

Highlands School Board Meeting Highlights

February 21, 2011 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.

ROLL CALL – Seven board members present. **Mr. Eric Miles** and **Mrs. Judy Wisner** were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board approved the January 24, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – No report.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Miss Allie Thimons reported the following information:

- The High School Musical "The Wedding Singer" is on March 4, 5, and 6. The orchestra seats are \$7.50, the back of the auditorium is \$6.50 and the balcony is \$5.00. Thank you to those of you that supported the 80's Prom.
- In sports: The Boys Basketball game is tomorrow at 8 p.m. at North Hills High School for the Playoffs. The Girls Basketball Team made the playoffs and had a tough loss. In swimming **Conner Calarie** received a full scholarship to Ohio State University. The spring sports that are coming up are Track, Baseball, Softball, and Boy's Tennis. Micah Mason was on the news for being the top scorer in basketball and he was also featured in Sport Illustrated for Faces in the Crowd.
- The Prom theme was chosen and it's "Vintage Hollywood" and it will be held at the High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT– No report.

ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Patrick Graczyk reported the following:

- We held our Title One Parent Advisory Committee meeting and it was well attended. Those meetings are to help educate parents on what is going on with Title One Programs in addition Title One has sent out our letters of interest to non-public schools in our area to see if they have any students that attend Highlands and are currently going to their non-public school so that we can start making our budget for next year.
- The Curriculum Writing Teams are all up and running now. We have Social Studies, Science, Communication Arts, Mathematics and the Arts are currently writing curriculums as well as the Guidance Department.
- All of the data teams met grades K-12 on Friday to analyze student achievement data on 4Sight and also from Ames web. Based on that data, we created grade level and department level goals to improve student achievement we will continue to monitor student progress and we are meeting the 1st week in March to look at Professional Development for next year.
- The Brown and Gold ceremonies held at the Middle and High School were well prepared and organized and it was really nice to see all of our students being honored.

The School Board unanimously approved the following items:

CAFETERIA – **Mrs. Wantland, Mrs. Wisner**

The Board accepted the Cafeteria Fund Financial Report for January 2011, as submitted.

The Board approved the payment of Cafeteria Fund bills, as submitted.

To be paid \$93,060.86

STUDENT ACTIVITIES – Mrs. Thimons, Mrs. Wisner

The Board approved the Student Activities Fund Financial Report for January 2011, as submitted.

INSTRUCTION – Mrs. Wisner, Mrs. Wantland

The board approved the Program of Studies for the Middle School, as submitted.

TRANSPORTATION – Mr. Heasley, Mr. Lang

No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Mr. Heasley, Mrs. Fox

The Board approved the use of facilities, as submitted. **[SEE APPENDIX 6.1]**

PERSONNEL – Mrs. Fox, Mr. Miles

The Board approved ratifying the resignation of **Hope Johnston**, Personal Care Aide, effective January 28, 2010.

The Board approved the hiring of the following Classified Employees, in accordance with Board Policy #504 (Pre-Employment Drug Test), #515, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Record Check:

- A. **Mary Vantine** – Ratify
Personal Aide – Grandview (Replacement)
Effective February 7, 2011
Salary as per Secretary/Aide salary schedule

The Board approved the 2010-2011 Substitute Teacher Call List, as submitted. As per Board Policy #405 (Pre-Employment Drug Test) #414, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Criminal Record Check).

The Board approved the 2010-2011 Substitute School Nurse Call List, as submitted. As per Board Policy #405 (Pre-Employment Drug Test) #414, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Criminal Record Check).

The Board approved the 2010-2011 Substitute Custodian Call List, as submitted. As per Board Policy #505 (Pre-Employment Drug Test) #514, Act 34, Act 151, and FBI Criminal Record Check).

The Board approved the following request for a Leave of Absence, in accordance with Board/HEA Collective Bargaining Agreement:

- A. **Jennifer Galcik**
Life Skills Teacher
Highlands Middle School
Family and Medical Leave of Absence
Approximately 6 weeks beginning February 23, 2011

FINANCE/TAX – Mr. Miles, Mrs. Thimons

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for January 2011, as submitted and subject to audit.

The Board approved Tax Refunds for February 2011 in the amount of \$140,196.19, as submitted.

The Board approved payment of General Fund bills, as submitted.

February to be ratified	\$ 313,467.82
February to be paid	\$ 731,610.35
TOTAL	\$1,045,078.17

The Board approved authorizing the Solicitor to proceed with Assessment Appeals, as submitted.

The Board approved authorizing the district to send unclaimed bonds to the PA Treasury Unclaimed Property Department as recommended by Solicitor.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Mrs. Wantland, Mrs. Fox, Mr. Krzton, Mrs. Thimons

District staff and students joined together this month to conduct fundraisers and collect donations for a Highlands family who thankfully survived a house fire and for a Highlands alumnus who is battling cancer. Combined efforts raised nearly \$2,000 for the families, and some are still ongoing. To find out how you can help, visit www.GoldenRams.com.

FORBES ROAD CTC – Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Beale

No report.

PSBA/NSBA – Mr. Krzton

No report.

POLICY – Mr. Krzton, Mr. Lang, Mrs. Wantland

The Board approved the 2nd Reading of the following policy:

816 – Public Communications by Employees

ATHLETICS – Mr. Lang, Mr. Heasley, Mr. Krzton

The Board approved the Athletic Fund Report for January 2011, as submitted.

The Board approved the hiring of the following athletic personnel for the 2010-2011 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.):

Name	Position
Kirin, Tyler	Boys Tennis Coach

TECHNOLOGY – Mrs. Thimons, Mr. Miles

No report.

MISCELLANEOUS

No report.

2011 Highlands School Board Members

Debbie Beale - President

Carrie Fox - Vice President

Laura Thimons William Heasley

Ron Lang William Krzton

Eric Miles Karen Wantland

Judy Wisner