

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Tuesday, February 27, 2018) - APPROVED**  
**(NOTE: A typo was found after Board approval. Under item H.1 Board Reports; Dawn Hagness reported the training at the B&G club would be 2/28/18, which was mistakenly shown as 3/28/18.)**

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A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm at the Orovada Community Center, Orovada, NV

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

Absent were: Nicole Bengochea and Dr. Carrie Stringham.

Other members present were: Superintendent Dr. Dave Jensen, Asst. Superintendent Dawn Hagness, Shanna Cummings (Humboldt Sun), Karen Hogue (Orovada teacher), and Secretary 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 no edits were noted, Ms. Deputy moved to accept the 2/13/18 Board meeting minutes. Mr. Entwistle seconded, motion carried.**

Information: 3. Correspondence: None

B. Public Comment: None

Procedural: 1. Public Comment Guidelines

C. Superintendent's Report

Information: 1. Activity Report

- On 2/26/ and 2/27/18, Dr. Jensen met with each school site principals to review projected enrollment for the upcoming 2018-19 year, and began preliminary discussions on staffing.
- Two 2013 buses for approximately \$50,000 each, with 70,000 +/- miles from Ohio, will be purchased, which are great additions as we work to systematically improve the quality of the bus fleet.
- This morning, Dr. Jensen met with Jon Burhans regarding the summer projects. As the plans are being finalized, the FFMS exterior will go to bid on 3/7/18; WGS concrete, SHES kindergarten play area, and the LHS electrical upgrade will go to bid on 4/11/18.
- Dr. Jensen congratulated all of our athletic teams this season: wrestling and basketball, from LHS and McDermitt. We are very proud of the hard work of the student athletes and the support of their coaching staff.
- Special congratulations were given to the LHS Lady Bucks for making it to the State Championship - they had a tremendous season and we are all proud of their work.
- In the congratulations mode, Dr. Jensen congratulated all the rural schools on a successful rural basketball season. Orovada took the championship this year. He offered thanks to the students, coaches, ref's and parents for their work. A special thank you to Tamara McCord for her coordination this season.
- On 3/1/18, Dr. Jensen will be attending the monthly NASS meeting in Pershing County - noting that having the meeting close by is nice.
- On 3/6/18, Dr. Jensen will be attending the WGS staff meeting, answering any questions they have.
- On 3/7/18, Dr. Jensen will be presenting the "user friendly budget" to the Winnemucca Rotary Club luncheon, location TBD.
- Dr. Jensen heard that the Governor is arranging to meet with all the NV Superintendents to discuss school safety. He will provide information to the Board when he receives it.
- Dr. Jensen thanked the staff and community of Orovada for hosting the Board meeting, stating he truly appreciates their hospitality and warm welcome. He feels that his/the Board being available to the community is very important.

D. Celebrations: None

E. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 1. Approval of Warrants

Action (Consent): 2. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

**As no exceptions were noted, Mr. Hill moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.**

#### F. Discussion and Possible Action Items

##### Discussion: 1. Review of Board Vacancies and Filing Timelines

Dr. Jensen provided a handout with the names of the Board members whose terms are expiring this year and open for re-election. Mr. Hill's term is expiring due to term limits, and Ms. Deputy, Mr. Entwistle and Ms. Bengochea are eligible to run for their current seats. Filing opens on 3/5/18 and closes on 3/16/18. Anyone interested in running for one of these seats must pay a \$30 fee and file their documents by the 3/16/18 deadline. Should Mr. Hill's seat not be filled in the upcoming election, the Board has the ability to appoint a person to the seat.

##### Action (Consent): 2. Identification of Dates and Subjects for Board Retreat

Recommended Action: That the board identify a date and topics for the second board retreat of the school year. The Board reconfirmed the items they had previously indicated they would like to discuss at the next Board retreat adding that school safety should also be considered. Given the Florida school incident, the upcoming NASB conference and the Governor's meeting with the Superintendents, the Board felt they could hold off on confirming the subject matter, but did set the date of 4/24/18, 9:00 - 3:00 pm for the next Retreat.

##### Action (Consent), Discussion: 3. Review of Current Enrollment Figures and Update on Fairs and Vacancies

Recommended Action: That the board of trustees provide any feedback or direction related to participation in identified hiring fairs based on projected vacancies.

Dr. Jensen provided a handout with the various openings the District is aware of at this time, and acknowledged it is still early, so there may be more coming. Given there are approximately two dozen positions to be filled, we've decided to attend four hiring fairs: Oregon, Montana, UNR, and Washington, noting that Wyoming and New Mexico were already full. Typically, a certified teacher attends, interviews on site, Principals are available to discuss the candidates, and are able to make an offer at the Fair. Dr. Jensen noted that a few positions may be more difficult to fill, i.e. Counselors, Band/Choir, but he has had inquiries from two persons from outside Winnemucca about the band/choir position.

Looking at the enrollment document, the actual numbers from the start of the year (3,442), January (3,465) and current (3,484), the numbers are growing slowly. Of note, the percentage of incoming new students on IEP's has been huge, requiring resources thru our SPED Dept. For kindergarten enrollment, Dr. Jensen looks at the three-year rolling average. He also watches trends, projections, etc., and believes next year may see an increase of 30-40 more students, although Kindergarten enrollment is more difficult to project. Discussion was held on re-zoning, space accommodations, etc. Discussions with the State Department are being held on Student-Teacher ratio, as it could have financial implications. The overall good news is that the current numbers are up, preliminary projections are that next year's numbers will go up as well, and while we have a lot of positions to fill, we are working on it and hopeful we will be successful in filling those positions.

##### Discussion: 4. Superintendent Mid Year Goal Review

Dr. Jensen provided two documents for the Board to review regarding the Review. He did acknowledge there were issues in his trying to send the link of his spreadsheet to the Board. He is working on that, and will get that to them as soon as possible. He stated that 17 or 18 of the sub-set goals have already been completed, and acknowledged some won't happen, i.e. Policies. Dr. Jensen briefly went over each item on the Goals and Objectives sheet, and provided information on the status of each item. The district wide Strategic Plan will be on the next agenda, and more information will be provided then. Also at the next Board meeting, you will see a presentation by the Adult Ed/Distance Ed staff. A discussion on STAR ratings is a topic too big for this meeting, and will be agendaized for discussion at another meeting.

#### G. Public Comment

Karen Hogue, a teacher at Orovada, addressed the Board and thanked Dawn Hagness for having their trainings on Fridays, which helps greatly so subs are not needed. Karen asked if they could get access to Counselors, even a roving counselor and Counseling Services in their area would help. She also asked about getting high school credit for math. The rurals get credit for health, and asked if it was possible to get the math credit. She asked if they could get Algebra I credits before getting into high school, like the schools in town do. Ms. Hagness will look into this and respond with the information. Karen also asked about late starts, school cancellation, etc. Given the distance and the drivers' schedule, could the notifications come earlier. The process in place is that the bus driver will take a picture of the roads/area and forward to Sara Braun, who will discuss the situation with Amy Nelson. Delays or late start will be determined at that level. If a school cancellation is needed, it will be forwarded to the Superintendent, as he is the only one able to cancel school. She proudly let the Board know that Orovada won Division I in basketball. Her final comment was about some of the YouTube videos being blocked. Some of the students use YouTube to see various videos for class and it seems they are blocked. Karen was directed to speak to Joe Brown in IT to get his corrected.



## Procedural: 1. Public Comment Guidelines

## H. Board Reports

## Information: 1. Board Reports

- Mr. Entwistle congratulated LHS and McDermitt basketball teams, as well as the wrestlers. Donuts with Dads will be this Friday, 3/2/18 at WGS, 7:30-8:15 am in the gym.
- Mr. Betteridge stated he was grateful for the District Celebrations and how much he likes that the District is showing appreciation to those persons. He congratulated the girls basketball team and the wrestlers for their accomplishments this season. He also thanked and appreciated Dr. Jensen for getting the Board plaques.
- Mr. Hill thanked Orovada for hosting the Board meeting. He offered his congratulations to all the McDermitt and Winnemucca athletes and their great work. Mr. Hill stated that he and Ms. Deputy visited Orovada and McDermitt schools earlier today.
- Ms. Deputy suggested we have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new portable in Kings River.
- Ms. Hagness let the Board know that on 2/28/18 (**corrected date**) ~~3/28/18~~, from 8:00-3:00 pm at the B&G Club, K-3 teachers will be meeting for Guided Reading training and the Board is welcome to attend. She also thanked Karen Hogue for attending all the various trainings, they are making a difference, as well as all of her comments earlier - advocating for the school and community.
- Ms. Kritikos thanked Karen Hogue for her help in arranging the Board meeting in Orovada.
- Dr. Jensen echoed Ms. Hagness's comments and thanked Karen/Orovada for hosting the meeting.
- Mr. Braginton also congratulated all the athletes on a great year.

## I. Adjournment

Action: 1. Meeting Adjourned: Mr. Braginton adjourned the meeting at 5:51 pm

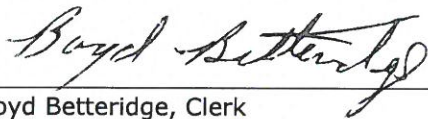
## J. Notice

Information: 1. Notice to Persons with Disabilities

## K. Postings

Procedural: 1. Public Posting of Agenda

Submitted by Secretary, Judy Kritikos

  
Boyd Betteridge, Clerk

