

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Tuesday, January 9, 2018) - APPROVED**

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A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm at the Humboldt County School District office.

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

Absent were: Vice-President Glenda Deputy,

Others in attendance were: Superintendent Dr. Dave Jensen, Asst. Superintendent Dawn Hagness (joined the meeting at 5:00 pm), Attorney John Doyle, Shauna Cummings (Humboldt Sun), Shauna Gilboy (HCSSO), Jonathan Reynolds, Rhonda Stevenson, Lori Seidlitz (WGS), Secretary Judy Kritikos.

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

Action: 2. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Recommend approval of prior meeting Minutes.

Under the Warrants item, Mr. Braginton stated he abstained from voting on check#14049. **Dr. Stringham moved to accept the December 12, 2017 Minutes. Ms. Bengochea seconded, motion carried.**

Information: 3. Correspondence: None

B. Public Comment:

Procedural: 1. Public Comment Guidelines

Shauna Gilboy provided a flyer to the Board announcing the Delta Kappa Gamma's Adult Team Spelling Bee, to be held 2/10/18, 6:30 pm at the B&G Club. The proceeds from this fundraiser will provide Golden Apple Mini-Grants to benefit local teachers and their students.

C. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Jensen welcomed everyone back from the holiday break.
- The extended cabinet (Dr Jensen, Mrs. Hagness, and the directors of Food Service, Maintenance, Accounting and technology) met last week.
- On 1/4/18, three bids were received for the McDermitt playground equipment. More information will be provided later in the meeting.
- On 1/8/18, two administrative trainings were held on Incident Command. Board members Deputy and Betteridge attended the trainings.
- Dr. Jensen thanked the Board for their input and participation in the Board Retreat held earlier in the day.
- On 1/10/18, Dr. Jensen will meet with the executive team as they prepare their "State of the State" presentations, which is in preparation for the actual presentation to other Administrators on 2/20/18.
- Dr. Jensen will be out of the office half day on 1/11 and all day on 1/12/18 as he welcomes his daughter back from her 18 month mission trip to El Salvador.
- On 1/18/18 Dr Jensen will attend the State Board of Education Meeting.
- On 1/19 and 1/20/18, Dr. Jensen will attend the NASA Superintendent's Academy, where a tour of the Tesla facility has been scheduled.
- On 2/2 and 2/3/18, NASB will meet in Reno. Board members Bengochea, Deputy and Entwistle will be attending.

Information: 1. Activity Report

D. Celebrations:

Ms. Hagness recognized two teachers: Rhonda Stevenson and Lori Seidlitz.



**Rhonda Stevenson:** Ms. Stevenson serves as a writing facilitator and was one of the trainers at WGS when units of study were rolled out. She embraced the program whole-heartedly and saw the developmental process of the students. When reading came out, Rhonda was so happy to hear Fountas & Pinnell was selected. She indicated she'd waited her entire career for these materials. Rhonda states she's now able to teach in a way she's always wanted to teach. Her synergy and energy is abundant and obvious to anyone who's observed her classroom. Ms. Hagness thanked Ms. Stevenson for what she brings to the entire district.

**Lori Seidlitz:** When talking about math professional development, Ms. Seidlitz's name came up and was highly recommended. While she acknowledged math was not her strong suit, Lori committed 100%. People actually thought that Lori only had the brightest students who could engage each other with the best social skills. Lori wasn't GIVEN those students - she DEVELOPED those traits in her students. She has a very open class, supporting other teachers to come in and learn from her, and is always asking for feedback to help her improve. She's helped not only Humboldt County teachers, but those outside of our area. Mrs. Hagness appreciates Lori's enthusiasm and her ability to pull the best out of her students, and her test scores reflect this.

#### E. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 1. Approval of Warrants

Ms. Bengochea will abstain from voting on Warrant #141086. **Mr. Hill moved to approve the warrants. Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried with Ms. Bengochea abstaining.**

Action (Consent): 2. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

#### F. Discussion and Possible Action Items

Discussion: 1.

Action (Consent): 1. Annual Board Reorganization to include Appointment to Board Offices and Committee Assignments

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees make appointments for various board offices and committee assignments.

At this time of year, the Board discusses, nominates and votes on the NASB officers and committee members.

**Mr. Hill nominated Bruce Braginton as Board President. Ms. Bengochea seconded, motion carried. Mr. Braginton abstained**

**Mr. Entwistle nominated Glenda Deputy as Board Vice President. Ms. Bengochea seconded, motion carried.**

**Mr. Hill nominated Boyd Betteridge as Board Clerk. Dr. Stringham seconded, motion carried. Mr. Betteridge abstained.**

**Mr. Hill nominated Chris Entwistle to serve on the Negotiations committee. Dr. Stringham seconded, motion carried.**

**Ms. Bengochea nominated John Hill to serve on the Negotiations committee. Dr. Stringham seconded, motion carried.**

**Ms. Bengochea nominated Chris Entwistle to serve on the Insurance committee. Mr. Hill seconded, motion carried.**

**Mr. Hill nominated Nicole Bengochea to serve on the Truancy Advisory board. Dr. Stringham seconded, motion carried.**

**Ms. Bengochea nominated John Hill to serve on the Truancy Advisory board. Dr. Stringham seconded, motion carried.**

**Mr. Entwistle nominated Bruce Braginton to serve on the Debt Management commission. Mr. Hill seconded, motion carried.**

**Ms. Bengochea nominated Carrie Stringham as the NASB Legislative representative. Mr. Entwistle seconded, motion carried.**

**Mr. Entwistle nominated Glenda Deputy as the NASB Director. Mr. Hill seconded, motion carried.**



**Mr. Entwistle nominated Nicole Bengochea as the NASB Alternative Director. Mr. Hill seconded, motion carried.**

**Mr. Hill nominated Bruce Braginton to serve as the Humboldt Foundation representative. Mr. Entwistle seconded, motion carried. Mr. Braginton abstained.**

Action (Consent), Discussion: 2. Approval of the Lander County School District Tuition Agreement - Dr. David Jensen (10 minutes)

Recommended Action: Recommend Approval of the Lander County School District Tuition Agreement  
Dr. Jensen reported there are four students currently living in Valmy, attending school in Lander County. We pay \$800/student. The cost for the four students is \$3,200.00 and Dr. Jensen recommended approval of this agreement.

Mr. Hill moved to approve the Lander County School District Tuition Agreement. Ms. Bengochea seconded, motion carried.

Action: 3. Update on Results of the McDermitt Playground Bids

Recommended Action: If necessary, consider approval to move the McDermitt Playground project forward utilizing bond funds.

The Board authorized the District to proceed forward to secure playground equipment for McDermitt combined schools. A bid request was sent to six companies, and three bids were received by 1/3/18. The project was broken into two groups: upper playground and kindergarten playground. Upon the bid opening, the lowest responsible bidder for \$98,111 was Recreation-Today, from Nampa, Idaho. The two other bidders were notified and per statute, had an appeal period, and both chose not to appeal. An award notice will be issued this week. The ground padding is a rubber material, which is what the District hoped for, and the students will thoroughly enjoy. Weather dependent, the playground should be completed this Spring.

Information: 4. Update on 2017-2018 Enrollment Figures

Board members were given a document on the enrollment numbers for each school. Dr. Jensen tracks enrollment month to month to prepare for staffing and look at trends. In most all cases, we are reaching class size reductions. In the areas where we aren't, such as first grade GVE, we will be submitting a variance. We are watching the drop in kindergarten numbers at WGS. We will be watching and assessing the numbers, and make a determination whether we maintain four kindergarten positions there. The other schools have higher numbers, so adjustments may be considered. At LHS the biggest change is the drop in number of Freshmen. McDermitt's enrollment is up 6 students. In February, Dr. Jensen will discuss the staffing and tentative budget for next year. Class size reductions will be a factor. We are an optional class size reduction alternative, which gives us the higher class sizes. However, we are funded on the enrollment against what the statutory requirements are. If we made no changes, we may see a reduction of \$500,000 so we are working with NDE to get this adjusted. If not, we and other rural schools will submit variances to the State Board of Education. Our numbers are holding steady and we do watch them closely.

G. Public Comment: None

Procedural: 1. Public Comment Guidelines

H. Board Reports

Information: 1. Board Reports

- Mr. Hill: Thought the Board Retreat was very good. He liked that we secured the land lease from the BLM for possible future use.
- Mr. Betteridge: Liked the Retreat, thought the discussion was good and likes the direction we're going. He commented on the Incident Command training: training our teachers/administrators with drills or meetings/scenarios; the laminate for the windows to slow/prevent entry into classrooms; he was told it is a misdemeanor if the Superintendent/Principals aren't training on lock down practices in the District; the items in the "buckets" including clotting factor items, which is important because it's been shown that students/personnel die from loss of blood before first

responders can get to the injured. He also thanked the folks who made the changes to the Board room.

- Mr. Entwistle: Feels nice to be back after nearly a month off. Long day with the retreat, but a very productive day. A teacher came to him and told him how impressed they are with Mr. Lindsay and his leadership, curriculum, evaluations, etc.
- Ms. Bengochea: Thought the Board Retreat was good, nice to hear the perspectives. It was a long day, but productive. Thanked Chartwells for lunch. Thanked the group who worked over the holiday on the Board room. Reminded everyone that 1/10/18 will be LHS final home wrestling meet against Lovelock, and it is also Senior night.
- Dr. Stringham: The District's celebrations are really good - nice to hear all the good things about the teachers, classrooms.
- Ms. Hagness: Reminded folks of the Elko/LHS basketball game at 6:00 pm.
- Dr. Jensen: Thanked everyone for their input at the Board Retreat. We now have directions and things to work on and will return to the Board with more information. He thanked the Board for their support in the playground for McDermitt, it's been a long time coming, and will mean a lot to them.
- Mr. Braginton: Everything he wanted to say has been covered by the others; however, he did want to thank everyone for their conversations and discussions at today's Retreat. He thanked the group for the great work on the Board room. He also expressed his appreciation to the two teachers honored at the Board meeting tonight.

#### I. Adjournment

Action: 1. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm

#### J. Notice

Information: 1. Notice to Persons with Disabilities

#### K. Postings

Procedural: 1. Public Posting of Agenda

Submitted by Secretary, Judy Kritikos

  
Boyd Betteridge, Clerk