

**HIGHLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, May 16, 2022  
7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**INVOCATION** – led by Derek Montgomery

**ROLL CALL**

Board of Trustees President Jimmy Johns called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and certified the presence of a quorum. Those present: Brandon Bankhead, Kevin Gillespie, Allen Hoelscher, Derek Montgomery and Rebecca Gratehouse. Cody Muncy was not in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Robbie Phillips, Business Manager Lynn Ann Duniven, Superintendent Secretary Recia Hale, and Principal Brittany Lloyd.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Lesli Tomlin   Shea Baucom   Dustin Drake

**OPEN FORUM**

**ITEMS for DISCUSSION and/or ACTION**

**A. Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from the April 18, 2022 Board meeting

There was a motion made by Kevin Gillespie and a second by Rebecca Gratehouse to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion passed 6-0.

**B. Business Manager's Report**

Mrs. Duniven gave this report.

Information only. No action.

**C. Audit Firm Engagement Letter 2022-23**

This is an annual renewal.

There was a motion made by Allen Hoelscher with a second by Derek Montgomery to approve the agreement with Merritt, McClane and Hamby for the 2022-23 school year.

Motion passed 6-0.

**D. Recommendations for Game Gym Elevator Repair**

Mr. Phillips reviewed the estimates and repairs that needed to be made to the elevator in the Activity Gym to get us back in ADA compliance.

There was a motion made by Rebecca Gratehouse with a second by Brandon Bankhead to approve the necessary repairs for compliance.

Motion passed 6-0.

**E. Transfer Students for 2022-23**

Mrs. Lloyd presented a list of recommended transfer student for the 2022-2023 school year.

There was a motion made by Kevin Gillespie and a second by Brandon Bankhead to approve/deny the transfer students as presented to the Board.

Motion passed 6-0.

**F. Housing Agreement with Teacherage Residents**

Mr. Phillips reviewed a Housing Agreement with the Board that would be effective for the residents of Highland ISD teacherages.

There was a motion made by Derek Montgomery and a second by Brandon Bankhead to approve the Housing Agreement with the term running from July 1- June 30; requiring a \$250 security deposit.

Motion passed 6-0.

**G. Principal's Report**

Mrs. Lloyd presented the monthly principal's report.

Information Only.

**H. Superintendent Report**

1. Graduations

*The Board entered into closed session at 7:47 p.m. under TCG Section 551.074.*

**I. Personnel**

1. Assistant Football Coach/Teacher
2. Assistant Basketball Coach/Teacher
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
4. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
5. Interventionist

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

There was a motion made by Derek Montgomery with a second from Allen Hoelscher to hire Clifton Thorton for the position of Assistant Football Coach/Teacher.  
Motion passed 6-0.

There was a motion made by Brandon Bankhead with a second from Kevin Gillespie to hire Abby Trammell for the position of Assistant Basketball Coach/Teacher.  
Motion passed 6-0.

There was a motion made by Allen Hoelscher with a second from Derek Montgomery to hire Karlie Allen for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher.  
Motion passed 6-0.

There was a motion made by Rebecca Gratehouse with a second from Kevin Gillespie to hire Jessica Chavez for the position of 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher.  
Motion passed 6-0.

There was a motion made by Rebecca Gratehouse with a second from Brandon Bankhead to hire Abigail Bowen for the position of Interventionist.  
Motion passed 6-0.

**ADJOURN**

With there being no further business, President Jimmy Johns declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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Date