

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 27, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom.

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

Others in attendance were: Superintendent Mike Bumgartner, Asst. Superintendent Dave Jensen, Attorney John Doyle, Heather Gula-Humboldt Sun, Glenda Deputy, Terry, Kitty and Quinn Norcutt and Secretary Paula Wright.

President Noble opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence: None

Minutes: Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the June 22, 2010 minutes as written. Mr. Hill seconded, motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

- No Superintendent's meeting for July
- Mr. Bumgartner went on vacation to Montana and then to Mendicino
- August 5th-Superintendent's meeting in Reno
- Nevada did not receive any of the Race to the Top funds-18 other states, including the District of Columbia, were chosen to advance to the next level
- Mr. Hillyer reported that Jay Balagna, a former Lowry High School student, has earned an internship with the Scripps Howard Foundation working for their wire service. Congratulations to Mr. Balagna!

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of K-6 Minimum Days for Professional Development for the 2010-11 School Year – Kelly Novi

Mr. Novi requested the Board's approval to allow Sonoma Heights Elementary, Grass Valley Elementary, Winnemucca Grammar School and French Ford Middle School to use a minimum day on September 23rd, October 28th, December 9th, January 13th, February 10th, and April 21st for professional development.

As test results continue to be released schools will work on plans designating agendas and plans for the use of the training days. It was stressed that the days be of quality training and not something just put together at the last minute. Mr. Novi stated that he has asked the school sites to provide a list of agendas for each professional development day to be submitted to him prior to the beginning of the school year. Some of the areas of concern the sites will be focusing on are in math, writing and resources for ELL students.

There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of holding professional development time after school, holding professional development classes after the school year ends, or holding full day sessions rather than minimum days. Mrs. Miller asked that the schools come before the board and provide an overview of their professional development.

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the K-6 minimum day request for professional development as presented by Mr. Novi. Mr. Hill seconded, motion carried. Mrs. Miller opposed.

Special Recognition – Quinn Norcutt – National Skills USA- Dr. Jensen, Quinn Norcutt, Kitty Norcutt

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to help students excel as a skilled work force. Quinn Norcutt represented the State of Nevada, Lowry High School and Humboldt County at the National SkillsUSA competition in Kansas City, Missouri the week of June 20-25th. There were 5000 career and technical education students (state winners) competing. Quinn finished 13th nationally. Congratulations Quinn!!

Dr. Jensen, along with the Norcutt's, initially thought that the competition was specific to automotive. Mr. and Mrs. Norcutt attended the competition and found it covered a broad area of skills; cosmetology, masonry, culinary arts, auto body, woodworking, art and forensics to name just a few of the competitions. She and Dr. Jensen have been in discussion regarding the many areas of competition the talented students at Lowry High School and McDermitt Combined could participate in. It is hoped that the SkillsUSA program can be expanded at the two schools.

Mrs. Norcutt and Quinn provided a PowerPoint presentation of the various competitions.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Warrants

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the warrants as presented. Mrs. Miller seconded, motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval to Establish a Special Revenue Fund Entitled the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant – Barbara Duncan, Dr. Dave Jensen

The District was selected to participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program funded through the Department of Agriculture. McDermitt Combined School was awarded \$3,280.31 and Winnemucca Grammar School was awarded \$17,442.91. The funds are to be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for the school's breakfast and lunch programs.

Mr. Hillyer moved to approve establishment of a special revenue fund entitled the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant as presented. Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval to Establish a Special Revenue Fund Entitled the ARRA Clean Diesel Bus Replacement Grant – Dave Jensen

The District was awarded federal grant funds from the EPA to replace an older bus in the District's fleet. No funds changed hands. A replacement bus arrived and the District had to provide evidence that an older bus (1990 Blue Bird) was disposed of.

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve establishment of a special revenue fund entitled the ARRA Clean Diesel Bus Replacement Grant. Mr. Hillyer and Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action – Adoption of District Vision and Mission Statements – Mike Bumgartner

Mr. Bumgartner asked the Board to officially adopt the District Vision and Mission Statements.

Vision: "Every child will graduate, each being prepared and confident to succeed".

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the vision statement as presented. Mrs. Miller and Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.

Mission: "As a community, we will provide a comprehensive, safe, challenging and effective learning environment to prepare students for success".

Mrs. Stewart moved to approve the mission statement as presented. Mr. Hill seconded, motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action – Consider Date for Board Retreat to Establish District Goals – Mike Bumgartner

Mr. Bumgartner provided the Board with a copy of the adopted 2009-10 school board goals. It was decided to have a board retreat at the August 10th meeting to establish the district goals for the 2010-11 school year.

Discussion and Possible Action – Review of Solar System Design and Placement for Lowry High School – Dr. Dave Jensen

Dr. Jensen provided the Board with a review of the solar system installation plans. On Tier I of the solar energy project, the District was awarded 173 kilowatts. The District plans to place 100 kilowatts at Lowry High School, 60 kilowatts at French Ford and 13 kilowatts at Paradise Valley. The anticipate cost is \$5.95 per watt or a total project cost of \$1,029,350. The District is required to front the money initially. Nevada Energy will then reimburse the District the rebate amount of \$5 per watt or \$865,000 within 30 days of the completion of the project. The ultimate cost to the District will be \$164,350.

Under the 173 kilowatts, the District is anticipating an annual energy savings of \$43,750. It will take the District 3.76 years to repay itself for the initial front money of \$164,350. The long term energy saving benefit will be substantial. The anticipated 5 year savings (at current flat energy rates) is \$54,400 and an anticipated 20 year savings (at current flat energy rates) of \$710,650.

The District has been notified that we have received an additional nine, 50 kilowatt systems; however, this will require the District to front a significant amount of money.

Board/Staff Comments:

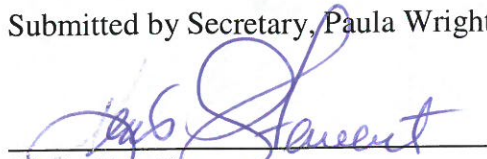
1. Mr. Hill asked if the Industrial Arts position at McDermitt has been posted. Dr. Jensen said it had been posted, with no interest. It has been reposted as an Ag Mechanic position.
2. Mr. Hill said the new roof of the Orovada School looks nice.
3. Mr. Hillyer said that these are difficult economic times in the state. He noted that another Humboldt County entity is doing very well, with reported surplus funds. He asked what legality was involved in allowing entities to draw from one another. He asked if the Board would consider entering into discussions. Mr. Doyle noted that these discussions are very premature and there should be some basic questions answered. Mr. Doyle stated that "We are totally separate legal entities".
4. Mrs. Miller asked if the District has received any additional resignations from employees. Mr. Bumgartner reported that he has not received any.
5. Mrs. Stewart noted that Mr. Bumgartner had mentioned one of his goals was to expand some instruction on ethics. She attended a seminar at the Annenburg School at USC called the Josephson Institute for Ethics. They have a K-12 program and may be worthwhile to review.
6. Dr. Jensen said the District is working on having an auction prior to the beginning of school. Possibly the first week in August, we will be advertising in the newspaper, allowing interested

parties to view the surplus vehicles and then allow silent bids. Our auditing firm has been contacted and we are currently reviewing NRS guidelines.

7. The asbestos abatement at Sonoma Heights and the rural schools has been completed.
8. Other projects currently in progress are; the boiler replacement at Lowry High School in the science building, kitchen repairs at Lowry and the solar projects.
9. Mr. Bumgartner reported that he, Dr. Jensen, and Mr. Novi will be visiting schools/staff to send a positive message for the upcoming school year.
10. Mr. Betteridge asked if the committee work previously planned for French Ford would continue, now that the school made AYP. Mr. Bumgartner said the committee would continue but with a more "positive spin" than originally planned. "We will be finding out what went right, because they made some significant gains last year".

Adjourned 6:08 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paula Wright


Clerk, Kris Stewart