

HIGHLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 20, 2020
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting was called to order and roll call taken by Dr. Christopher, Board President, at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Wolny, present; Mr. Houska, present; Mr. Kelly, present; Mrs. Thomas, present; Dr. Christopher, present.

Dr. Christopher acknowledged the temporary new format of the Board meetings whereby the Board and certain administrators were physically present and the public had the ability to attend the meeting virtually. Dr. Christopher noted that the format change was necessary to adhere to the Governor's order regarding social gatherings and social distancing. He shared that he prefers to think of the current situation as physical distancing, but socially connected.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on May 18, 2020 at the High School Media Center at 7:00 P.M.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Addition – Item IX – Superintendent's Agenda – Acceptance of Donations – Highland Athletic Facilities Association donation of \$110,000 to the Highland Local School District Athletic Complex Project

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 20-04-32

Mrs. Thomas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wolny, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2020, as presented.

Mrs. Thomas, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes; Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Kelly, yes; Dr. Christopher, yes.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS 20-04-33

Mr. Houska made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the February and March 2020 Financial Reports, as presented.

Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Kelly, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Dr. Christopher, yes.

Motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS 20-04-34

Mr. Wolny made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, that the Board of Education approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Amended Appropriations, as presented in Addendum # I.

Mr. Wolny, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Kelly, yes; Dr. Christopher, yes.

Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF TAX RATES AND AMOUNTS 20-04-35

Mr. Kelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Houska, that the Board of Education approve the "Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor", as presented in Addendum # II.

Mr. Kelly, yes; Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Dr. Christopher, yes.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE AMENDMENTS 20-04-36

Mr. Wolny made a motion, seconded by Mr. Houska, that the Board of Education approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendments for the new elementary buildings, as presented.

Mr. Wolny, yes; Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Kelly, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Dr. Christopher, yes.

Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBERS' AGENDA ITEMS

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND SUSPENSION OF BOARD POLICY 20-04-37

Mrs. Thomas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Houska, that the Board of Education approve the resolution declaring an emergency and suspending Board Policy related to public participation at Board Meetings, as presented in Addendum # III.

Mrs. Thomas, yes; Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes; Mr. Kelly, yes; Dr. Christopher, yes.

Motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF DISTANCE LEARNING 20-04-38

Mr. Houska made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wolny, that the Board of Education approve the resolution approving distance learning, as amended to reflect updated guidance from the Governor extending school closures through year-end and as presented in Addendum # IV.

Dr. Christopher thanked the staff for their efforts to ensure learning continues noting that this was not the kind of reimagining of education that we all envisioned. Mr. Wolny shared the positive experience of his children with Highland's distance learning. He said the teachers have really stepped up, are very accessible to students, and the content continues to be rigorous.

Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes; Mr. Kelly, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Dr. Christopher, yes.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Aukerman provided an update on the work being done to ensure the successful close out of the school year. She reiterated that distance learning would continue through the last day of the school year, which is May 28. To date, nearly 400 Chromebooks have been distributed to students in need of devices. She thanked the staff involved in this essential distribution process. She also noted that the administrative team is exploring graduation alternatives as well as coordinating the phased return of staff and students to the buildings to collect personal items.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS 20-04-39

Mr. Wolny made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, that the Board of Education accept the following donations:

TO	FROM	ITEM/DESCRIPTION
High School Boys Golf	Various Family Donations	\$2,030.00
High School Girls Golf	Various Family Donations	\$2,920.00
High School Girls Soccer	Various Family Donations	\$5,550.00
High School Boys Basketball	Michael Curtis Photography	\$140.00

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High School Wrestling	Highland Youth Wrestling	\$1,100.00
HHS Speech & Debate	Victoria Farrell	\$45.00
HHS SADD Club	SADD, Inc.	\$125.00
Highland Middle School	University of Michigan	\$1,000.00
Sharon Elementary School	Artsonia	\$736.62
Sharon Elementary School	Sharon PTO	Brain Pop Online Program/\$175.00
Sharon Elementary School	Cleveland Cavaliers	All Star School/\$1,000.00
Hinckley Elementary School	Artsonia	\$600.00
Highland Local Schools	Highland Athletic Facilities Association	Athletic Complex Project/\$110,000.00

Mr. Wolny, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Kelly, yes; Dr. Christopher, yes.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF FACILITIES/WAIVER OF FEES 20-04-40

Mr. Wolny made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, that the Board of Education approve the attached requests for use of facilities and waive associated fees, with noted exceptions, as presented in Addendum # V.

Mr. Wolny, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Kelly, yes; Dr. Christopher, yes.

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS 20-04-41

Mr. Kelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Houska, that the Board of Education approve the following contracts and/or agreements, items A and F, as presented:

- A. Educational Service Center of Medina County Service Agreement 2020-2021
- B. Summit County Educational Service Center Governing Board Agreement
- C. Enviroscapes Lawn Care Agreement
- D. College Now Memorandum of Understanding

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- E. Southeast Security Technology Bid Package
- F. College Credit Plus Cuyahoga Community College MOU

Mr. Kelly, yes; Mr. Houska, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes; Mrs. Thomas, yes; Dr. Christopher, yes.

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL 20-04-42

Mrs. Thomas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel items A through H, as presented:

- A. Adopted the attached list of certified substitutes/home tutors for use for the 2019-2020 school year, as submitted by the MCEC, as presented in Addendum #VI
- B. Accepted the resignation of Barbara McMahon, Sharon Elementary Teacher, for the reason of retirement, effective May 31, 2020.
- C. Granted (15) fifteen day supplemental extended time contracts for the following individuals, as listed:
 - 1. Claudia Johnson, High School Counselor
 - 2. Craig Tasker, High School Counselor
- D. Employed Robert Hardgrove, as a High School Long Term Substitute Science Teacher, effective 4/9/20, for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year.
- E. Accepted the resignation of the following individuals, as listed:
 - 1. John Cooke, HS 3rd Shift Custodian, effective 2/6/20
 - 2. Sheila Drollinger, Bus Driver, effective 2/10/20
- F. Approved a change of status for Sarah Campbell, Hinckley Playground Aide, from 3 days per week to 5 days per week, effective 3/16/20, for the 2019/2020 school year.
- G. Employed Sheila Drollinger, as a Substitute Bus Driver, on a one-year limited contract of employment, on an “as needed basis”, for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

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H. Employed the following individuals, on one-year limited supplemental contracts of employment, for the 2019-2020 school year, as listed:

1. Kim Clendaniel	MS Asst Robotics Club Advisor	\$400.00
2. Mike Koran	HS Asst Baseball Coach - 0 yrs	\$4,592.00
3. Bryan Mravec	MS Asst Drama/Musical Production – 11 yrs	\$3,310.00
4. Ben Stobbs	HS Asst Baseball Coach – 15 yrs	\$6,300.00

ALL EMPLOYMENT ITEMS ARE CONTINGENT ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND PROPER CERTIFICATION WHEN APPLICABLE.

Mrs. Thomas, yes; Mr. Kelly, yes; Mr. Wolny, yes; Mr. Houska, yes; Dr. Christopher, yes.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M.



Board President



Treasurer

(A recording of this meeting is available in the Treasurer's Office)