

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

The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of School Trustees was held August 22, 2017 at 4:33 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom.

Board members present were: President Bruce Braginton, Vice-President Glenda Deputy, Boyd Betteridge, Chris Entwistle, and John Hill.

Others in attendance were: Superintendent Dr. Dave Jensen, Asst. Superintendent Dawn Hagness, Attorney John Doyle, Shanna Cummings-Humboldt Sun, Deputy Chief William Dalley and Judy Kritikos

President Braginton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Mrs. Deputy noted a correction to the Minutes where it read "Mrs. Deputy Betteridge moved to...". Betteridge should be removed. Mr. Hill moved to approve the August 8, 2017 minutes as corrected. Mr. Entwistle seconded, motioned carried.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment – Discussion Only: None

Superintendent's Report:

- Next Monday (8/28/17) is the official welcome back to the FY17-18 school year. Over the next few days there are several activities, all of which the Board is invited to attend:
 - Wed, 8/23/17:
 - 8:00 Breakfast at LHS for all staff to hear Dr. Draper's presentation
 - All day training (following Dr. Draper) for new teachers at the Boys & Girls Club
 - 11:00 Dr. Draper radio interview at Buckaroo radio
 - 12:45 Dr. Jensen will give a welcome to the staff at the B&G Club
 - 2:00 Dr. Draper's community presentation, also at LHS
 - Thur, 8/24 and Fri, 8/25/17: All staff officially return, combination of PD and classroom preparation
 - Mon, 8/16/17: 4:30 pm for Board introduction/training on the new BoardDocs program. (The Board can bring their laptops, however, they will be provided.)
- Earlier today, Barrick brought over several boxes of school supplies for the District. They will be distributed to various schools, targeting students in need. We appreciate Barrick and other partners who have supported us with these supplies.
- This week, Dr. Jensen was asked by Congressman Amodei to represent schools as part of the Western Nevada infrastructure roundtable, to be held in Reno. Consideration of the aging school infrastructure is an important on-going topic.
- The WJHS paving project was completed today.
- The turf is in process of being laid at both Denio and Paradise Valley.
- Progress has been made in installing the septic system in Kings River. The portable will be moved tomorrow (8/24/17), and set up this week.
- Bids were opened at 2:00 pm today for the HVAC project at FFMS and LHS. The bids were much higher than projected, so this will be on the 9/12/17 agenda to discuss with the Board.

- There is a significant amount of discussion at the state level regarding Star Ratings. NDE was initially releasing the ratings on 9/15/17, and due to the issues that have come up, a release date is now unknown.
- Dr. Jensen received a letter that was addressed to the District Librarian from Richae Marez, who found the book, "Work A Day Doings On the Farm". It was checked out by her grandfather, Raul Ray Jones, who was a WGS student in the 1920's. The inside cover shows it is several decades past due – the stamp shows 9/29/25. She hopes the book can find a place back where it started, here at our library.

Consent Agenda

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Warrants

Mrs. Deputy disclosed that there was a reimbursement check in the warrants for her NASB trip.

Mr. Hill commented that he liked the explanation provided, as the information was clear and easy to find.

Mrs. Deputy moved to approve the warrants. Mr. Hill seconded, motion carried.

Discussion only – Discussion and Possible Action – Establishment of SB178 Special Revenue Account Providing Weighted Funding for targeted Schools - Dr. David Jensen

Dr. Jensen reported we received \$118,800, funded through SB178, targeting the lowest quartile students that are ELL, free and reduced lunch, but not in a Zoom or Victory school, and not on an IEP. For the two schools eligible for these funds, WJHS and FFMS, this will provide \$1,200 per eligible pupil. Distribution will be \$60,000 for FFMS, and \$58,800 for WJHS. As a new fund, the District must first establish a new Special Revenues account prior to utilizing those funds. The Board was asked to establish a new account, "Nevada Education Funding Plan" in the amount of \$118,800. Mr. Hill moved to approve. Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.

As Chief Dalley was present, the Agenda order changed to item 4.

Discussion and Possible Action – Discussion Regarding the Potential Transition of the SRO to the City of Winnemucca/WPD (CoW/WPD)- Dr. David Jensen

Dr. Jensen and Capt. Dalley met with the City Council today. They asked only that the City Council and the District provide direction to continue the discussion regarding the potential shift of the SRO from HCSD to WPD. The DRAFT MOU is currently being reviewed by the legal counsel of both entities. There are issues to be addressed before going before either agency to authorize the transition. A few items to note: The WPD has always supported the District, and having the SRO as an extension of the WPD will provide more clear communication between the two agencies, in times of absences there would be coverage, as well as additional coverages at athletic events and extra-curricular activities. For the CoW/WPD, they would have another officer available for OT or other needs after the SRO's school district duties. It is anticipated that the SRO would be on a three-year rotation, allowing the SRO to have police/fire PERS (40.5%), rather than the District's PERS (28%). The district currently spends approximately \$96,000 for salary and benefits of the SRO, in addition to a \$500 clothing allowance, and an annual physical. The intent is for a five-year contract with the WPD, costing approximately \$100,000 annually for services over that five-year period. The current SRO vehicle requires approximately \$9,000 to get it running again, so regardless of the pending transition, a new vehicle will need to be purchased. Dr. Jensen recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of a new SRO vehicle. If the MOU moves forward, the SRO vehicle is one of the issues to be addressed.

Chief Dalley agreed with what has presented, and acknowledged that many of the items to be addressed are procedural.

Mr. Hill asked how the rural schools/McDermitt would be covered, as they are currently covered by the County, not City. As it stands now, the SRO works for the HCSD and if backup is needed, we contact the Sheriff's office, and this seems to be the way it will continue for coverage at all 11 schools.

The Board authorized a continuation of the discussion regarding the potential shift of the SRO to WPD.

Discussion and Possible Action – 2017-2020 District Strategic Plan Update, Review and Input – Dr. Dave Jensen

Dr. Jensen provided two documents to the Board: Admin Feedback and 17-18 Year Focus action steps with timelines. The Admin Feedback document has 2 goals. After review by the Administrators, and they were asked for the strengths, the needs, and what questions they had. Questions asked: “what is the end goal in five years?”. What is the end game, and how do you know when you’ve reached it? This will be a focus when looking at school/district improvements, and as the 3- to 5-year plan is being developed, benchmarks will be created to track the progress.

The 17-18 Year Focus document is a product of a meeting held earlier today with the cabinet and ANET, a service provider, working with McDermitt, leadership development, etc. They have a strong interest in working with us on the Strategic Plan. The ANET representative, who is from Washington DC and works at a higher level, helped put the agenda together and drive the meeting. She is the strategic planner for ANET and when she saw what we were doing, she wanted to be involved, providing a strong level of support in our efforts.

Realizing there is still much work to be done, these documents are a good reference and starting point.

Dr. Jensen asked that the Board formalize these as the two goals.

Mr. Entwistle moved to move forward with the 2017-2020 District Strategic Plan Update as presented in the body of the documents received. Mr. Hill seconded, motion carried.

Discussion Only – 2017-2018 Board Goal Discussion – Bruce Braginton and Glenda Deputy

Mr. Braginton felt the Board should be looking at the current goals, remembering the prior school years, as they make adjustments and fine tune the goals. The Board wants to look at previous goals and carry them forward.

Mrs. Deputy felt we should be aligning to the State’s goals.

Looking at Goal 2 (Maintain focus on graduation rates), Dr. Jensen stated that in the conversations with the Administrative team, they felt there were more metrics than just graduation rates. It’s a measurement tool, yet K-12 should focus on academic growth, so if Goal 2 were to be modified, he suggested a change to “Maintain focus on academic growth”. As we do that, graduation rates will be a natural subset of that rather than being the target. The Board agreed with this.

Mr. Braginton felt goals 1, 3 and 4 should stay the same, yet goal 2 should align with the first goal in the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Betteridge stated that if we are focusing on graduation rates, we should be aware how many children are at risk at all schools and all ages, at all schools. Dr. Jensen said this was closely aligned to conversations held at today’s meeting. We have MAP scores, etc., in addition to other tools we use to track student progress, and most teachers are aware of students that are already having difficulties and who they would work with more closely.

Mr. Braginton felt he could take the document, consider the comments, and make a few tweaks to the document and bring it back to the next Board meeting.

Dr. Jensen began discussing the goal of two Board meetings per year at rural locations. He stated they had not been to Paradise Valley or Orovada in a while. The Board felt these two locations would be good.

Mr. Braginton asked if there was anything the Board should be changed. Mrs. Deputy felt they should ask themselves: what did we not do – should those be done this year, or removed? With that, Mr. Braginton will take the document, make a few tweaks and bring it back to the next Board meeting.

Closed Session to Discuss Negotiations with the HCEA and HCSSO Pursuant to NRS 288.220 – Dr. David Jensen

5:43 p.m. Mrs. Deputy moved to enter Closed Session to discuss negotiations with the HCEA and HCSSO Pursuant to NRS 288.220. Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.

6:42 p.m. Returned to Open Session

Public Comment – Discussion Only: None

Board Reports/Requests – Information Only/No Action

Mr. Entwistle wished the teachers/students/administrators a great first day; he's excited to have them back.

Mrs. Deputy handed out two documents: Coincidence or Not??? And Tired of Bad Sleep?
She had seen the District Manual of the Round Mountain school where her grandchildren attend, and hadn't seen ours in many years, so she'll be looking for that.
She mentioned the NASB meeting will be 9/16/17 in Las Vegas.
She just received a text that the turf is now being placed in Paradise Valley.

Mrs. Hagness mentioned that we send out a mini version of the Student hand book every year. The full version is located on line.

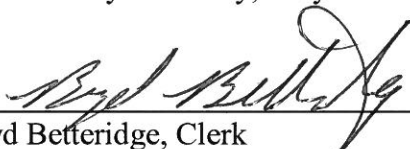
Ms. Kritikos asked which Board members planned on attending the Nov 16-17, 2017 NASB 2017 Conference. The Board responded that members, including Dr. Jensen and Mrs. Hagness, will attend.

Dr. Jensen welcomed back all the teachers, and hoped to see the Board at tomorrow's presentation by Dr. John Draper.

Mr. Braginton asked the Board if they felt the new Board Memo was useful, and the Board felt it was. He also expressed his good wishes to the teachers and the new school year.

6:50 p.m. Mr. Braginton adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Secretary, Judy Kritikos



Boyd Betteridge, Clerk