

**HIGHLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 18, 2021
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

STATEMENT OF OFFICER for BOARD APPOINTMENT

OATH OF OFFICE for BOARD APPOINTMENT

INVOCATION – led by Derek Montgomery

ROLL CALL

Board of Trustees President Jimmy Johns called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and certified the presence of a quorum. Those present: Vice President Allen Hoelscher, Secretary Brandon Bankhead, Cody Muncy, Kevin Gillespie, Derek Montgomery, and Rebecca Gratehouse. Also present were Superintendent Robbie Phillips, Business Manager LynnAnn Duniven, Superintendent Secretary Recia Hale, Secondary Principal Shane Mallory and Elementary Principal Brittany Lloyd.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Cheryl Merritt

OPEN FORUM

ITEMS for DISCUSSION and/or ACTION

A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from the October 18, 2021 Board meeting

There was a motion made by Derek Montgomery and a second by Brandon Bankhead to approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion passed 7-0.

B. 2020-21 Financial Audit Report

Ms. Merritt presented the 2020-21 Financial Audit Report to the Board.

Allen Hoelscher made a motion to approve the 2020-21 Financial Audit Report as presented to the Board. Cody Muncy seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7-0.

C. Business Office Report

Mrs. Duniven presented the monthly business office report to the Board and answered any questions they might have had.

Information only, no action.

D. Consider Transportation Purchase

Board Member Derek Montgomery re-addressed the need to update the current bus fleet. Mr. Phillips reviewed the current state of our buses and also presented options for possible purchase.

Derek Montgomery made the motion to approve purchase of two new buses: one, a 66 passenger bus, for \$103,000 and the second, a medium size travel bus, for 125,000. This motion was seconded by Rebecca Gratehouse.
Motion passed 7-0.

E. Consider Nominations for Appraisal District Board

After consideration, the Board decided not to distribute votes between multiple nominees, but rather to place all votes with one nominee.

There was a motion made by Cody Muncy with a second from Derek Montgomery to cast 494 votes for Sheldon Claborn.
Motion passed 7-0.

F. Consider Options for Unused Concession Space

Board Member Derek Montgomery discussed the need to renovate the concession area to make it more efficient and fan friendly.

This motion was tabled until bids and plans could be gathered for further discussion. Revisit options at the December meeting.

G. Additional Transfer Students for 2021-22

Mrs. Lloyd and Mr. Mallory presented additional transfer students for 2021-22 for consideration.

Rebecca Gratehouse made a motion to approve/deny the students as presented to the Board. Cody Muncy seconded the motion.
Motion passed 7-0.

H. Consider December 2021 Board Meeting Date

It was discussed that there would be a conflict with the December Board meeting date. The Board decided to move the meeting to Thursday, December 16, 2021. Time will remain the same.

Kevin Gillespie made a motion, seconded by Brandon Bankhead, to move the meeting date.

Motion passed 7-0.

I. Policy Review Session Recommendations and Instructions Regarding (LOCAL) Policies

Mr. Phillips reviewed the updates recommended by TASB to get our (LOCAL) Policy in compliance with current mandates.

There was a motion made by Cody Muncy with a second by Kevin Gillespie to approve the updates as recommended by TASB to our (LOCAL) Policy.

Motion passed 7-0.

J. District of Innovation Plan-Renewal

The District of Innovation Plan had to be updated for its renewal.

Information only, no action.

K. Consider Options for Updates and Construction on Teacherages

The Board discussed all of the renovations that needed to be made to the HISD houses. They also reviewed the bids for the fencing options from three different companies.

There was a motion made by Kevin Gillespie with a second from Rebecca Gratehouse to accept the bid from Abilene Wood Fencing for \$45,650.00.

Motion passed 7-0

There was a motion made by Derek Montgomery with a second from Brandon Bankhead to complete the construction of a porch and awning for the 2021 Teacherage.

Motion passed 7-0.

L. Principals' Reports

Mrs. Lloyd and Mr. Mallory presented the monthly principals reports.

No action.

M. Superintendent's Report

1. Security Meeting with area officials
2. Student Attendance for Second Six Weeks

ADJOURN

With there being no further business, President Jimmy Johns declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary

Date