

Highlands School Board Meeting Highlights

April 15, 2013 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 – Seven members present. **Mrs. Laura Thimons** and **Mr. Ronald Lang** were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The Board approved the minutes of the March 18, 2013 Regular Meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mr. Jon Rupert read a letter from the Valley News Dispatch stating that Editor Mr. Jeff Domenick and his reporting staff will be expecting more detailed explanations regarding Executive Session requirements, per the Sunshine Act.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Cole Emanuelson reported the following:

- Students in the National Honor Society hosted "Spring Sanity", a fundraiser at the High School held on April 5 to benefit the Highlands Relay for Life. The event honored retiree **Roselynn Stanzione** and current staff members **Bridgette Jodon, Patty Sirota, Renee Zrebny** and **Jennifer Motosicky**. The students signed up teams to play a Gator Ball Tournament and then arranged faculty versus student Sumo Wrestling Matches. Students **Andrew Ahr** and **Eli Crisafio** presented Relay for Life volunteer **Joanne Monteleone** a check for \$1,400 at the board meeting. This year's relay will be held on June 1, 2013 at Highlands Golden Rams Stadium in Natrona Heights.
- The BotsIQ Preliminary Competition was held on March 27. The Highlands High School team advances to the finals on April 20.
- The STEAM Academy is ready to go next year, with about 34 students already enrolling in classes that will offer curriculum in the Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Medicine and Mathematics.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Michael Bjalobok reported the following:

- The Superintendent has traveled to the various buildings to meet the staff and discuss his vision for the district. Meetings at the secondary schools will be held this week. Dr. Bjalobok noted that in order for the district to be successful, the staff and faculty must also be on board, be optimistic, be educated about the goals and be involved in the adoption and roll-out of phases affecting the ultimate vision. Two items on this agenda will assist in the outlining and creating the vision for the faculty, which are the Model Schools analysis and the Technology Assessment for the district.
- Dr. Bjalobok will also be planning meetings with vested groups within the community for a Meet the Superintendent evening event. Check the www.goldenrams.comw website or email Misty Chybrzynski at highlandsadmin@goldenrams.com to be notified of the event.

ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Patrick Graczyk reported the following:

- Students at Grandview Upper Elementary School and the Middle School exhibited excellent behavior and the faculty displayed well-organized testing sites for the PSSAs. The state-assessments continue through this week at those buildings.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Ms. Misty Chybrzynski reported the following:

- HCEF GOLF OUTING – Please consider supporting the Highlands Community Education Foundation on Saturday, May 4 beginning at 9 AM at Oak Lakes Golf Course in New Kensington. The proceeds from this annual Golf Scramble go to the HCEF to support teacher projects, mini-grants and projects that benefit the community. Go to www.goldenrams.com/hcef or call Misty at the Admin Center to get more information or to register.

- Alumni Basketball Game Fundraiser: FRIDAY APRIL 26, 2013 at the HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM. Please enter through Arcade doors. There will be basketball games, food and fun! Registration is \$10 Per Player and includes an event T-Shirt. No admission fee to watch, but donations gratefully accepted!

Game times are: STUDENTS VS. FACULTY at 6 PM and ALUMNI VS ALUMNI at 8 PM.

Contact: Sal or Jeff at 724-226-1000 or stop by the High School office to sign up! All proceeds benefit the Highlands Relay for Life & Jennifer (Moser) Chiusano Scholarship Fund.

- LAPS FOR LEARNING: Fawn, Fairmount and Grandview will be hosting the Laps for Learning walk-a-thon fundraiser at the Highlands Track on Friday, April 26 from 5-8pm. Please support our students participating in this event!

- The Middle School Dress Drive, spearheaded by 8th grade student Danielle Basista, was a great success. After a three-day dress drive, 95 dresses, jewelry, shoes, and purses were donated by Highlands School District employees and community members. This surpassed our expectations, and will benefit many girls who plan to attend the prom of their dreams this spring. Following the dress drive, the dresses and accessories were donated to North Apollo Church of God, where the ministry "Cinderella's Closet" will be open to the public on Saturday, April 13th from 10:00-2:00.

AGENDA ITEMS

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

CAFETERIA – Mr. Hanford, Mr. Krzton, Mr. Lang

- The Cafeteria Fund Financial Report for March 2013, as submitted.

- The payment of Cafeteria Fund bills, as submitted.

To be paid \$63,034.38

- Awards for bread, milk, and ice cream services as follows:

- Milk – Turner Dairy
- Ice Cream – Pittsburgh's Best Ice Cream
- Bread – Schwebel Bakery

STUDENT ACTIVITIES – Mrs. Thimons, Mr. Love, Mrs. Beale

- The Student Activities Fund Financial Report for March 2013, as submitted.

INSTRUCTION – Mr. Love, Mrs. Thimons, Mrs. Beale

- The 2013-2014 School Calendar, as submitted.
- The following Make-up Days for the 2013-2014 school year:
 - January 20, 2014 – Make-up Day 1
 - February 17, 2014 – Make-up Day 2
 - April 21, 2014 – Make-up Day 3
 - April 17, 2014 – Make-up Day 4
 - April 16, 2014 – Make-up Day 5
- The 2013-2014 Designated School Holidays, as submitted.
- The High School "Model Schools" Assessment to be completed by Rich TenEyck of International Center of Leadership and Education at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 to be paid from the SIG Grant Funds.
- **Mr. Love** reported that he attended a meeting with the Administrative and Faculty Team for the Differentiated Supervision and Educator Effectiveness Teams to discuss new policies and procedures being outlined by the state Department of Education.
- **Mr. Krzton** reported that the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette ran an article featuring students spending and finance education. He will share the information with Dr. Bjalogok.

TRANSPORTATION – Mr. Masarik, Mr. Love, Mrs. Beale

- **No report.**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Mr. Lang, Mr. Miles, Mr. Hanford

- Ratifying the use of facilities, as submitted. **[SEE APPENDIX 6.1]**
- **Mr. Hanford** motioned to add the weeks of April 15 and April 22 for the Highlands High School Poll for the Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Courses to be added to the approved Use of Facilities.
- The Diamond Club to construct building as presented (pending presentation).
- Agreement with First United Presbyterian Church for use of the Parking Lot, as submitted.

PERSONNEL – Mrs. Beale, Mr. Hanford, Mrs. Thimons

- The 2012-2013 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 following requests for Leave of Absence, in accordance with Board/HEA Collective Bargaining Agreement:
 - Jack W. Sober**
Custodian
Fawn Primary Center
Ratify beginning March 18, 2013 through the end of the school year.
- The Settlement Agreement and Release for D.W., as submitted.

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

- Tax Refunds in the amount of \$4,590.91 for April 2013, as submitted.
- Payment of General Fund bills, as submitted. **[SEE FINANCIAL REPORT 8.2]**

April to be ratified	\$ 167,002.00
April 2013 to be paid	<u>\$ 575,324.51</u>
TOTAL	\$ 742,323.51
- Auditor's report, as submitted for June 30, 2012.

- The proposed 2013-2014 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget as presented. The Budget totals are \$3,809,028. There is no increase in the total district allocation. The Highlands School District's expected contribution to the AIU Program of Services budget is \$21,781.51.

FORBES ROAD CTC – Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Thimons

No report.

PSBA/NSBA – Mr. Love

Mr. Love reported the following:

- Region 3 leaders were reelected for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit ;annual conference held at The Rivers Club last moth. Mrs. Beale, Mr. Love, Mrs. Fox, and Dr. Bjalogok attended.
 - The AIU is offering an education law shop for board members on April 223.
- The School Board Secretary will have to be elected next month for a four year term.
- Mr. Love advised the public to continue to be educated and informed about the Cyber and Charter School funding issues.

POLICY – Mr. Krzton, Mr. Masarik, Mr. Miles

- The second reading of the following policies:

113.2 – Positive Behavioral Support Plan [**SEE APPENDIX 12.1A**]

ATHLETICS – Mr. Lang, Mr. Masarik, Mr. Hanford

- The Athletic Fund Report for March 2013, as submitted.
- The hiring of the following athletic personnel for the 2012-2013 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/or Board Policy #916.1:

Name	Position
Billingsley, Melissa	Volunteer Middle School Track Coach – ratify
Nowicki, Chris	Varsity Track Assistant Coach – ratify

- Ratifying the resignation of **Chad Walsh**, Varsity Track Assistant Coach effective March 25, 2013.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The District-wide Technology Assessment with Questeq, Inc. at a cost of \$10,000 to be paid from SIG Funds.
- The Designation of Agent Resolution for Snowstorm of 2010, as submitted.
- A Public Budget Meeting on April 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

- **Mr. Bill Heasley**, coordinator of the Cager Classic held at Highlands last month, thanked the Board for its continued support and presented a check for \$250 for the Post Prom Committee and \$1,000 for the STEAM Academy / BotsIQ.

- **Mr. Masarik** noted that **Col. Kurt Crytzer**, a 1981 Highlands High School alumnus, appeared on 60 Minutes on Sunday for his work in Uganda with the US Defense Department. Col. Crytzer, a Green Beret veteran, oversees the training and advisory of African Armies in Uganda against the world's most wanted war lord. View the 60 Minutes segment at this link:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=50144817n>

2013 Highlands School Board Members

Carrie Fox - President

Ryan Hanford - Vice President

Laura Thimons

Jonathon Love

Ron Lang

William Krzton

Eric Miles

Michael Masarik

Debbie Beale