Contract

The Board resumed open session at 8:52 p.m.

2. Superintendent Contract

There was a motion made by Allen Hoelscher and a second by Brandon Bankhead to extend the superintendent contract for an additional year, through the 2026-27 school year, with a salary increase of 4%.

Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business, President Jimmy Johns declared the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

President

Secretary

Date