

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
310 East Fourth Street
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The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of School Trustees was held September 12, 2017 at 4:35 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom.

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

Others in attendance were: Superintendent Dr. Dave Jensen, Asst. Superintendent Dawn Hagness, Attorney John Doyle, Laura Jensen-HCSD Food Services, Shanna Cummings-Humboldt Sun, Max Hershenow (H&K Architects), Jenny Poole (Teacher), and Judy Kritikos.

Vice-President Deputy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Mrs. Deputy noted a correction to the Minutes where it read "Battle Mountain", and should read "Round Mountain". Mr. Hill moved to approve the August 22, 2017 minutes as corrected. Mr. Betteridge seconded, motioned carried.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment – Discussion Only: None

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Jensen mentioned his Friday report previously sent to the Board. As an update, the State Board of Education was re-scheduled to 9/12/17, and he was unable to attend due to Negotiations and our Board meeting. NASS asked him to write an End of Course Assessments response to NDE proposals. We've been successfully working with the State Dept to shift the End of Course from high stakes to medium stakes – meaning it's more of a participation component, and how much it should be weighted with grades. NDE is recommending it be valued at 20%, and NASS is requesting it be considered at 10% of the course.
- The first extended cabinet meeting was held on 9/8/17. The cabinet and department heads will meet once monthly so they can all meet at the same time to help open lines of communication and help solve issues quickly.
- Negotiations began on 9/11/17. The teachers started at 12:30 pm and a tentative settlement was reached by 7:30 pm. Classified met on 9/12/17 at 8:15 and a tentative settlement was reached before 11:00 am. The Administration team met and will meet again on 9/18/17. There is still some fiscal analysis to review. Dr. Jensen is not asking the Board to ratify at this point, merely to share details, and will agendize it for a Closed Session 9/26/17 meeting, with hopes of ratifying the agreements in the Open Session that same night.
- On 9/15/17, a Rural Education Summit will be held in conjunction with UNR and GBC. The Board is invited. It will be at the Convention Center from 9:00 – 3:30 pm.

Consent Agenda

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Warrants

There was a question about the phones – McDermit and Paradise Valley. As the document wasn't readily available, Dr. Jensen will look into the issue and report back. Dr. Jensen informed the Board the District office will be switching phones to VOIP shortly.

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

Discussion only – Discussion and Possible Action – Update on FMS/LHS HVAC Bid and Consideration of Moving Forward – Dr. David Jensen

Dr. Jensen reviewed the bid results of the two bidders, stating the bid amount of the lowest bidder was still significantly higher than the estimate, and thus the bid should be discussed in more detail with the Board. Mr. Max Hershenow, H&K Architects, has had conversations with the low bidder, RHP, and stated there are three areas that affected the great difference between the estimate and the lowest bid.

1. Schedule: the impact of access during specific hours/days/weekends was greatly undervalued by appx. \$50,000 in labor costs.
2. Building Controls: the hardware/software, and the remote location of each school for the controls was also undervalued by approx. \$30,000. BCS has a good relationship with the District and is the preferred vendor where energy management is involved. The price is fair, and not arbitrarily increased. Mr. Hershenow stated they need to work more closely with BCS to better estimate costs.
3. Rural Factor: There were only two bidders, both are from Reno, and both are very busy. The price increases with each factor, and this was undervalued as well. Mr. Hershenow stated they will be more mindful of these factors, as they are becoming more of a factor.

The group discussed holding off until next year, possibly re-bidding then, perhaps costs will come down, maybe local companies will bid, bidders from Utah/Idaho may bid, if there are more bidders, the prices may come down. Conversely, the prices could go up, we may get no bids, and in the worst case – the units, which are limping along now, may shut down completely, leaving the school/students with no heat in the middle of winter. A teacher, Ms. Jenny Poole, spoke and stated that the conditions for students and teachers with no AC in the hottest days of summer are very difficult. Discussion was held about the financial aspects of such a large amount being needed for the project, and assurances the District has realized other areas of savings and this project could be reasonably accommodated. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed that waiting posed too much of a risk for the students if the units quit entirely, and took a vote to accept RHP's bid and move forward with the project. Mr. Hill moved to approve the bid, Ms. Bengochea seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action – Discussion and Possible Action – First review of Food Service Procurement Policy – Laura Jensen

To be compliant with the NV Dept of Agriculture, all schools in Nevada need to create a policy, and the HCSD policy is being presented for a first review. If the Board agrees to the policy, it will be formally adopted at the 9/26/17 meeting following the second reading. It was also noted that the District goes thru a formal bid process every five years to obtain a food services management company. Chartwells is the current company, and the five-year period ends next year, so the bid process will take place in 2018.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval to Submit Read by Grade Three, Title I and Other State Grant Applications – Dr. Dave Jensen

Dr. Jensen stated we're "in the season of grant submissions". The purpose of this item is to ask the Board if they would like to provide authorization to this one specific grant, or to say yes to this grant as well as any other grants the District feels is worth applying for without the Board having to meet and approve each one, given the time constraints of grant submissions.

At the 9/26/17 Board meeting, Dr. Jensen stated he would be coming to the Board to approve the purchase of K-3 curricular reading materials, and that this grant, if awarded to HCSD, may cover much of those costs. There was discussion of our newly hired grant writer, and her help on this grant, as well as other grants. She is in constant communication with various District personnel, and when given the go-ahead, will apply for various grants. However, the Read by Third Grade grant is not a new grant, so continues to fall under district grant writing, with her assistance.

It was asked if the District evaluates grants and applies for all of them, or determines they may not be suitable for us, and this was confirmed, as some do not align with our goals, mission or resources. After

discussion confirming that the Board will be notified once a new grant is submitted, a vote was taken to approve the submission of this and other grants as the District feels are necessary and needed.

Ms. Bengochea moved to approve the submission of Read by Grade Three, Title I and other state grant applications. Mr. Betteridge seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action – Possible Approval of Board Goals for 2017-2018 – Dr. David Jensen

Dr. Jensen reminded the Board that at the previous meeting, President Braginton agreed to compile a list of potential board goals, which would be given to the Board for review and discussion, with possible approval at tonight's meeting. Dr. Jensen handed out a draft of the board goals with a few minor clarifying edits. Mr. Betteridge suggested that at the Nov 2017 NASB conference, perhaps our Board could arrange to meet with Pershing/Lander County Board members and brainstorm/discuss their respective goals, which the Board agreed was a good idea. A very minor edit was suggested in the first line – changing "prior determined priorities" to "previously determined priorities". After review and discussion, the Board agreed the document was acceptable.

Mr. Entwistle moved to approve the Board Goals for 2017-2018. Mr. Hill seconded, and the motion carried.

Public Comment – Due to the order of Closed Session and a teacher, Ms. Jenny Poole, being present, the Board opened the meeting to Public Comment

Ms. Poole mentioned her prior teaching position in Minnesota. There had been a horrendous murder of several priests in El Salvador. Her students were so moved by this incident, that they adopted a school in the area and helped gather items/funds for that school. She asked if there was a way for HCSD/classes to adopt a school in Texas or Florida, given the devastating nature of the recent storms. Ms. Deputy stated this would be an excellent social-emotional learning experience. Discussion was held on the logistics of communicating this to all employees/students, as well as setting up an account for the funds. Dr. Jensen will speak with the auditors about how to set up an account.

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

6:09 p.m. Mr. Hill moved to enter Closed Session to discuss negotiations with the HCEA and HCSSO Pursuant to NRS 288.220. Mr. Entwistle seconded, motion carried.

7:11 p.m. Returned to Open Session

Public Comment – Discussion Only: None

Board Reports/Requests – Information Only/No Action

Mr. Hill mentioned the truancy policy, which is currently in place.

Mr. Betteridge complimented Dr. Jensen on the concrete fix at GVE – it looks very good.

Mr. Entwistle stated he had fun at negotiations.

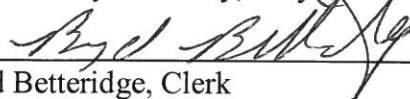
Ms. Deputy handed out an NASB handout. She mentioned the tree branch that fell at Paradise Valley, and Dr. Jensen stated that three trees were in the process of being removed, for safety concerns.

Ms. Kritikos reminded the Board about the Nov 17-18, 2017 NASB conference, their rooms, the event on Saturday night, and if their significant other would be attending, the fee is \$55.

Dr. Jensen encouraged everyone to attend the Saturday event at the NASB conference, as the district will be receiving several awards.

7:17 p.m. Ms. Deputy adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Secretary, Judy Kritikos


Boyd Betteridge, Clerk

