

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

A board retreat of the Humboldt County Board of School Trustees was held January 30, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room.

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

Others in attendance were: Superintendent Dr. Dave Jensen, Asst. Superintendent Dawn Hagness, Director Kelly Novi and Secretary Paula Wright.

President Seeliger opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Correspondence:** Mrs. Miller informed the Board that a letter was received from Mr. John Doyle regarding a summary of all claims made against the Humboldt County School District for tortious conduct for 2013. The report is an annual retirement of NRS 41.0385.

**Minutes:** None

**Public Comment – Discussion Only**

None

**Superintendent’s Report**

None

**Discussion Only – Review Board Goals and Establishing Educational Priorities Discussion**

Mr. Seeliger provided the Board with a copy of their 2013-14 goals.

1. Graduation rates will be our primary area of focus.
2. As a Board, we will strive to be more visible throughout the District.
3. As a Board, we will engage in ongoing professional development, both individually and as a group.

Mr. Seeliger also provided Board members a copy of the District’s current Vision and Mission Statements. The Board will be reviewing and possibly updating them at their board retreat on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

President Seeliger then opened the meeting to allow dialogue among board members. Items discussed included:

- Ensuring Fiscal Transparency
- Perception of lack of trust by some - regain respect and credibility
- Process for advertising and filling of job vacancies
- Board approval on fiduciary matters - process
- Role of the Board in day-to-day operations of the District
- Instructional leaders (Administration)
- Professional development for all employees at the beginning of each school year - tailored to each school site
- Review goals and expand upon them

- Increase graduation rates
- Emphasize importance of graduating
- Expectations for K-12
- Prepare students to be at grade level by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, emphasis K-3
- Effective remediation
- Promotion vs social promotion
- Early intervention
- Review the ISE program
- Challenge high achieving students (GBC, A+ program)
- Prepare students for jobs in the future (jobs that currently do not exist)
- “Adopt a Student” at all grade levels
- Change school culture
- Parental involvement
- Promoting teacher attendance
- Support better leadership
- Continued school improvement
- Continue recognition for teachers and staff
- Community volunteers (tutors, mentoring program)
- Support boys and girls club
- Travel

**Public Comment – Discussion Only**

None

**Board Reports/Requests - Information Only/No Action**

1. Mrs. Deputy reminded everyone of the NASB Conference in Reno on February 8<sup>th</sup>.
2. Mr. Braginton felt it was a good discussion. He feels the Board should have them periodically.
3. Mr. Hillyer also felt it was a good discussion and said that he truly appreciates and respects everyone on the Board and Administration. He thanked them for what they do for kids.
4. Mr. Seeliger thanked everyone for taking the time to meet.
5. Dr. Jensen reminded everyone of the Board retreat with Jim Huges on February 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 a.m. The Board will be discussing the Vision and Mission statements, Kindergarten to graduation, and the Superintendent’s evaluation.

Adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paula Wright

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Ann Miller, Clerk