

**Highland School District #203
HHS/HMS Library
Tuesday, July 16, 2024
Regular Board Meeting -7:00 p.m.**

The **July 16, 2024, Regular Board Meeting** was called to order by Vice Chair David Barnes.

Those present included Superintendent Mark Anderson, Director of Business & Operations Francis Badu, Board members Lupita Flores, Carlos López, and Cindy Reed, MWC teachers Lisa Biddick and Bryanne Hoffee, and Recording Secretary Julie Notman. Board member Nikki Keller joined the meeting at 7:05 pm.

The **flag salute** was led by Carlos.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No one had any questions nor corrections. Carlos moved, and Cindy 2nd, to approve the **June 3, 2024, AM Board Meeting** and the **June 18, 2024, Public Hearing & PM Regular Board Meeting Minutes**, as presented; motion carried.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Washington School Recognition Program: Mark: For 2021-2022 MWC is being recognized for [growth in] one or more groups of students and for 2022-2023 both MWC and TES are being recognized for growth in one or more student groups. We are one of very few districts in the valley to be recognized. We don't know yet which student groups are being recognized as that information hasn't been released yet but hopefully we'll have the information to share and banners to display to celebrate this achievement before the start of school in August.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

3rd Reading of New and Revised Policies. There were no questions nor concerns regarding any of the policies. Carlos moved, Lupita 2nd to adopt the consent agenda as presented; motion carried.

New Policies: 6701 Recess and Physical Activity
6702 Wellness

Revised Policies: 2413 Equivalency Credit Opportunities
3246 Restraint and Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force
6215 Expense Claim Certification and Approval
6700 Nutrition

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2151P2 Post Season Procedures: Mark verified with the board that they had reviewed the procedure. He explained that to be fair and equitable post-season pay has been added for coaches for if/when their team makes it to post-season competitions. Cindy moved and Carlos 2nd to adopt the 2151P Post Season Procedures as presented; motion carried.

b. 2024-2025 Produce Recommendation: Francis: We are part of the West Valley co-op but also because of the amount we spend we must advertise for bids if we want to have the option of purchasing from other vendors [to get the best price]. Only one company, Waldman's, submitted a bid. Their submission was scored and we recommend awarding them a contract. Lupita moved to award a Produce contract to Waldman's, Cindy 2nd; motion carried.

c. Budget Status /Enrollment and Operations Report: Francis: We have had several budget discussions throughout the past year. There are still some things we need to replenish, such as laptops, which is why we were conserving so we could buy what we need. At the end of June the GF was \$1.39M compared to \$1.16M a year ago. Mark: We will track enrollment again this coming year and if we keep our spending down and follow through with year two cuts as planned it should get us to where we need to be. It was a challenging year but we were able to reach our objective and we feel good about that.

i. Personnel Report: Mark: You can see we have some new hires and most [certificated] positions are filled. We will hold interviews in early August for the open para positions. The [certificated] position we're still hoping to fill is the SLP but it will be a challenge to find someone so it will probably be covered by a remote provider. We are glad to have an on-site psych. The recommendations to fill the new director positions created to consolidate staff/positions will be ready next month. Lupita moved with 2nd by Carlos to approve the July Personnel Report as presented; motion carried.

f. Legislative Report: Cindy: Not a report but an FYI: Initiative 2081, known as the Parents' Bill of Rights, was passed by the legislature, but on June 21, a preliminary injunction against it was allowed by a Seattle Superior Court Judge, so it is on hold.

g. Payment of Bills-General, ASB, Capital Projects, and Payroll: Cindy moved to pay the General Fund, ASB, Capital Projects, and Payroll as presented, Carlos 2nd; motion passed.

- **General Fund bills** for \$226,560.46 with warrants 78481 through 78567.
- **ASB Fund bills** for \$11,688.77 with warrants 7112 through 7124.
- **Capital Project bills** for \$1,800.00 with warrants 747 through 747.
- **Payroll Fund bills** for \$225,374.35 with warrants 78568 through 78581 and \$1,167,403.79 by direct deposit.

7. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

The next board meeting will be August 20 and the board retreat is August 23. The first day of school is Monday, August 26.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Nikki Keller adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.

Chair

Secretary