

Highland Community Schools  
Board of Directors Work Session  
Monday – August 26, 2019  
5:00 p.m. – Highland Board Room

The work session was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Nate Robinson.

All board members were present except Lois Schneider.

Golden made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Longbine. Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs O’Leary stated the year is off to an awesome start with 1 new teacher and 2 new associates in the elementary. The preliminary enrollment count is 46 preschoolers and 249 K-5 students. The opening celebration the first day went great with the introduction of new students, the tunnel and singing the Husky fight song and saying the Pledge of Allegiance. The first staff meeting was held and the numbers 60% and 5/2020 were given which mean 60% of students in grades K-5 will be at or above benchmark on the FAST assessment by May of 2020.

Mrs Hazelett stated the 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation and load your locker went well on 8/19. Jayme Kallaus did most of the planning for the orientation. The energy from the new teachers is great and things have started off well. Preliminary count for MS/HS is 14 new students. The students are signing a code of conduct this year with a challenge put out there to Mr Zywiec. Huskie Time will be reading intervention focused for the middle school and content focused for the high school. Professional development will focus on instructional framework training this year. We also have new student council and national honor society sponsors this year with lots of good changes coming.

Kevin Meller gave a bond issue update. The Facebook page and website he did look great. Informational meetings were held at the unpack your bag and load your locker night and at Ainsworth City Hall on Sunday 8/25 with any bond issue questions people had being answered. He stated he would like to hit the first volleyball and football games as well. On Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> they will be at Madeline’s Coffee Shop in Riverside from 8:30-10:00. The Board stated they would also like to see an informational mailer go out to all the District patrons.

Mr Crawford stated there would be a facilities committee meeting tomorrow night, 8/27 at 6:00 pm. The projects list would be looked at to see what the committee felt the greatest need is right now and ongoing. Chad McCleary will also be there to talk about the wastewater project but HR Green will not have a report yet and it probably won’t be until the October meeting. LL Pelling is still planning on doing the chip and seal in the bus barn and a few other spots around the grounds.

Mr Crawford stated the year is off to a good start and the bus plan in Riverside to go to the elementary and then west through town and out to 130<sup>th</sup> street is going good. He stated he would be meeting with the administrative team the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the month and then possibly individually with them the 3<sup>rd</sup> week. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month are the board meeting and work session and then he will have his TGIF weekly as well. At this point his schedule looks like it will be 2 full days in each district and then split one day. The staff tailgater will be before the first home football game on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Longbine made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Allen. Motion carried 6-0.

The work session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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