

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

A Public Forum was held November 20, 2008 at 7:10 p.m. in the West Hall of the Convention Center.

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

Others in attendance were: Superintendent Mike Bumgartner, Asst. Superintendent Dave Jensen, Bruce Braginton, Boyd Betteridge, Heather Gula-Humboldt Sun, Kristin Flanders, Valerie Snijiman, Rebecca Hill, Jennifer Bergenheier, Marlene Killion, John Aberasturi, Debbie Watts, Bob Pace, Amie Godinez, Dustin Christean Andy and Courtney Rorex, Debbie Connors, Diane Seeliger, Don Walton, Tim and Mayris Turner, Mike and Susan Quilici, Duane and Marian Tyree, other interested persons and Secretary Paula Wright.

Vice President Seeliger opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Forum-To Seek Community Feedback in the Identification of Educational Priorities

Vice President Seeliger welcomed everyone to the forum. The intent of the public forum is to get the community's input on the challenges the District faces this year and for the 2009-10 school year.

The goals hoped for is to 1) work together to ensure that the budget reductions have minimal impact on classroom learning, 2) as much as possible, to work to preserve the employment opportunities for employees and 3) make decisions that are best for students.

The Governor has mandated a budget reduction of 14.5% for the next biennium for all school districts. The actual percentage could be more than 14.5% or could be less than 14.5%. The forum will capture ideas and thoughts, which will be used for a basis to make decisions at a later date.

The group was asked to consider what the educational priorities of the community are. Once the information is gathered, the input will be analyzed and recommendations will be compiled for presentation to the Board, with the Board having the ultimate responsibility to decide what will be preserved, reduced or cut.

Mr. Jensen provided a historical review of how the District got to the point it is in now. School districts have been asked to supply a budget based on an additional 4%, 7% and 11% reduction; this equates to \$40 million, \$70 million and \$111 million across K-12 education or a \$1.2 million, \$1.5 or \$1.9 million reduction from the District's budget presented to the Board in May of 2008.

Mr. Bumgartner reported that school district superintendent's will be meeting with the Governor on December 4th and with Legislators on December 8th. A special legislative session may be held December 9th.

The audience broke into several small groups and was asked to focus on two areas; 1) what programs/positions the district should continue to fund/support and 2) what programs/positions the district should consider reducing or cutting. Ground rules were established and each group was asked to name a spokesperson to present their conclusions.

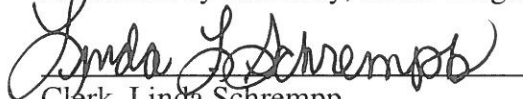
After approximately 35 minutes the groups were asked to share their thoughts and ideas. All input will be gathered from the two forums, combined on a master list and presented at the December 9th board meeting.

Mrs. Schrempp thanked Bruce Braginton for facilitating the forum.

Vice President Seeliger thanked everyone for coming.

Adjourned 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paula Wright


Clerk, Linda Schrempp