

**HIGHLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 16, 2023
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

INVOCATION – led by Brent Allen

ROLL CALL

Board of Trustees Vice President Allen Hoelscher called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and certified the presence of a quorum. Those present: Brandon Bankhead, Kevin Gillespie, Allen Hoelscher, Derek Montgomery and Rebecca Gratehouse. Jimmy Johns was not in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Robbie Phillips, Business Manager Lynn Ann Duniven, Superintendent Secretary Recia Hale, Principal Brittany Lloyd, and Assistant Principal Morgan Martin.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Abigail Bowen Phyllis Wilburn Cyree Hyde Duane Hyde
Ben Smith Debbie Martin Leslie Tomlin

OPEN FORUM

ITEMS for DISCUSSION and/or ACTION

A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from the April 24, May 2, May 8, and May 10, 2023 Board meetings

There was a motion made by Derek Montgomery 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. Consider Action on Depository Contract

This is an annual renewal. Mrs. Duniven reviewed contract with the Board.

There was a motion made by Brent Allen with a second by Kevin Gillespie to approve the Depository Contract as presented to the Board.
Motion passed 6-0.

D. Consider Amendment to the February 24, 2023 Minutes

Mrs. Duniven reviewed the wording of Item K sub-items 2 and 3. The wording gives the wrong salary amount for the 2023-2024 school year. She advised to change the wording to a 4% raise rather than the amounts given.

There was a motion made by Brandon Bankhead with a second by Kevin Gillespie to approve the changes as presented.
Motion passed 6-0.

E. Consider Dyslexia Handbook

Mrs. Hyde presented a Dyslexia Handbook and Dyslexia Plan to the Board for review. She discussed the upcoming school year and the challenges that it might bring without an updated handbook in place.

There was a motion made by Brent Allen with a second by Brandon Bankhead to adopt the Plan as presented with the option to revise the Plan as needed for the 2023-24 school year.
Motion passed 6-0.

F. Transfer Students for 2023-24

Mrs. Lloyd presented a list of recommended transfer student for the 2023-2024 school year.

There was a motion made by Brent Allen and a second by Kevin Gillespie to approve/deny the transfer students as presented to the Board.
Motion passed 6-0.

G. Consider Proposal to Allow In-District Home School Students to Participate in UIL and FFA Activities Pursuant to Texas Education Code 33.0832

Mr. Montgomery and Mrs. Grathouse presented information on this Item. The Tim Tebow Bill was also reviewed.

There was a motion made by Derek Montgomery with a second by Brent Allen to table this Item until more information can be gathered.
Motion passed 6-0.

H. Consider Additional Teacherages/Housing Stipends

The Board discussed the current teacherages and the possibility of a stipend for certain positions within the district.

No action at this time.

I. Principal's Report

Mrs. Lloyd presented the monthly principal's report.

Information Only.

J. Superintendent Report

1. Graduations

K. Personnel

1. New Hires

There was a motion made by Brent Allen with a second by Derek Montgomery to hire Garrett Watson as a Secondary Science Teacher and Head Boys Basketball Coach.

Motion passed 6-0

ADJOURN

With there being no further business, President Jimmy Johns declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Vice President

Secretary

Date