

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Tuesday, August 14, 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, Clerk Boyd Betteridge, Glenda Deputy, Chris Entwistle and John Hill. Absent was: Nicole Bengochea.

Others present were: Superintendent Dr. Dave Jensen, John Doyle, Attorney, 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 there were no edits, Mr. Hill moved to accept the 7/24/18 Minutes as presented. 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

- Dr. Jensen provided a summer work update, noting the maintenance department has been working diligently to prepare all schools for the return of students.
- The summer projects are moving forward: SHES is scheduled to be completed by the start of school, and hopeful WGS will be completed as well. If not, a contingency plan has been prepared.
- Per the Board's recommendation, the District is moving forward with the LHS electrical project. Working with NV Energy, plan development is in the works for a cost of \$81,526 which will complete the process with NV Energy, and the project can move forward next summer.
- Aug 6-8, 2018, the Administrative staff had their kick off. It was great to have the team together, working on the FY18-19 school year, discussing the Strategic Plan, Emergency Operations Procedures, Safe Voice, staff identification, etc. For safety, all staff will be required to wear their picture ID's, and Board Members, vendors, subs, etc., will also be given an ID with their picture.
- On 8/1 and 2, HCSD hosted the Nevada Assoc. of School Supt's (NASS). On 8/1/18 the Superintendents had a tour of Twin Creeks at Newmont, and that evening Newmont sponsored a dinner at The Martin. On 8/2 the NASS meeting was held in the HCSD Board room. Dr. Jensen thanked Newmont for their support and he has received several positive responses from the Superintendents who attended.
- Today, interviews were held for the Elementary Social Worker/Mental Health position with Project Aware's fifth year funds. Donna Wirthlin was selected and will assume the role for the FY18-19 school year.
- On 8/15/18, Dr. Jensen will be in Las Vegas, participating in an interview with Barrick Gold regarding Public Education Foundation (PEF). The promotional interview will be used to emphasize their educational partnership with education. Dr. Jensen stated it was a pleasure representing Nevada, NASS and the PEF in this opportunity.
- 8/17/18 is the deadline for letters of intent for the board vacancies. At the time of this meeting, two Winnemucca individuals have expressed interest. Unfortunately, no one has expressed an interest from the rural sector. Interviews are being set up for 8/28/18, and agendized for the Board meeting so appointments can be made if needed.
- 8/17/18 is the scheduled opener for LHS football, with the Bucks hosting Pahrump. 8/25/18 is the opener for the McDermitt Bulldogs against Pyramid Lake. We wish both teams well on their season opening games.
- On 8/22/18, new teacher training will be held at the B&G club. Scheduled for 10:15 to 11:00 am, Supt. Jensen and Asst. Supt. Hagness will provide welcome remarks and discuss the Strategic Plan.
- All staff officially return to work on 8/23/18, where there will be teacher training and classroom prep. Students return on Monday, 8/27/18.
- Dr. Jensen expressed his sincere appreciation to Dr. Carrie Stringham for her service to the students, staff and community of Humboldt County as an HCSD Board member. Her service has been greatly appreciated.

D. Celebrations: None

E. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 1. Approval of Warrants

Mr. Hill moved to approve the warrants as presented. Ms. Deputy seconded; motion carried.

Action (Consent): 2. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

F. Discussion and Possible Action Items

Action, Discussion: 1. Review and Approval of 2018-2019 Indian Policy and Procedure Document

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approve the IPP for the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

Dr. Jensen reminded the Board that, in compliance with the Impact Aid Application, the Policy is to be reviewed, approved and submitted annually. There are new federal requirements resulting in modifications, which have been made, shown to the agency and approved. Dr. Jensen stated that Leslie Molina has met with the McDermit tribal chair, who has reviewed and signed the Policy. Once the Board approves the Policy, it will be submitted on 8/15/18. The District wants to ensure the parents have a voice in the education and policies affecting their children. The upcoming equity analysis study will assist the District in working toward equitable education of all students in the District. The Board was happy that there is more oversight of this issue to ensure that McDermit schools are as closely aligned to LHS as possible.

Mr. Entwistle moved to accept the 2018-2019 Indian Policy document as presented. Mr. Betteridge seconded; motion carried.

Action, Discussion: 2. Lowry High School Intercom/Bell System and Safety Discussion and Proposal as provided by AudioEnhancement

Recommended Action: That the Board authorize costs associated with the purchase and installation of Audio Enhancement equipment at Lowry High School.

The Board reviewed the options for the system and asked if they chose Option 2 now, and later wanted to add Option 3, how much more would the cost be from what was quoted. The response was: approximately 10% increase. Dr. Jensen met with Ray Parks to discuss LHS's need for a new bell system and intercom, and agreed they are definitely needed. Both recommended the Board approve Option 2 at this time, and wait for Option 3 at a later time, which suits their immediate needs. As an interim measure, while wire is being pulled for Option 2, additional wiring is being placed so they are ready for the cameras in Option 3 when they are ready to be installed. The Board discussed cameras and wanted it to be made clear Option 3 cameras in classrooms are used cautiously, protecting private professional conversations, honoring the right to privacy, i.e. student conferences, parent conferences, etc. The cameras will be activated by the teacher, not remotely. The cost for Option 2 is \$210,885.

Mr. Hill moved to approve the upgrade to the LHS intercom and bell system, Option 2 of the AudioEnhancement proposed system. Mr. Entwistle seconded; motion carried.

Discussion: 3. Review of ThoughtExchange Inquiry Regarding School Safety

Dr. Jensen and the Board reviewed the results of the latest Thought Exchange survey. There was a decrease in the number of participants in this survey, yet understandable given the timing of the survey. There were clear, repeated comments throughout the survey, such as safety, i.e., cameras at the school, single point of entry, visitors on site, bullying, arming the teachers, etc., communication at the school, programs and infrastructure. The Board was encouraged by these comments, as steps are already being taken to address these issues, and these steps are currently being rolled out. It confirms that the District and Board are aware of the needs of students, staff and the community with regard to the safety and education of our HCSD students and staff. Disseminating this information was another topic of discussion, such as the Superintendent's interviews, the Monthly Superintendents' Musings, FB and our HCSD website, etc.

Discussion: 4. First Review of 5000 Series Board Policy and Regulations

Dr. Jensen let the Board know he had divided the entire packet of Policies and Regulations among the Administrators and had each group reviewed 7-8 policies. From that review, corrections were made, and the documents the Board is now reviewing are a result of those reviews and edits. The Board stated these documents are lengthy, involved, and need to be reviewed carefully with input from our District attorney. Ensuring the documents are valid and legal is a primary concern, as well as ensuring continuity throughout the documents. Some of the documents raised questions the Board felt our Attorney's input was needed. The Board agreed the documents were great start yet didn't want to get caught up in a microscopic/wordsmith position during their review. They agreed that due to the seriousness of these documents, the number of documents, and the additional input they felt was needed, they unanimously agreed to divide the documents into several sections, and review one section at each of the next several Board meetings.

G. Public Comment: None

Procedural: 1. Public Comment Guidelines

H. Board Reports

Information: 1. Board Reports

- Mr. Entwistle thanked Dr. Stringham for her service on the Board and will be missed; He also expressed his sadness over the loss of Todd Milton, wishing his family well during this time. He noted the services will be 8/15/18 at the B&G club.

- Mr. Betteridge also thanked Dr. Stringham for her great insight and wished her well on her new endeavors; He expressed his condolences to the Milton family for their loss.
- Mr Hill expressed his condolences to Mr. Milton's family; He thanked Dr. Stringham for her service on the Board and providing many great ideas; Mr. Hill also thanked Mr. Braginton for his time on the Board.
- Mr. Doyle echoed the sentiments on Dr. Stringham and Mr. Milton.
- Dr. Jensen stated that Todd Milton had a profound impact on the District both as a counselor and a coach and he will indeed be missed greatly.
- Mr. Braginton echoed the comments by all the Board members on Dr. Stringham's service to the District as a Board member, and the sad loss of Mr. Milton. He asked about the interviews for those expressing interest in a position on the Board to fill his and Dr. Stringham's seats. Dr. Jensen stated they are working to schedule the interviews earlier in the day prior to the 8/28/18 Board meeting.

I. Adjournment: President Braginton adjourned the meeting at 6:23 pm.

Action: 1. Meeting Adjourned

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

