

Highlands School Board Meeting Highlights

December 3, 2013 Planning & Voting School Board Meeting

NOTE: This Board Highlights document includes the actions of the School Board Meeting. It is not meant to be an exact reflection of the meeting's minutes.

AGENDA

ROLL CALL – All board members present.

AGENDA ITEMS

Unless otherwise noted, the Board unanimously agreed to the following items:

CAFETERIA

No action.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Approving the following 2013-2014 Student Activity Sponsors:

Hill, James – HMS Musical – Set Construction

Rizzo, Kate – Co-Sponsor HMS Assistant Director/Reception Coordinator

Hrivnak, Kristine – Co-Sponsor, HMS Assistant Director / Reception Coordinator

INSTRUCTION

- Amending the District Calendar to add an Act 80 Day on January 27, 2014.

** This day will be used for Professional Development for faculty. Students will not attend school. It will not require a make-up day.*

TRANSPORTATION

No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

- Approving the Use of Facilities, as submitted [**See appendix link on Board Highlights page**].

PERSONNEL

- Approving the change in position of **LaVina Geracia** from Custodian II at the High School to Custodian I at Middle School.

FINANCE/TAX

- Authorize the district to enter into agreement to sale the administration center contingent upon solicitors review and approval.

- Appoint delinquent tax collector as Highlands School District Tax Office to collect the remaining Brackenridge taxes due to the newly elected collector in Brackenridge.

- Review of procedures for tax publication.

FORBES ROAD CTC

No report.

PSBA/NSBA

No report.

POLICY

No report.

** Mr. Love recommended seeking sample policies regarding the publication of delinquent taxpayers for future reference.*

ATHLETICS

- Ratifying the hiring of the following athletic personnel for the 2013-2014 school year in accordance with Board Policy #404 (Pre-Employment Drug Test, #414, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Record Check (Salary as per Board/HEA Collective Bargaining Agreement,) and #916.1

Name

Kordes, Kerry

Misejka, Nikki

Position

Scoreboard Operator

Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Misty Chybrzynski shared the following Community Outreach items:

Dec. 3 @ Highlands High School Library, 7 PM - Combined Reorganization, Agenda and Voting meeting

Dec. 4 @ Highlands High School, 7 PM – Highlands Area Rotary Club Choral Concert

Dec. 6 @ Pittsburgh Mills, at 6 PM – Variations and Highlands Choir Performance, Food Court

SUPPORT TOYS FOR TOTS AT HIGHLANDS!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6: Fawn, Fairmount & Grandview students can bring donations to school.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14: Stuff A Bus, sponsored by NHS and Student Council, 11 AM to 3 PM. From 11 AM - 1 PM the bus will be at Highlands Middle School in Brackenridge then roll to Grandview Upper Elementary School in Tarentum from 1 to 3 PM. *Thanks to W.L. Roenigk's Transportation Co. and Trib Total Media for supporting this event!*

Bring a new, unwrapped toy for boys and girls ages 1-12. Especially needed are toys for ages 9 to 12. Monetary donations also are accepted, with checks preferred and made out to "Toys for Tots." All donations will directly benefit families in our school district and neighboring towns. Any Highlands group or staff that can contribute to the Stuff-A-Bus event can contact Misty Chybrzynski at mchybrzynski@goldenrams.com or 724-226-2400 x4550. Check out more information here: <http://bit.ly/17J6Hlr>

SECOND ANNUAL HHS FOOD DRIVE!

HHS Football Team, Cheerleaders, and Student Council are working together to organize the Second Annual Food Drive. Collection of canned goods and nonperishable items will take place Dec. 3 to Dec. 13. Each grade will be competing for a reward and a "Ram Pride" certificate. Students can take their items to the following teachers: 9th grade-Mrs. Galcik, A-205, 10th grade-Mrs. Eidenshink, Library, 11th grade-Mrs. Bonnett, A-208, 12th grade-Mrs. Jackson, B-104. Residents may drop items off in the Highlands High School office during normal operating hours or call 724-226-1000 to verify school is open.

THANKS, FIRST UNITED PRESBY!

Many thanks to Rev. Philip A. Beck and his congregation at the First United Presbyterian Church for their tremendous help to our families. They provided Thanksgiving baskets for four Grandview Upper Elementary School families (35 people total) that are struggling this holiday.

- "Christmas in the Park" in Tarentum Park from 6 to 8 PM on Saturday, December 14. Entertainment, live nativity, toy giveaway, bonfire, basket raffles, food and more! Highlands Middle School Chorus and Show Choir will perform, as well as student instrumentalist solo and pairs.

Mrs. Carrie Fox recognized the following items:

- **Mrs. Heather Hauser** met the **Book It! Program Principal Challenge**, and showed students that everybody reads, and reads for FUN by reading all day on stage in the auditorium. Community members and officers from the **Tarentum Police Department** joined her and the students as well throughout the day.

- Both **Kindergarten Feasts** held at Fairmount and Fawn Primary Centers were wonderful events this Thanksgiving! Both **Mrs. Fox** and **Mrs. Thimons** attended the well planned and enjoyable events.

- Many students and student groups participated in the annual **Tarentum And Brackenridge Holiday Parade**. Thanks to all of the staff, students and community members for helping to organize and make the parade a successful event again this year!

Dr. Michael Bjalobok reported the following items:

- Keystone Exams are being held in the High School Library on Wednesday, December 4, which is why the Board meeting is being held in the Audion.

- The new Director of Technology **Mr. Doug Costa** met with the Administrative Team this morning. **Ron Main**, founder and chairman of Questeq, and Mr. Costa reviewed the company's goals for its partnership with Highlands School District – and each goal led to an overall improvement in student achievement. In addition to Mr. Costa, technician **Robert Dennis** has begun his work at Highlands.

2013 Highlands School Board Members

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