

**HIGHLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CALLED MEETING
Monday, May 2, 2023
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, Allen Hoelscher, Derek Montgomery, Kevin Gillespie, Rebecca Gratehouse, and Brent Allen. Also present was Superintendent Robbie Phillips, Assistant Principal Morgan Martin, and Superintendent Secretary Recia Hale.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Ronnie Kincaid

ITEMS for DISCUSSION and/or ACTION

A. Accept Resignation/Retirement Letter

Mr. Phillips presented the resignation letter of Ms. Whitney Ashford.

There was a motion made by Derek Montgomery with a second by Kevin Gillespie to accept the resignation of Ms. Ashford effective at the end of her current contract. Motion passed 7-0.

B. Consider and Discuss Principal Applications

Mr. Phillips presented the applicants to the Board for consideration with regards to the Principal and Assistant Principal positions available for the 2022-23 school year.

The Board entered into closed session at 7:15 p.m. under TCG Section 551.074.

B. Consider and Discuss Principal Applications

Mr. Phillips presented the applicants to the Board for consideration with regards to the Principal and Assistant Principal positions available for the 2022-23 school year.

C. Review Superintendent Applications

Board reviewed the applications that have been received for the vacant superintendent position.

The Board resumed open session at 8:14 p.m.

There was a motion made by Allen Hoelscher and a second by Derek Montgomery to move Morgan Martin to the Principal position with an emphasis in Elementary on a two year contract with a salary of \$76,000. This position will begin July 2023. Motion passed 7-0.

There was a motion made by Derek Montgomery and a second by Kevin Gillespie to hire Shea Baucom as the Assistant Principal with a Secondary emphasis on a probationary one year contract with a salary of \$75,000. Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business, President Jimmy Johns declared the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

President

Secretary

Date