

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

June 2, 2014 - 1:45 p.m. A joint meeting between the Humboldt County Commission, Winnemucca City Council, Winnemucca Convention and Visitors Authority Board and Humboldt County School District Board of Trustees was held in Room 201 of the Humboldt County Courthouse. The agenda items discussed included:

- A. Presentation by Community Improvement Group Regarding Winnemucca Regional Recreation Complex Project
- B. Update on Community Arts Center Project
- C. Consideration of Placement of ¼ of 1% Recreation Sales Tax as a Ballot Question

The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of School Trustees was held June 2, 2014 at 3:52 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom.

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

Others in attendance were: Superintendent Dr. Dave Jensen, Asst. Superintendent Dawn Hagness, Attorney John Doyle, Jessica Powell-Humboldt Sun, Jennifer Robinson, Ronda Havens, Valerie Barr, Ray Parks, Ron and Bonnie Hilbish, Mary Keith, Judge Montero, Kristy Ingle, other interested persons and Secretary Paula Wright.

President Seeliger opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence: None

Minutes: Mr. Hill moved to approve the May 21, 2014 minutes as written. Mr. Braginton seconded, motion carried.

Public Comment – Discussion Only

None

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Parks notified Dr. Jensen that the Lowry Girls' Track Team was selected as NIAA Division I-A Academic State Champions for 2013-14. Congratulations!
- Dr. Jensen noted that a trip request for Skills USA should have been placed on the consent agenda for Board approval, but the request was not provided in time. Jacob Schmidt and Philip Kienholz and Advisor Andrew Meyer are requesting approval to the Skills USA Conference in Kansas City. Dr. Jensen said he would grant the request. There is no cost to the District.
- On May 28th, an interview for the McDermitt principal position was conducted. After concluding the interview, it was a unanimous decision of the committee to continue the search. An additional candidate has expressed interest. An interview will be held on Friday, June 6th at 11 a.m. Mr. Hill will serve as the Board's representative. Valerie Barr and other members of the Tribal office have been invited to serve on the interview committee.

- On May 29th, Dr. Jensen attended the Lowry High School and Grass Valley Elementary School year end assemblies and provided the District's and Board's appreciation to retiring employees. There will be four assemblies held on Thursday, June 5th. Dr. Jensen and Mrs. Hagness will be splitting those and attending.
- On May 29th, Dr. Jensen participated in the Winnemucca Improvement Group meeting. Great progress is being made. During the joint meeting between the Humboldt County Commission, Winnemucca City Council, Winnemucca Convention and Visitors Authority and the District there is evidence of overwhelming support for the Boys and Girls Club/Recreation Center project.
- On May 29th, Dr. Jensen attended the Art Showcase at Lowry High School. He expressed his appreciation to the students and staff. He said he is amazed at the quality of work that comes out of Lowry High School and McDermitt Combined School; very talented staff and students.
- Denio's graduation was held June 2nd, Kings River's is on June 3rd, McDermitt Combined and Paradise Valley is on June 4th and Lowry High School's graduation is on June 5th. Board members that are planning to travel to the graduations were asked to contact Dr. Jensen if they wished to carpool.
- Dr. Jensen expressed his appreciation to Humboldt County School District staff for making this a tremendous school year. "We have accomplished a great deal, some of which has not come easily, but it has provided a foundation for where we need to go." He wished everyone a relaxing summer vacation.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Warrants**
- 2. Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of a Trip Request for the Lowry High School FFA Livestock Judging Team to Travel to the FFA National Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky – Dr. Dave Jensen**

Mr. Betteridge had a question regarding the warrant for RHP. Dr. Jensen said he would research the warrant as we moved on with the agenda.

Mr. Braginton moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Hill seconded, motion carried.

Discussion Only – FY15 Tentative Budget – Dr. Dave Jensen, Ronda Havens

Dr. Jensen noted that as of the meeting, the District has still not received the adjusted DSA figures from the Nevada Department of Education. Dr. Jensen noted that the budget is truly a "work of fiction" because we do not know what the state will do to adjust the wealth formula.

Dr. Jensen went through the budget and provided the Board with the adjustments that were made from the Tentative Budget presented on May 21st.

- The assessed valuation last year was \$1,652,000,000, this year \$1,348,000,000 or a reduction of approximately \$303 million over last year. Historically, as assessed value was increasing annually, for every \$1 million in assessed valuation the District would lose approximately \$1 in DSA. In reviewing the reduction in assessed valuation of \$303 million this could possibly equate to an increase in DSA of \$300 per pupil. Dr. Jensen said he and Mrs. Havens were unwilling to take that level of a gamble, so they made a best estimated guess and used the figure of a \$118 per pupil adjustment.

- The Public Communications Specialist position, has been eliminated (\$16,000)
- Duties shifted to the NCCAT Specialist, Reduction of rural principal stipends for KR, Orovada and Denio (\$16,000).
- The salaries of positions yet to hire were originally calculated at Column 3, Step 5. They have been re-calculated at Column 1, Step 0 (\$102,000).
- Additional Ad Valorem was received, which will increase our ending fund balance by approximately \$335,000.
- The new food service provider will save the District approximately \$50,000 in projected fund transfers.
- Reduction of two Special Education positions.
- The .25 cent property tax was reduced from \$3.7 million to \$2.7 million. This is a direct result of the reduction in Net Proceeds of Minerals.
- The State share was then increased to \$4.8 million and General Fund to \$3.4 million.
- The estimated CY14 tax from Net Proceeds of Minerals was reduced to \$566,844 from \$3.4 million, as well as the offset of the overpayment of Net Proceeds of Minerals.
- The total assessed value dropped by over \$200 million.
- Expenditures: adjustments were made to staffing, support services, fund transfers and the ending balance or a reduction of \$1.4 million over the Tentative Budget.
- 10% reduction in supply funds across the board (\$106,000).
- Reduce out of state athletic travel.
- Shift NCCAT salary into several grants (\$50,000).

Dr. Jensen said that once the Nevada Department of Education provides the final figures, we will return to the Board for a budget augment in December.

Dr. Jensen noted that the rural Special Education teacher will be picking up the services for McDermitt Combined School.

Valerie Barr expressed her concern of the reduction of a Special Education position at McDermitt Combined School. She was puzzled that the District would cut the elective shop class at the Winnemucca Jr. High School and add a Drama class at Winnemucca Jr. High. She felt that electives at the Winnemucca Jr. High School were being considered over keeping a Special Education position at McDermitt Combined.

President Seeliger noted that there has been considerable conversation regarding staffing. “No one is happy with it, but we cannot see any better way around it.” He noted, for the time being, it is the best the District can do.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of the FY15 Tentative Budget as Final – Dr. Dave Jensen, Ronda Havens

Mrs. Miller moved to approve the FY15 Tentative Budget as final. Mr. Braginton seconded, motion carried.

Closed Session for a Grievance Hearing in Behalf of Bonnie Hilbish Pursuant to Article 25.3 of the HCEA Negotiated Agreement – Dr. Dave Jensen

4:39 p.m. Mr. Braginton moved to go into a closed grievance hearing on behalf of Bonnie Hilbish pursuant to Article 25.3 of the HCEA Negotiated Agreement. Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.

5:14 p.m. Mr. Braginton moved to return to open session. Mrs. Miller seconded, motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action – Determination of Grievance Hearing in Behalf of Bonnie Hilbish – Dr. Dave Jensen

Mr. Hill moved to deny the grievance because of nine years vs ten years with the District. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Mrs. Miller moved to approve the grievance. Mr. Braginton seconded. Those in favor: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Braginton and Mr. Betteridge. Those opposed: Mr. Hill and Mr. Seeliger.

Mrs. Hilbish thanked the Board for valuing her time with the district.

Discussion Only – Truancy Advisory Board/Truancy Court Update – Judge Montero, Ray Parks

Judge Montero and Mr. Parks provided the Board with an update on the Truancy Advisory Board and Truancy Court. Judge Montero said he enjoyed presiding over Truancy Court for another year. He reported that this year seemed to be a more difficult year than past years because more students were truant in the prior year, coming to Truancy Court earlier and also the court is following students for a longer period of time.

This year the Court saw its first 4th grade student. The bulk of the students are freshman. Judge Montero felt that if they could catch students at the French Ford and junior high age level it would provide a more lasting impression on the student.

School administration identifies students who are truant and refers them to the Truancy Advisory Board. The Juvenile Probation Department is given a copy of the referral to conduct a home visit and assess issues that may contribute to the truancy. It is then determined if the student would benefit from monitoring by the Truancy Advisory Board or are referred to Truancy Court. The student and his/her parents attend Truancy Court once a week. Unfortunately, some of the truanicies were attributed to the parent not getting the student to school.

For the current year, 45 students were referred to the Truancy Advisory Board. 23 students were referred to Truancy Court, 22 were referred for remediation, two students moved, one applied to homeschool, four were cited, and one withdrew from school. Twelve of the students referred tested positive for controlled substances. Of the 23 students referred to Truancy Court, nine were non-compliant, two moved, three were non-compliant and were cited, no data was collected on one student and 11 completed the program (42%).

Judge Montero said, in order to see long term progress with the program, we need to get more help. He would like to see a family support specialist; someone who could provide support to families on a weekly basis. He believes there are funds out there that could provide help for the program.

Mr. Parks noted that there have been some great success stories. He said the program truly affects students immediately.

Judge Montero said we have a need for tutors. Mr. Betteridge suggested trying to get retired community members to volunteer as mentors.

Judge Montero thanked Ray Parks, Byron Jeppsen and Michelle Garrison for attending Truancy Court on a regular basis.

President Seeliger thanked Judge Montero for his work.

President Seeliger asked Board members if they had any comments on the joint board meeting they attended earlier in the day.

Mr. Braginton feels it is a worthwhile project. Dr. Jensen noted that he was aware that the joint project was going to ask the school district for \$500,000. The school district is not in a position to write a check for \$500,000. However, the District's potential involvement will come in Phase II of the project which will provide for "in-kind" donation. The District can provide the fiber, scoreboards, backboards, etc. In order to fund this, the District would need to consider selling some parcels of land the District owns. The District owns 10 parcels near French Ford Middle School that could be considered if the Board had interest.

The item will be placed on a later agenda to be discussed fully.

Dr. Jensen thanked the Board for their support at the joint meeting.

Public Comment – Discussion Only

None

Board Reports/Requests - Information Only/No Action

1. Mr. Betteridge congratulated all seniors.
2. Mr. Braginton congratulated all seniors and the Lowry's girls' track team.
3. Dr. Jensen reported on the warrant that Mr. Betteridge questioned earlier in the meeting. The warrant was for three separate charges; \$3,200, \$3,300 and \$1,800. This is an agreement with RHP to service our boilers.
4. Dr. Jensen reminded everyone of Kings River's graduation on Tuesday, June 3rd. If anyone is interested in attending and would like to carpool, Dr. Jensen will be leaving from the district office at 3:30 p.m. On Thursday, June 5th anyone interested in carpooling to McDermitt's graduation, Dr. Jensen will be leaving from the district office at 5 p.m.
5. President Seeliger reported that the NASB is holding a teleconference the evening of Monday, June 2nd to review the K-12 funding formula. It is hoped to have a resolution to bring before the Board for approval at the June 24th meeting.
6. President Seeliger commended the seniors on the good pranks they came up with this week. "No one got hurt and it was all innocent fun." Mr. Doyle said it was also a fundraiser. They wrote citations to all the students who parked in the area and the funds collected were donated to a young lady who is hospitalized.

Adjourned 6:02 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paula Wright

Ann Miller, Clerk