

**HIGHLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 14, 2023
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

INVOCATION – led by Allen Hoelscher

ROLL CALL

Board of Trustees President Jimmy Johns called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and certified the presence of a quorum. Those present: Brandon Bankhead, Allen Hoelscher, Kevin Gillespie, Rebecca Gratehouse and Brent Allen. Derek Montgomery was 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

Alyssa Cain
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OPEN FORUM

ITEMS for DISCUSSION and/or ACTION

A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from the June 19, 2023 Board meeting

There was a motion made by Rebecca Gratehouse and a second by Allen Hoelscher.

Motion passed 6-0.

B. Business Manager's Report

Mrs. Duniven presented her report.

Information only, no action.

C. Consider Stipend List

Mr. Pyburn presented the list of stipends for the District. There was also discussion on a stipend for Junior and Senior class sponsors.

There was a motion made by Rebecca Gratehouse with a second from Brent Allen to approve list with stipends added into base, and to add a \$4,000.00 Junior/Senior Sponsor Stipend that will be given each year, divided between the faculty/staff who are sponsoring for those school years.

Motion passed 6-0.

D. Consider Teacher Pay Scale

There were two pay scales presented to the Board. Option one listed stipends and insurance separate from base pay, while option two listed the stipends as part of base pay. The Board also discussed the amount the District covers for insurance and agreed to increase the amount to keep with rising costs.

There was a motion made by Brent Allen, with a second from Rebecca Gratehouse, to list our teacher pay scale as the Option 2, and increase insurance coverage by the school to \$403.48.

Motion passed 6-0.

E. Budget Workshop

Mrs. Duniven reviewed the budget lines for 2023-2023 and 2023-2024, answering any questions the Board might have had.

Information only.

F. Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

Mrs. Duniven presented the proposed 2023-2024 Budget to the Board.

There was a motion made by Brent Allen and a second by Rebecca Gratehouse to approve the proposed 2023-2024 Budget as presented to the Board.

Motion passed 6-0.

G. Proposed Tax Rates for 2023-24

Mr. Pyburn reviewed the proposed tax rates for the 2023-2024 school year.

There was a motion made by Allen Hoelscher and a second by Brandon Bankhead to approve the proposed tax rates as presented to the Board.

Motion passed 6-0.

H. Quarterly Investment Report

Mrs. Duniven reviewed the investment report with the Board.

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

I. Consider Approving Option Three for Chapter 49 Recapture

Mr. Pyburn discussed this item that must be renewed annually. For the 2023-2024 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code(TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).

There was a motion made by Kevin Gillespie and a second by Allen Hoelscher to approve the Chapter 49 Option 3 Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits for the 2023-24 school year.
Motion passed 6-0.

J. 2023-2024 DAEP Agreement with Colorado City ISD

Mr. Pyburn presented the renewal of the DAEP Agreement with Colorado City ISD. This is an annual renewal.

There was a motion from Brent Allen with a second from Allen Hoelscher to approve the DAEP Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year.
Motion passed 6-0.

K. Consider Student Code of Conduct

Mr. Pyburn reviewed with the Board the updated 2023-2024 Student Code of Conduct, covering any changes that may have been made.

There was a motion by Brandon Bankhead and a second from Rebecca Gratehouse to approve the Student Code of Conduct as presented.
Motion passed 6-0.

L. Review 2023-2024 Student Handbook and Athletic Handbook

Mr. Pyburn reviewed the Student and Athletic Handbook with the Board.

Information only, no action.

M. Consider Highland Scholarship Bylaws

Due to verbiage in the current scholarship bylaws, trade school students are finding it difficult to effectively use the Highland Scholarship. Mr. Pyburn presented a revision in the verbiage on the bylaws that will make it more accessible to all students, traditional or those entering alternative/trade school choices.

TERMS OF SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship provides up to four years or eight long semesters of grants for post-high school college education (per the scale above). To receive the scholarship, the recipient must be a graduate of Highland ISD starting on or after 2012. While attending post-secondary education, the student must be a full-time student, taking at least 12 credit hours per semester, (or equivalent if a vocational school) and must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA.) If the GPA drops below 2.0, a student may be reinstated if they are able to bring their GPA back to a 2.0.

Vocational School Tuition

Recipients of these scholarships who choose to attend a trade or vocational school instead of a traditional four-year college are eligible to receive an amount up to the entire amount of the scholarship grant award equally divided between the semesters for the proposed course of study, however such award will not exceed the actual cost of tuition, fees, books, room and board.

There was a motion made by Rebecca Gratehouse with a second from Brent Allen to approve the revised terms, as listed above.
Motion passed 6-0.

N. Additional Transfer Students

Additional transfer students were presented to the Board for consideration for the 2023-2024 school year.

There was a motion made by Brent Allen with a second from Kevin Gillespie to accept and deny transfer students as recommended to the Board.
Motion passed 6-0.

O. Superintendent Report

1. Roofing-Warranty claim on roof
2. Scoreboards
3. School Calendar on Phones
4. Lighting-Audit is in process
5. Convention
6. Ag Trailer

ADJOURN

With there being no further business, President Jimmy Johns declared the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

President

Secretary

Date