

# *Highlands School Board Meeting Highlights*

## **February 17, 2010 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** – Five members present, four absent. Absentee members: **Mr. Ron Lang, Mrs. Karen Wantland, Mrs. Judy Wisner, Mrs. Laura Thimons.**

The Board unanimously approved the following items:

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The Board approved the minutes of the January 25, 2010 Regular Meeting.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – No report.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT** - **Corey Negley** reported that both the Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball teams are entering the WPIAL playoffs this weekend. The Brown and Gold Awards assemblies are scheduled for February 24, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the High School. The library book fair did not do very well due to inclement weather, and anybody who would like to donate for new books may contact **Mrs. Sandra Reidmiller**, librarian at the High School. Corey reported that High School students are anxious to find out the make-up days schedule for the school year and are encouraging administration to file for exemptions due to the snow emergency. **Ms. Debbie Beucker**, High School assistant principal, applied for the 2010-2011 Dual Enrollment grant for \$72,000. Last year, she applied for the same amount, but the school only received \$23,000; however, Ms. Beucker applied for reimbursement for students at the mid-year point. This evening, the boys basketball team is playing at Knoch High School. The High School musical, "**Cinderella**", is planned for March 4 – 7, 2010. PSSA testing will take place in April, and students are preparing now.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – **Dr. Louis Baldassare** reported that snow make-up days will be the following: February 15, March 18, March 19 and April 5. In addition, one more day will need to be made up and administration is contemplating having that day be May 14, which also is the Prom. Secondary students would be in class for half of a day, while elementary students will attend a full day. The administration did apply for an exemption, and Dr. Baldassare will report updates on that process.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – **Dr. Joseph Latess** reported that the AFG team will continue to meet monthly, with other committees meeting regularly also. The high school accreditation team continues to prepare for the Middle States Association of Colleges and Universities visit and validation next spring. The accreditation model selected, "Accreditation for Growth", requires the team to use data gathered through several surveys to address specific goals and establish a timeline to achieve those goals. Thus far, the team has developed a mission statement and the data is being evaluated. Twelve committees meet regularly and the core team meets monthly on Sundays at 6 p.m. In other news, the Title I Intervention Staff completed assessments in December and assigned students to instructional groups according to their individual needs. The staff will use 4Sights and Dibels testing to assess these individual students improvement.

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

The Board accepted the Cafeteria Fund Financial Report for January 2010, as submitted.

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

To be paid           **\$70,789.13**

### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES – Mrs. Thimons, Mrs. Wisner**

The Board approved the Student Activities Fund Financial Report for January 2010, as submitted.

### **STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

The Board approved expulsion case 10-03.

- *Mr. Krzton abstained.*

The Board approved expulsion case 10-04.

- *Mr. Krzton abstained.*

### **INSTRUCTION – Mrs. Wisner, Mrs. Wantland**

The Board approved the Summer Science Camp Proposal, as submitted.

### **TRANSPORTATION – Mr. Heasley, Mr. Lang**

No report.

### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Mr. Heasley, Mrs. Fox**

The Board approved the use of facilities, as submitted.

The Board approved the following grass services with the same companies as in the past year with no increase in cost:

#### **A. Grass Cutting, Trimming & Leaf Removal**

JP Custom Lawn Care	\$18,600.00
Highlands Golden Rams Diamond Club	\$ 706.00
(baseball field only)	

#### **B. Lawn Chemical Treatment**

JML Landscape Mgmt.	\$5,828.00
Highlands Golden Rams Diamond Club	\$2,275.00
(baseball field only)	

#### **C. Sports Field Preparation**

Pollick's Custom Lawn Care	\$3,765.00
Highlands Golden Rams Diamond Club	\$1,200.00

(baseball field only)

The Board approved the addendum with Trane to achieve additional energy savings, as submitted.

A. DDC/Community Center	\$13,900
B. High School Pneumatics	\$62,176

**PERSONNEL – Mrs. Fox, Mr. Miles**

The Board approved the 2009-2010 Substitute Security Guard 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 2009-2010 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 awarding Permanent Professional Contracts to the following teachers, in accordance with Pennsylvania School Code (three years of Satisfactory Performance at the Highlands School District):

**A. Cynthia Lambing**  
Elementary Teacher

The Board approved the following requests for Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Educational Purposes in accordance with Board/District policies:

**A. S. Jeffrey Pollick**  
Physical Education Teacher  
1<sup>st</sup> Semester of the 2010-2011 School Year

**FINANCE/TAX – Mr. Miles, Mrs. Thimons**

The Board accepted the Treasurer's Report for December 2009, as submitted and subject to audit.

The Board approved Tax Refunds for February 2010, as submitted.

The Board approved payment of General Fund bills for February 2010, as submitted.

February to be ratified	\$ 676,095.91
February to be paid	<u>\$ 495,447.34</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,171,543.25</b>

The Board approved payment of 2007 Bond Issue bills for February 2010 in the amount of \$764,965.50, as submitted.

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

**Mrs. Fox** congratulated **Mr. Michael Zeiler** on the extensive profile of his skills and his talents in the Valley News Dispatch newspaper, Sunday, February 14, 2010 print edition. The article detailed his work experience at Disney World in Florida and the music classes he instructs at Heights and Fawn Elementary schools.

In addition, **Mrs. Kathy Harenski** was profiled in the same edition for her work with AFS, which celebrates 50 years at Highlands this year.

#### **FORBES ROAD CTC – Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Beale**

No report.

#### **PSBA/NSBA – Mrs. Wisner**

No report.

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

No report.

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

The Board approved the Athletic Fund Report for January 2010, as submitted. **[SEE FINANCIAL REPORT 13.1]**

#### **TECHNOLOGY – Mrs. Thimons, Mr. Miles**

No report.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Board meetings will return to the regularly scheduled dates of March 8, 2010, 7 p.m. at the Administrative Center for the Agenda Meeting and of March 15, 2010 at the High School Library for the Regular Meeting.

### *2010 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*