

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
310 East Fourth Street
WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA 89445

The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of School Trustees was held July 22, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom.

Board members present were: President-Jerry Pfarr, Vice President-John Seeliger, Clerk-Linda Schrempp, Shelly Noble, John Hill, Kris Stewart and Andrew Hillyer.

Others in attendance were: Superintendent Mike Bumgartner, Assistant Superintendent Dave Jensen, Attorney John Doyle, Sally Hall, Marie-Jean Dawson, Carla Salla, Kathy Norcutt, Bonnie Hilbish, Steven Romero, Kelly Novi, Rick Norcutt, Frankie Peterson, Diane Seeliger, Ann Miller and Letticia Prida.

President Pfarr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Seeliger moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2008 as written. Mrs. Noble seconded, motion carried. Mrs. Stewart abstained.

Correspondence: None

Discussion and Action – Approval of Warrants

Mr. Hillyer moved to approve the warrants for payment. Mrs. Stewart seconded, motion carried. Mrs. Noble abstained. Mrs. Schrempp was not present at the time of the motion.

Presentations:

1 – Discussion only – AYP Appeals Update- Kelly Novi

Mr. Novi presented the AYP designations for all schools in the district. Grass Valley Elementary, Winnemucca Grammar School, Orovada School, Kings River School, Paradise Valley School, McDermitt Elementary School, McDermitt Junior High School, McDermitt High School were all designated as “adequate” for the upcoming school year. Sonoma Heights Elementary was designated as “Watch” from the ELA/LEP subgroup. French Ford Middle School was designated as “ELA – Year 2-In Need Improvement”. Winnemucca Junior High was designated as “ELA – Watch, Math Year 1 Hold”. Denio Elementary School and Lowry High School were both designated as “High Achieving”.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Miscellaneous Leave Request for Jennifer Partee – Dave Jensen

Mr. Jensen presented a request from Jennifer Partee, an instructional aide at Sonoma Heights Elementary, for unpaid miscellaneous leave, per Section 12-9 of the Humboldt County Support Staff Organization’s Master Agreement. The leave is requested to complete her student teaching from August 20, 2008 through January 2, 2009. Mrs. Noble moved to grant Ms. Partee’s request for leave for the fall semester as requested. Mrs. Schrempp seconded, motion carried. Mr. Seeliger abstained.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval for Early Release Days for Sonoma Heights Elementary School – Mike Bumgartner

Mr. Bumgartner, on behalf of Noel Morton, presented Sonoma Heights’ request for early release days for September 25, 2008, October 9, 2008, December 11, 2008, January 15, 2009, February 26, 2009, March 19, 2009, April 9, 2009, and May 28, 2009 to be used for professional development. The purpose of the early release days will be to provide the Sonoma Heights’ staff with dedicated time to enhance their

learning in effective strategies to use with English Language Learners. Mrs. Morton feels this will be very beneficial as Sonoma Heights did not meet their Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) target in the subpopulation for English Language Learners. Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the early release days for Sonoma Heights Elementary as presented. Mrs. Noble seconded, motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action – Review of Boiler Bid – Rick Norcutt

Mr. Jensen explained there was a problem with a boiler at Lowry High School and in talking with Mr. Norcutt concluded immediate attention was necessary. In the past, this sort of situation was brought to the board for approval to go out to bid; however, there was not a meeting scheduled at the time of the incident. Mr. Jensen met with Mr. Doyle and upon reviewing NRS determined that the district needed to act immediately, providing follow-up notification to the Board of Trustees. In addition, specific guidance should similar situations occur in the future was sought. Mr. Norcutt explained that he had consulted with RF Macdonald from Reno and it was recommended to repair the entire bottom side of the boiler. Initially, costs were anticipated to be over the \$25,000 bid requirement; however, the bid from RF Macdonald came in at \$17,350. Mr. Hillyer moved to accept the bid from RF Macdonald in the amount presented at \$17,350 to repair the boiler at Lowry High School. Mr. Hill seconded, motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of the McDermitt Gear Up Grant – Dave Jensen

Mr. Jensen, on behalf of Mr. Moddrell, requested board approval to pursue the Gear Up Grant for the upcoming school year as is required on an annual basis. Mr. Jensen explained how beneficial the Gear Up Grant has been to McDermitt Combined for the last seven years. The school is eligible to receive \$30,000 which will be used to target in-school and after school tutoring, college visitations, and interventions in reading and math. Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the McDermitt Gear Up Grant as presented. Mr. Hillyer seconded, motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Amendments to the FY08 Budget – Dave Jensen, Sally Hall

Mr. Jensen indicated that the district had received some additional funds at the end of the fiscal year that were included in the FY 09 budget when in fact the funds should have been included in the FY 08 budget. Mr. Jensen is asking for approval to amend the FY08 budget. The additional funds were \$26,240; including the Nevada Community Foundation Grant providing primarily musical instruments for schools; and \$19,598 which is an insurance reimbursement received for the Lowry High School break-ins. Mr. Hillyer moved to amend the fund budget as presented for the musical instruments in the amount of \$26,240 and the insurance adjustment for \$19,598 to the FY 08 budget. Mrs. Noble seconded, motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval to Increase the POOL/PACT Insurance Deductible

Mr. Stephen Romero from ABD Insurance provided the board an analysis of historical data from 2002-2007 regarding insurance claims and the district's share with varying deductibles. The board had requested this information at the prior meeting in order to consider increasing the district's insurance deductible. Mr. Hillyer made a motion to maintain the current deductible set at \$2,000. Mr. Seeliger seconded, motion carried.

Discussion Only – State Mandated Budget Reductions – Review of Possible Areas to Reduce Expenditures, Including: Grant Funds, Professional Development, Travel, Early Incentive Plan, etc. – Dave Jensen

Mr. Jensen indicated that additional budget reductions have been implemented throughout the state of Nevada and the district will be required to reduce expenditures during the upcoming school year in order to meet the budget reduction. He stated that on July 2, 2008 the district was notified of a new DSA amount of \$6,529 which was a significant reduction from the budgeted amount of \$6,828. In addition,

Legislation assessed an additional levy of a 3.3% reduction in the General Fund operating budget, representing a reduction of \$398,368. Mr. Jensen indicated these two factors represent a total operating budget reduction from the tentative budget that was presented to the board in May in the amount \$1,039,316. Mr. Jensen provided the board with information detailing the allocated reductions, as well as outlining suggestions to meet components of the obligation and asked for additional ideas from the Board. Mrs. Hilbish and Mrs. Dawson expressed their opinions of the importance of the Pre-K Program and their concerns of the district no longer having the program. Mr. Bumgartner recommended that the board use the board retreat to review and analyze possible areas to reduce expenditures indicating we have a very short window for this fiscal year. Mrs. Schrempp suggested forming a well represented committee to get opinions on what parents feel is the best for their child's education. Mr. Bumgartner felt this committee could focus on possible areas of reduction for the next school year.

Discussion and Possible Action – Establish Date for Half-Day Board Retreat – Mike Bumgartner

Mr. Bumgartner suggested the board retreat be scheduled as quickly as possible due to the mandated budget reductions. Mrs. Stewart moved to establish August 9, 2008 for a half day board retreat from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Mr. Hillyer seconded, motion passed.

Discussion and Possible Action – Bond Update – Mike Bumgartner, Dave Jensen

Mr. Bumgartner gave a brief update on the progress associated with the bond initiative. The next bond committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Hall. The Committee consists of 20-25 people and the purpose of this meeting is to form sub committees, appoint officers and set dates for fundraisers. Mr. Bumgartner also stated that after August 5, 2008, the committee will officially file as a Political Action Committee and will present the initiative before the Humboldt County Commissioners on August 25, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Superintendent's Report – Discussion Only

Activities Report:

1. Monitoring the actions of the Governor and the State Legislature regarding budget reductions.
2. Articulating with the community regarding the bond committee.
3. Monitoring AYP and the Department of Education.

Superintendent Meeting Report:

None. Mr. Bumgartner did not attend due to illness.

Travel Report:

1. Wednesday, July 30, 2008 – Superintendents from Humboldt, Douglas, Pershing, Lander and White Pine are meeting regarding bond issues to strategize and share information.
2. Tuesday, August 12, 2008 – First year superintendent's workshop. Due to this commitment, he will not be able to attend the August 12, 2008 board meeting.
3. Wednesday, August 13, 2008 – Superintendent's meeting in Reno.
4. Thursday, August 14, 2008 – Administrative workshop regarding the new teacher evaluation system.
5. Friday, August 15, 2008 – Administrative workshop on differentiated instruction.
6. Monday, August 18, 2008 – Attendance policy review.
7. Tuesday, August 19, 2008 – Administrative cabinet meeting.

Public Comment: None

Board/Staff Comments:

Mr. Seeliger commented on the AYP results and feels the district needs to look at ways to help students at French Ford and Winnemucca Junior High and how we transition students to those schools.

Linda Schrempp stated the need to form a Cost Reduction Committee.

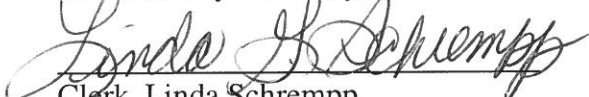
Mr. Hillyer indicated that he and Mr. Bumgartner are still trying to meet to discuss the process of possibly interviewing students at Lowry High School regarding safety issues.

Mr. Hillyer thanked Mr. Bumgartner for keeping the board updated as to any incidences that occur at the school sites and also commented on the need for Mr. Bumgartner or Mr. Jensen to be available to the public during the summer break.

Mr. Jensen informed the board that he will be attending a special education conference August 5-7, 2008 which is completely funded by the Nevada Department of Education and is no cost to the district. Mr. Jensen was just notified that he is one of twenty people nationally who received a scholarship to attend two trainings through the American School Business Officer's Association.

Adjourned 6:35 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Letticia Prida


Clerk, Linda Schrempp