

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

A special meeting of the Humboldt County Board of School Trustees was held April 21, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom.

Board members present were: President-Shelly Noble, Clerk-Kris Stewart, John Seeliger, Ann Miller, John Hill, Boyd Betteridge, and Andrew Hillyer.

Others in attendance were: Superintendent Mike Bumgartner, Asst. Superintendent Dave Jensen, Heather Gula-Humboldt Sun, Freada Blanchard, Kelly Novi, Donna Harrer, Jim Billingsley, Lacy Thompson, Jean Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Villalobos, Jess Frye, Gilberta Hetrick, other interested persons and Secretary Paula Wright.

President Noble opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Discussion and Possible Action - Reconsideration of Tier II Reductions -Recommendation to Cease Tier II Reduction Plan – Mike Bumgartner, Dave Jensen

At the April 9, 2009 meeting the Board asked Mr. Bumgartner and Mr. Jensen to bring a Tier II Reduction proposal to them to reduce the FY10 budget by an additional 4% or \$1 million. The purpose of a Tier II is to offset budget reductions above and beyond the 8%, or \$1.9 million, already reduced from next year's budget. This will require any employee affected by the Tier II reductions to be notified by May 1st if, under the Tier II plan, the position could be slated for a reduction in force. Tier II reductions will be enacted only in the event that the 8% projected reduction is insufficient.

A well represented audience from the Kings River and Orovada communities approached the board with their concerns that their community schools would be closed. Several community members expressed the importance of their schools to the students and to the community. There was great input and discussion amongst the Board members and between the Board and those in attendance.

Mrs. Stewart moved to proceed with the Tier II plan, which may not reach the \$1 million threshold, and to avoid school closure. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Mr. Seeliger moved to request that district administration return with a Tier II plan to reduce the budget by an additional \$500,000 vs a \$1 million reduction. Mrs. Stewart seconded, motion carried.

Comments:

1. Mr. Seeliger noted there is a Superintendent's Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 22nd. If Board members would like to listen to the meeting they are asked to call Mr. Seeliger for the website.

2. Mr. Hillyer showed the Board the plaque that was not available for presentation to Loren Hunewill and Hunewill Construction at the April 9th meeting. Mr. Hunewill and Hunewill Construction generously donated approximately \$200,000 worth of asphalt work at Lowry High School.

Adjourned 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paula Wright


Clerk, Kris Stewart