

August 25, 2026

Highland, Indiana

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
OF THE SCHOOL TOWN OF HIGHLAND

A special meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the School Town of Highland was held at the Administration Center, 9145 Kennedy Avenue, Highland, Indiana, Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On call of roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Mr. Patrick Krull, Mr. Robert Kuva, Mr. Mrs. Erica Smith-Gomez, and Mr. Victor Garcia

Absent: Mr. Richard Alyear (with notice)

Also, present were Dr. John Schwuchow, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Kim Fulton, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Rhett Tauher, Attorney for the Board

Emergency Request Approval. Dr. Schwuchow reported on the impact to Highland and surrounding schools due to the severe storm event of August 11th. He then presented an administrative recommendation that the Board authorize the district to continue regular compensation for eligible non-certified employees for their regularly scheduled workdays beginning August 11, 2026, through August 21, 2026, subject to applicable law, Board policy, collective bargaining agreements, and payroll requirement. Mr. Kuva moved, seconded by Mrs. Smith-Gomez, to approve. All voted "aye." Motion carried.

Permission to Advertise Bids. Attorney Tauber requested Board approval to advertise for meetings at 6:00 p.m. on September 15, 2026 and also at 6:00 p.m. on September 22, 2026, to hold public hearings. On September 15, 2026, the Board will hold a public hearing to discuss objections/support regarding the proposed renovation and improvements of facilities throughout the school corporation including site and athletic improvements, safety, and security improvements, and the purchase of buses, equipment, and technology. On September 22, the Board will hold a second public hearing to discuss any objections regarding the proposed project and considered the adoption of a resolution making a preliminary determination to issue bonds to finance the project. Mr. Garcia moved, seconded by Mrs. Smith-Gomez, to approve. All voted "aye." Motion carried.

Adjournment: The Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kuva moved, seconded by Mr. Garcia, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. All voted "aye." Motion carried.