

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Tuesday, November 14, 2017) - APPROVED

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A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm in the gymnasium at Paradise Valley.

Board members present were: President Bruce Braginton, Vice-President Glenda Deputy, Nicole Bengochea, Clerk Boyd Betteridge, Chris Entwistle, Dr. Carrie Stringham and John Hill.

Others in attendance were: Superintendent Dr. Dave Jensen, Attorney John Doyle, Shauna Cummings (Humboldt Sun), Franklin Peterson, Darla Goodell, Fortino Villo, Matt Mori, Trula Wright, Marty Echevarria, Nuri Rodriguez, and Judy Kritikos.

Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance: President Braginton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action, Minutes: 2. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Recommend approval of prior meeting Minutes.

As there were no edits noted, Mr. Hill moved to accept the Minutes. Ms. Bengochea seconded, motion carried.

Information: 3. Correspondence

President Braginton reported he had received the required notification from the HCEA, from the Association of Nevada State Education Association and the National Education Association, which submits the current information to the School trustees and the Local Employee Management Relations Board which provides current information necessary to maintain the recognition as collective bargaining representative under the terms of NRS 288. This is the formal notice we receive on a regular basis.

B. Public Comment

Procedural: 1. Public Comment Guidelines

Parent Matt Mori spoke to the Board about the bus schedule. Several parents are concerned about the children in Paradise Valley. A lot of them are in are kindergartners through second grade. The first children on are also the last off, so they are on the bus for 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours at night. Perhaps the first ones on can be dropped off first. Dr. Jensen asked Ms. Echevarria how many students are typically on the bus, and she reported about 30.

C. Superintendent's Report

Information: 1. Superintendent Meeting

Information: 2. Activity Report

- Dr. Jensen thanked Paradise Valley staff and community for hosting tonight's meeting. It was nice to have so many community members attend, as we recall there weren't any attendees at the last meeting, and it's really nice to see the community's interest.
- Dr. Jensen thanked the veterans - those that work in our school district and the community - who have served our country. We're indebted to each of them for their service.
- On 10/6/17, Dr. Jensen and Joe Brown, IT Director, were invited to attend the Gov. Broadband Summit in Carson City. This discussion was to move NV forward, particularly the rural locations, who have difficulties accessing broadband connectivity. He was interviewed by Channel 2 news on what we're trying to do to ensure equity/opportunity for education in our rural schools as there is in Winnemucca schools. They then met with the Gov. Broadband coordinators and e-rate members and discussed possibly expanding e-rate services in Humboldt County to our rural locations.
- On 10/7/17, Dr. Jensen traveled to Washington, D.C. for the National Superintendent of the Year training, sponsored by AASA, a unique opportunity to work with 50 state Superintendents of the Year, and learn what's being implemented in their areas. One session was with the four national finalists, and the key take away is to shift away from test scores and work on the individual students. Unfortunately, other forces and legislation force us to focus on test scores. They also discussed barriers to AP (Advanced Placement) courses, and opening it to all students who are interested, as they find that those with the desire to attend are more successful. Also discussed was providing equitable access to a high level curriculum at all school locations. One presenter, Tim Hodges of the Gallup organization, shared information about the upward trend in confidence in public schools in the last four years.
- On 10/9/17, while in Washington, D.C., they spent time on Capitol Hill discussing key legislative issues impacting public education, including DACA, tax amendment, Medicaid, e-rate, the President's budget, etc., all have potential negative impacts on public education, and how to work with legislators to reduce the impact on students.

- We are currently evaluating the 41 grant applications totaling requests for \$125,000 for the \$35,000 received from the Newmont Grant funds. The review committee has a challenge before them.
- On behalf of the District, Dr. Jensen thanked the Humboldt Foundation for providing \$107,083.17 to support various school-based initiatives. These funds will have a profound impact on the schools that were awarded funding.
- Dr. Jensen thanked Gary Echevarria for his tour of the new facility. It will be amazing when completed and look forward to the positive impact it will have on the community and our students.
- On 10/16/17, Dr. Jensen will be participating in the State Board of Education meeting in Carson City.
- As a reminder, the NASB (National Association of School Boards) Conference is this Friday/Saturday, 11/17-11/18, in Reno.

Mr. Betteridge asked Dr. Jensen for more clarification/information on the broadband initiative. Dr. Jensen stated that we are operating on 1 GB of data within the Winnemucca city area, which is very fast. However, in the rural areas (McDermitt, Denio, Paradise, etc.,) we are operating on a T-1, which slows us down. To use interactive video for curriculum, and one-on-one/individualized curriculum, to be successful, we need to have 800 mb/student. Our current District average now is about 300 mg. We are looking thru e-rate, partnerships with HGH, etc., to explore expanding fiber opportunities in our rurals. There is a lot of fiber in our area that is controlled by AT&T, who doesn't have the desire to utilize the fiber, so we are looking at ways to potentially purchase/lease some of the fiber.

Information: 3. Travel Update Report

D. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 1. Approval of Warrants

Dr. Stringham stated she needed to abstain from one warrant for check #140202. Mr. Braginton suggested we separate the items to enable voting on the Field Trip.

Ms. Deputy moved to approve the warrant with the exception of check #140202. Mr. Entwistle seconded, motion carried. Mr. Hill moved to approve check #140202. Ms. Bengochea seconded, motion carried with one abstention from Dr. Stringham.

Action (Consent): 2. Field trip; Lowry High School

Dr. Jensen gave the Board some information about the field trip. The Western International Band Clinic is a very unique opportunity, and students have to audition and be selected in order to attend. Three of our students were selected to attend. The request is for the students and two chaperones. The band covers all the cost for the trip. It will require three days absence for the attendees.

Ms. Deputy moved to approve the field trip on November 17-22, 2017. Mr. Entwistle seconded, motion carried.

Action (Consent): 3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Recommended Action: Recommend approval of consent agenda items as presented.

E. Discussion and Possible Action Items

Action (Consent): 1. Approval of the Pershing County School District Tuition Agreement - Dr. David Jensen (10 minutes)

Recommended Action: Approve the Annual Pershing County School District Tuition Agreement as Provided

Dr. Jensen stated we have Agreements with Pershing County and Malheur County. We currently serve 199 students, the majority of which attend GVE. Entering into this agreement, we receive the DSA basic support funding, and Pershing County pays us \$239/pupil to provide services. We bill them twice/year - at the beginning of the school year and in January. We do not provide transportation, and Pershing County uses their own busses, with the exception of the SPED (Special Education) busses to pick up students in Pershing County, and are billed separately for the mileage. It is our recommendation that the Board accepts the agreement.

Mr Hill moved to accept the Agreement. Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.

Action (Consent): 2. Consideration of Fingerprinting Requirements for HCSD Volunteers Consistent SB 287

Recommended Action: That the Board approve the modification of the volunteer process extending the fingerprinting requirement to once every five years in accordance with SB 287 of the 2017 legislative session.

Dr. Jensen stated that SB287 defined the expectations that volunteers are fingerprinted minimally every five years. Our process is that regular volunteers, those in the classroom more than once a week, are fingerprinted annually. This does become a barrier for some parents due to the cost, or being a naturalized citizen, etc. As most of our volunteers are known to the District and community, we would like to consider expanding to every five years. A potential concern is that five years is a long time, and things happen within those five years. Subsection 12 of the Agreement, which is signed by all volunteers, states the school Principal is to be notified of an arrest for a misdemeanor/felony for a

sex, drug or weapon offense, so we do require self-reporting. There is a possibility of an arrest outside our County where we would not know. We would like to retain our volunteers, and reduce this annual requirement to every five years. Overall, we do feel every five years is better. We do not let our volunteers work in a one-on-one capacity, generally working in small groups in the classroom where the teacher is present. Mr. Doyle clarified it is for a felony/misdemeanor CONVICTION. However, the policy states ARREST, which brings up issues, which must be addressed individually. Dr. Jensen stated we use the term ARREST, to err on the side of caution as we are dealing with students. Dr. Jensen stated this would be in the District's best interest, as we help to encourage more parent involvement, which aligns with the Board's goals. We will be vigilant, watch closely, and Principals will need to address any red flag issues that may arise, and address it with respect.

Dr. Stringham moved to approve the change to the volunteer fingerprinting policy. Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.

Action (Consent), Procedural: 3. Consideration of Allocating Bond Funds to Replace Antiquated Playground Equipment in McDermitt

Recommended Action: Authorize the expenditure of bond funds to replace antiquated playground equipment in McDermitt.

Dr. Jensen clarified that we need new playground equipment at all the rural schools. In talking with staff at PV (Paradise Valley), we understand they may prefer to create/increase a baseball field, rather than replacing playground equipment, so Mr. Lindsay will discuss this with staff. We will be looking at building funds over the next few years, using Bond dollars to put playground equipment at the rural locations. The turf placed at PV was funded as part of the improvement project with Bond funds, and it's been very well received, and looks nice. We piloted the turf at WGS a few years ago, and as it's held up well over the years, we placed turf in PV and Denio this summer. We are looking at needs in McDermitt, which serves 135 K-12 students. Last year, a few McDermitt parents spoke about the condition of the playground equipment, and the slides are starting to damage clothing. Pictures of McDermitt's various playground items have been provided. We'd like to discuss utilizing some Bond funds to possibly use McDermitt as a pilot to determine what type of structures are appropriate, and determine if they would also work in other rural locations. Playground equipment is not cheap - approximately \$50-\$75,000 to put in a meaningful playground system. A document was provided to the Board with the Bond Fund balances, what will be added as revenue, interest, earmarked projects, etc. Due to the amount of the expected expenditure, \$75-\$100,000, three quotes will be required. Considering the amount, Dr. Jensen asked that the Board consider this expenditure for McDermitt. Mr. Braginton asked Dr. Jensen if there were any other significant needs that might prevent the Board from considering this expenditure and he stated there were none. Mr. Doyle asked if this is a permissible use of Bond Funds, and Dr. Jensen confirmed that it is. Dr. Jensen confirmed that he will keep the Board informed through the bid process.

Mr. Hill moved to approve consideration of allocating Bond Funds to replace equipment at McDermitt, not to exceed \$100,000. Mr. Entwistle seconded, motion carried.

Discussion: 4. Review and Update on 2017 Legislative Mandates Impacting HCSD

Recommended Action: The Board review and discuss the various legislative bills that may have an impact on HCSD. The Board had been provided with a document outlining significant legislative bills that may have an impact on our District, and require some form of action on the part of the District and/or the Board of Trustees. Dr. Jensen is most concerned about SB322 because this is the requirement for civics, and it's the naturalization test, and our students will need to pass this in order to graduate. How that fits in our scope, when will it be administered, what happens if a student fails, a lot of questions remain unanswered, yet we must implement it by July 2019. Mr. Braginton reminded the Board that AB451 is still a requirement for the first/third years of Board members for their six hours of trainings. Dr. Jensen sent the Board a summary document on the requirements, noting that all of the Board members have met it, not just the first/third year Board members. Our Board is very interested in professional development, and we want to track it for all of our Board members.

Action: 5. Consideration to Cancel the December 26, 2017 Board Meeting

Recommended Action: The Board authorize the cancellation of the December 26, 2017 Board Meeting.

Ms. Deputy moved that the Board approve the cancellation of the 12/26/17 Board meeting. Ms. Bengochea seconded, motion carried.

Action: 6. Selection of Board Representation to Attend the National School Boards Conference to be held in San Antonio, Texas April 7-9, 2018

Recommended Action: The Board select representation to attend the upcoming NASB Conference.

Mr. Braginton stated that last year, he, Dr. Jensen, and Ms. Deputy attended this conference and found great value from attending the conference. Several Districts take their entire Board, as there are so many meetings/trainings to attend, having several members attend allow more sessions. Location is a consideration, given it's in Texas, the cost of travel is less than an east coast location. After discussing the item, the proposed attendees will be Dr. Stringham, Ms. Bengochea, Mr. Entwistle, and possibly Mr. Betteridge. Dr. Jensen will attend as well. Cost anticipated is approximately \$2,000 - registration, hotel, flight, and per diem.

Ms. Deputy moved to approve up to four Board members and the Superintendent to attend the NASB Conference. Mr. Hill seconded, motion carried.

Information: 7. Closed Session to Review a 90-day Long Term Suspension of a Student with Special Needs/Board Notification Pursuant to NRS 392.467

Dr. Stringham made a motion to enter Closed Session to Review the Student Suspension pursuant to NRS 392.467. Mr. Hill seconded, motion carried.

F. Public Comment

Procedural: 1. Public Comment Guidelines

NOTE: Given there were members in the audience, Mr. Braginton changed the order on the Agenda to allow public comments at this time. There being none, the public attendees were thanked as they left the building.

G. Board Reports

Information: 1. Board Reports:

Mr. Hill: Thanked PV staff for hosting the Board meeting. He enjoyed the tour and the building looks great.

Mr. Betteridge: He also thanked the PV staff for having the meeting here. He visited Doc Welter at McDermitt and was very happy with the number of students who will be attending college.

Dr. Stringham: She expressed her thanks to Mr. Doyle for his presence at our meeting, having legal counsel at each meeting is a good thing. She attended her first Truancy Board meeting. She is grateful for all who attend and participate, as it takes patience to serve in that capacity. She reminded the Board that as one of their Board goals is to attend a staff meeting, and there is a meeting scheduled at LHS on Thursday, 12/7/17, 7:45-9:00 am, in the Library, and Amie Godinez will have a presentation on Kagan. If anyone plans on attending, please let Ray Parks know.

Ms. Deputy: She is looking forward to the NASB conference in Reno this weekend.

Mr. Entwistle: Thanked Gary Echevarria for the tour of the gym - it is a beautiful facility. Thanked the veterans and their service to our country. Congratulated the LHS volleyball team on a great season, making State.

Congratulated McDermitt for having 15 of 15 students being accepted to college. Great job to the PV Elementary school on BINGO night - he and his kids enjoyed it.

Ms. Bengochea: Thanked PV for welcoming us tonight. Thanked Gary Echevarria for the tour. Congratulated the LHS volleyball team, and to Will Kracaw and the Cross Country group. She also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Kritikos: Provided a spreadsheet on the Board Goals to track the progress of each Board member as they complete a goal. She also thanked Marty Echevarria for her help coordinating tonight's Board meeting.

Mr. Braginton: Thanked our veterans for their service, and to PV for hosting tonight's meeting. He thanked his fellow Board members, and looks forward to seeing them at the conference this weekend.

H. Adjournment

Action: 1. Meeting Adjourned

Mr. Braginton adjourned the meeting at 6:17 pm

I. Notice

Information: 1. Notice to Persons with Disabilities

Submitted by Secretary, Judy Kritikos


Boyd Betteridge, Clerk