

HIGHGATE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

HIGHGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY

August 9 , 2018

6:30 PM

Agenda:

6:30 PM

Call Meeting to Order

- Agenda Amendments

6:35PM

Public Comments Regarding Current and Future Agendas (Listen) *

- Possible Topics for Future Board Meeting Agendas

6:40PM

Consent Agenda Discussion

- Adopt July 12th Board Meeting Minutes (Action)
 - Per Chris Shepard - Last months meeting minutes regarding the roof will need to be amended

6:45PM

Business Report

- Warrants
- Financial Report
- Food Service RFP Award contingent upon state approval of Abbey Fixed Price Bid received
- FY19 Paid Lunch Meal Pricing consideration and action
- Student and Staff Chromebook technology purchase and lease action
- Insurance letter

7:15PM

Principal's Report

7:30PM

Old Business

- Roof update (Action)
- Stormwater Grant (Update)
- Select-board Machia Property Request discussion (possible motion for executive session for Real Estate)
- Act 46 (Update)

8:15PM

Superintendent's Report

8:25PM

New Business

- Parent tuition request (Action)
- Update on Summer service gap for incoming 7th grade students (information)

Future Board Meeting Dates

- Highgate Board Meeting – September 13th, 6:30 PM
- FNWSU Board Meeting – August 15th, 6:30 PM at MVU

8:30PM

Anticipated Executive Session – (Answer the Executive Session Compliance Question...*Where premature public knowledge would clearly place the Board or other party at a substantial disadvantage*)

- Contract Issue
- Real Estate Discussion

8:55PM

Exit Executive Session

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SY2018 Goals**1) Support growth of student achievement**

- a) Receive Action Plan updates at November, March, and June Board meetings
 - Include behavior progress
- b) Create multi-year facilities, and technology plan
 - Focus on parking lot and roof
 - Create generator plan for White Building

2) Improve communication between the school, parents, and community

- a) Establish single electronic communications system that all teachers and parents will use
 - Create consistent expectations for all staff
- b) Identify a staff member to manage social media
- c) Use the results of the Act 46 Independent Study to dialogue with the community about the pros and cons of governance unification.
 - Implement Parent Advisory Council
- d) Direct Family-School Coordinator to expand communications and develop stronger family relationships
- e) Increase board outreach and communication with parents and community

3) Increase efficiency and effectiveness of Board operations

- a) Revisit Board goals on a quarterly basis
- b) Receive information prior to Board meeting decision making
- c) Include monthly teacher program presentations at Board meetings
- d) Identify a Board member to serve as a meeting agenda time keeper
- e) Complete quarterly Board meeting effectiveness surveys
- f) Operate three hour board meetings
- g) Ensure board agendas and minutes are posted on web site

***Public Comments at Board Meetings**

The FNWSU and District School Boards are working to improve the response to public comments made at Board meetings.

The Board reserves the right to ask visitors the following questions before they are invited to address complaints to the Board:

- Have you directed your complaint through our “Complaint” Policy i.e.
 - Attempt to address the complaint first with teacher/staff member, and,
 - If not satisfied, discuss complaint with the principal, and,
 - Still not resolved, then meet with the superintendent,
 - Only then, will the Board hear your concern at a Board meeting.
- When speaking with the Board, if the complaint becomes personal, disrespectful, or threatening, then the Board chair may rule the speaker “Out of Order” or,
- If the complaint addresses specific personnel or is evaluative then the Board chair may invite the complainant into executive session, and,
- The Board chair may limit speaking time for each individual and ask that similar points of view from multiple speakers not be presented.

Anyone making a comment can expect a response from the Board that will fall into one of the following categories:

- Thank the person with no further action planned.
- Respond immediately by the Board chair or administration.
- Direct the administration to contact and respond to the person.
- Seek clarification from the administration at a specified meeting.
- Add the topic to a future Board agenda.
- Refer the matter to an executive session.
- Hold a public hearing on the matter.
- Send a note of appreciation.