

**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 23, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom.

Board members present were: Clerk-Ann Miller, Boyd Betteridge, Bruce Braginton, Glenda Deputy, and John Hill. Absent: President-John Seeliger, Andrew Hillyer

Others in attendance were: Superintendent Dr. Dave Jensen, Asst. Superintendent Dawn Hagness, Director Kelly Novi, Attorney John Doyle, Jessica Powell-Humboldt Sun, Jennifer and Sheldon Bergenheier and Secretary Paula Wright.

Clerk of the Board, Mrs. Miller opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Correspondence:** None

**Minutes:** Mr. Hill moved to approve the July 9, 2013 minutes as written. Mr. Braginton seconded, motion carried. Mr. Betteridge abstained.

**Public Comment:** None

**Superintendent Report**

1. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Hagness and Dr. Jensen met with American Fidelity representatives to discuss national health care and the potential impact on Humboldt County School District. There are a number of resources that American Fidelity can make available to us, as well as some options for staff on pretax medical withholdings. Of particular note is the requirement to provide health insurance for long term substitutes working beyond three months; however, this has been postponed for one year.
2. On July 11<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Hagness, Mr. Novi and Dr. Jensen met with Mark Doty from Goldcorp to discuss the possibility of introducing some gifted programming to Humboldt County School District. A number of various resources available were discussed. Funding to investigate programs may be available, with the possible availability of donated funds to establish a program. Further dialogue will be entered into to explore this opportunity.
3. On July 12<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Hagness and Dr. Jensen met with DeAnna Owens to discuss ELL grant funding. Ultimately, we would like to utilize the awarded funds to support an ELL Pre-K program. We are in contact with a local entity to partner with the District in the development of the program.
4. On July 15<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held with City Manager, Steve West, to review options on the new Great Basin Blvd. expansion and the creation of electrical and water access for the future. In addition, traffic flow to support parking by the softball fields was discussed.
5. To date we have received a total of eight certified retirements and nine resignations. These 17 positions, combined with the 12 new positions, will lead to the greatest hiring year prior to 2000. In addition, we are aware of two additional resignations that have yet to be formally submitted.
6. We continue to have a number of vacant positions throughout the district. Special Education is becoming the greatest area of concern. A total of five special education positions and one early childhood position remains open. In addition, McDermitt is working to fill a 5/6 position, Computer and Alt Ed position. We hope to have all positions filled prior to the start of school.
7. On August 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Jensen will be in Reno for a NASS (Superintendent's) meeting.
8. On the Board's direction, Dr. Jensen contacted Mr. Wally Baum regarding the District property he is interested in purchasing. He is still interested in the two properties. When Dr. Jensen discussed

splitting the cost of the appraisals, Mr. Baum said that he has several "irons in the fire" that he would like to take care of and he will return to the Board at a later date.

Mr. Doyle, referring to Dr. Jensen's report regarding grant funds for ELL, asked if there are any grant funds available for TAG programs. Dr. Jensen said he has not seen any grant funds available for TAG programs. He said TAG actually falls under the special education umbrella. A special education unit would need to be used and would require an IEP and every entitlement under IDEA to be used.

#### **Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Warrants**

Mr. Betteridge asked Dr. Jensen to clarify three warrants: Backbone Communications, Sunrise Plumbing and Roll-a-Part Buildings.

Dr. Jensen said Backbone Communications is our A+ program. He will review the other two warrants while Mr. Novi is giving his presentation and report afterwards.

Mr. Betteridge asked if all work has been completed by Sunrise Plumbing. Dr. Jensen said we are using them quite often with the summer projects, especially, with Sonoma Heights' air conditioning project and ADA compliant restrooms.

Mr. Hill moved to approve the warrants as presented. Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.

#### **Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of the 2013-14 Board Goals – Dr. Dave Jensen**

During the previous board meeting, the Board established their goals for the 2013-14 school year. Dr. Jensen provided the goals to the Board for final review and approval. The goals are as follows:

- 1) Graduation rates will be our primary area of focus. As a Board, we will commit to support increased graduation rates by providing:
  - a. Fiscal supports to ensure after school programs, credit remediation/recovery programs, proficiency preparation, and Advanced Placement (AP) supports at all levels.
  - b. Ongoing membership and support for Truancy Court.
- 2) As a Board, we will strive to be more visible throughout the District.
  - a. Each Board member will conduct a minimum of three (3) individual site visits per school year. Effort will be made to attend site professional development opportunities, PLC's, and walk-through's as possible.
  - b. A minimum of two (2) Board meetings will be scheduled in our Rural Communities, to include Denio and Orovada.
- 3) As a Board, we will engage in ongoing professional development (PD) both individually and as a whole group.
  - a. Individual professional development will include: personal reading, District provided readings, and attending NASB offered PD opportunities.
  - b. Group professional development opportunities will be sought through external facilitators.

Mr. Braginton moved to approve the Board goals as presented for final review. Mr. Hill and Mrs. Deputy seconded, motion carried.

#### **Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of the NCCAT-D Facilitator Grant – Dr. Dave Jensen**

The Board has engaged in prior discussions of what will be required of the District to conduct the NCCAT for all schools that are designated a three star and below. In addition, because we have a focus school, the District will be required to go through the NCCAT process.

Dr. Jensen contacted the Department of Education early this summer in regards to support and was told there would be no support for the districts to conduct the NCCAT process. Approximately three weeks ago, the Nevada Department of Education released a grant to support the NCCAT-D and to pay a portion of the cost for an external facilitator. The total funding for all districts is only \$200,000; therefore, the Department of Education is not planning on funding the full cost, but rather a cost share.

The District has completed the NCCAT-D grant application for \$18,382.63 for fiscal year 2013-14. Dr. Jensen asked the Board's support in approving the grant application for submission.

Mr. Betteridge moved to approve the NCCAT-D Facilitator Grant as presented. Mr. Braginton seconded, motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of the 4-Day Rural School Calendar – Kelly Novi**

Mr. Novi provided the Board with a copy of the 4-day rural school calendar for 2013-14. Upon approval by the Board, the calendar must be submitted to the Department of Education. The calendar is basically the same as last year's calendar, with most Fridays being their "off days". The calendar has been reviewed by NSEA President, Mary Keith, McDermitt Principal, Dustin Christean, former McDermitt Principal, Janet Kennedy and the rural teachers.

Mr. Hill moved to approve the 4-day rural school calendar. Mrs. Deputy seconded, motion carried. Those in favor: Mr. Hill, Mrs. Deputy, Mr. Betteridge, Mr. Braginton. Those opposed: Mrs. Miller

**Discussion Only – 2013 CRT Review – Kelly Novi**

In the 2012-13 school year the math cut scores were changed, which impacted grades 6-12 the most. Reading remained unchanged, having been re-normed in 2010-11.

Mr. Novi provided the Board with a seven year overview of CRT results. Results were provided for Grass Valley Elementary, Sonoma Heights Elementary and Winnemucca Grammar School in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading and math, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade reading and math at French Ford Middle School and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading and math at Winnemucca Jr. High. Current state data was not available, but should be released any day. The 2012-13 star ratings should be released in September.

**Public Comment:** Sheldon Bergenheier, owner of Blue Mountain Wireless, approached the Board with a concern. Mr. Bergenheier has provided the District's cell phone service since 2001. He was "caught off guard" when he received an email from his district representative in Reno asking why the school district had moved their account to Verizon.

He said he had received several calls from school district employees asking why "he" had turned their phone service off. He explained that he had no reason to disrupt service and that they had been transferred to Verizon.

He noted that in past years, he has been contacted to offer a quote whenever the District was looking for new cellular phone service. He referred back to school board minutes and found no indication that the Board had approved changing cellular service. He also indicated that he checked to see if he had made any notations that the District was unhappy with the service they were receiving from Choice Wireless and found none. He said he was not even given the opportunity to provide a quote.

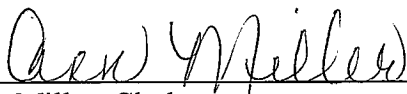
Mrs. Miller informed Mr. Bergenheier that open meeting law requires that the Board not take action on items that do not appear on the agenda. He understood.

### Board/Staff Reports:

1. Mrs. Deputy asked if the current teacher at Kings River School was going to remain at Kings River for the upcoming school year.
2. Mrs. Deputy said she plans on attending the administrative meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Jensen said they will begin at 9 a.m.
3. Mrs. Deputy asked if all Board members have had a chance to get away on vacation to "clear their minds" before school begins for the 2013-14 school year.
4. Mr. Hill referred to an article in the Humboldt Sun regarding the BLM's proposal to move their operations to a "center location" to better serve the area. He said this was on the same line as his proposal to build a centrally located rural school to consolidate the rural schools to save costs.
5. Mr. Betteridge, missing the last board meeting, did not have the opportunity to be involved in the discussion regarding district priorities. He asked that new roofs for Grass Valley Elementary and Sonoma Heights Elementary be added to the list.
6. Mr. Betteridge said that he has heard "talk" that Humboldt General Hospital wants to purchase the golf course, City Park, and then plans to demolish the swimming pool. He hopes that, if this is true, the hospital will pay to have those recreational areas reconstructed elsewhere. Dr. Jensen said that he has been in conversation with City Manager, Steve West, and will update Mr. Betteridge after the board meeting. Dr. Jensen noted that there has been a lot of speculation and negotiations and no one knows what the ultimate outcome will be.
7. Mr. Novi informed the Board that interviews were held July 23<sup>rd</sup> for the administrative secretary position in the maintenance department. We hope to have a new person on board next week.
8. Mr. Novi reported that he is waiting on testing data so we can move forward.
9. Mrs. Hagness reported that she has contacted all elementary administrators and each has selected two math facilitators to help support the Common Core training. She has been meeting with teachers individually to share some documents to help them get started.
10. Dr. Jensen provided Mr. Betteridge with the information he requested regarding the warrants in question. Sunrise Plumbing (\$4,666) was for work done at Paradise Valley to make their restrooms ADA compliant. Roll-A-Part Buildings (\$12,000) was for repair on the metal roof on the gymnasium at Lowry High School.

Adjourned 5:26 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paula Wright

  
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Ann Miller, Clerk