

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

A special meeting of the Humboldt County Board of School Trustees was held August 9, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom.

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

Others in attendance were: Superintendent Mike Bumgartner, Asst. Superintendent Dave Jensen, Mary Keith-HCEA President, Debbie Watts, Janet Kennedy, Skip Hammargren, Kelly Novi, Bonnie Hilbish, Rebecca Hill, Byron Jeppsen, Diane Seeliger and Secretary Paula Wright.

President Pfarr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence: None

Discussion Only – Budget Reductions for the FY09 School Year

The State of Nevada continues to see a decline in revenues. The District has been notified that, following the legislative special session, we must cut \$879,481 from our FY09 budget, with projections of an additional 14% reduction. It has yet to be confirmed if the 14% reduction will be an annual cut or biennial cut.

Recommendations presented to the Board for their consideration to meet the \$879,481 budget reduction for FY09 were as follows: 1) revert grant funds for pre-kindergarten (\$130,000), 2) revert grant funds SB 185-elementary (\$50,000, 50% of 2008 award) and (\$12,000 all of secondary), and 3) Impact Aide (\$165,000). Other potential areas to consider include: 1) reduce district-wide travel by \$60,000, 2) reduce textbooks by \$125,000, 3) Early Incentive (\$170,000), 4) 1 ½ hour nursing position (\$3,000), 5) Adult ESL (\$3500), 6) 6th grade position at French Ford (\$69,391), 7) one position at Kings River (\$56,150), 8) reduce use of sub aides (\$20,395), 9) after school programs (\$40,000), 10) reduce student athletics (coaches \$242,000, supplies \$28,000, travel \$175,767), 11) reduce number of clubs (\$87,807), 12) cell phones, 13) district vehicle use and 14) the energy efficiency proposal.

2:35 p.m. Break

2:44 p.m. Back to regular session

Ideally, the District hopes to make staffing adjustments through attrition. Three year expenditure comparisons were presented for review on athletics, fuel and sub aide costs. The board was presented with a list of new positions added since the 2000 school year and the costs associated with those positions. They were also provided an historical review of the reductions made to District administrative positions.

Board/Staff Comments:

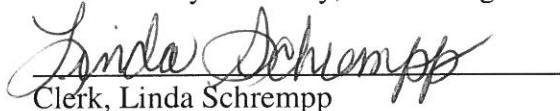
1. The Board discussed the possibility of a 14% budget reduction for FY10. Some of the areas for possible budget reduction consideration include: 1) cut overall staff travel, 2) combine bus routes, 3) re-evaluate bus transportation pick up/drop off points, 4) re-evaluate mileage radius for provided bus transportation, 5) consider providing bus transportation overall, 6) motor pool for

vehicles (no vehicles go home), 7) field trips, 8) four day work week (travel and energy savings), 9) four day school week (students only), 10) reduce staffing district wide, 11) combine Curriculum/Instruction and ESL Director positions, 12) consider positions added back since 2000, 13) rural school principal (consolidate with principalship of McDermitt Combined), 14) Special Education coordinator (IC specialist), 15) school psychologist intern, 16) half-time special education trainer, 17) full time Athletic Director (consider local businesses to supplant the salary), 18) Dean of Students at French Ford Middle School, 19) Literacy Specialists, 20) consider changing the school resource officer position to a 9 month position, 21) reduce number of Vice Principal positions at Lowry High School, 22) consider cutting one Vice Principal position at LHS or cutting the security officer position, 23) consider combining LHS' Vice Principal position and French Ford's Dean of Students, 24) freshman sports, 25) investigate "Pay to Play" option (sports), 26) cut pay for Leadership cadre program and certified staff stipends, 27) professional development, 28) consider minimum number of participants for school clubs, 29) consider consolidating rural schools, 30) consider providing food service overall, 31) consider smaller programs (rural basketball) to be played on weekends, 32) consider parent provided transportation for weekend programs (rural basketball), 33) cell phones, 34) overall reduction of general supply money and 35) emphasize gravity of financial situation.

2. Mrs. Schrempp asked that the Board be provided with a breakdown of travel expenses for training over a three year period and the cost of substitute teachers to cover for certified staff attending those trainings.
3. Mr. Seeliger provided the Board with literature he received from the NASB meeting held the week prior.
4. Mr. Hill noted the lawn at the Orovada School is looking much better.
5. Mr. Hillyer reminded everyone of a program being presented that evening by the Missoula Children's Theatre, "Hansel and Gretel".
6. Mr. Bumgartner will not be at the August 12th board meeting. He will be attending a Superintendent's meeting to discuss funding in the state of Nevada.

Adjourned 4:04 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paula Wright


Clerk, Linda Schrempp