

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Tuesday, August 28, 2018) - APPROVED

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A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm at the Humboldt County School District office.

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

Others present were: Superintendent Dr. Dave Jensen, Asst. Superintendent Dawn Hagness, Attorney John Doyle, Shanna Cummings (Humboldt Sun), Jennifer Bergenheier (GVS), Pilar Herrera (WGS), Malinda Riemersma (HCEA), Tomasa Bengochea (D.Ofc), Stephen Jennings (parent), 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 8/14/18 Minutes as presented. Mr. Betteridge seconded; motion carried.

Information: 3. Correspondence: None

B. Public Comment

Procedural: 1. Public Comment Guidelines

Mr. Stephen Jennings addressed the Board with his concerns about the drop off/pick up of students at GVE. As a concerned parent of six children, and a former peace officer, he felt the new procedure was unsafe in several ways. Mr. Jennings presented a suggestion on drop offs being done by grades on separate sides of the building, i.e. Kindergarten on one side, 1st and 2nd graders on another side, 3rd and 4th on another, etc. The second issue raised was the 4th grade Summit Learning program. His concerns were: the amount of time spent on computers for young students, what the curriculum is so he knows what his children are being taught, etc.. In researching it, he sees it's funded by the Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative, and he's a little concerned about this individual (Zuckerberg) being in charge of his children's education. He wondered if advertisements would be included, as he didn't feel they would be giving something and getting nothing in return. Mr. Jennings thanked the Board for their dedication to the children of our District. The Board thanked Mr. Jennings for his time and input on these issues.

C. Superintendent's Report

Information: 1. Activity Report

- Dr. Jensen welcomed everyone back to the FY18-19 school year. Overall, the opening has been smooth, yet we are aware of the traffic issues. Dr. Jensen has been in touch with the WPD regarding SHE and the HCSO regarding GVE and working on those issues. It was noted that the City Council approved a one-way traffic flow on Aitken, connecting to Minor. We appreciate the on-going support of the City Council as we all work together to enhance student safety. Dr. Jensen suggested looking in to a traffic flow study.
- Last week, Dr. Jensen engaged in a radio interview with Buckaroo Radio to discuss key elements as we prepare for this new school year.
- It was happily reported that the summer projects at WGS and SHE were completed prior to the start of school and they look great.
- On 8/22/18, we held the new teacher orientation at the B&GC. Dr. Jensen noted that we have an outstanding group of new employees. Four Board members attended and Dr. Jensen believed it was good that the Board could meet the staff and they appreciated the Board's continued support.
- On 8/23 and 8/24, staff held work days. One day devoted to admin/staff training and the second dedicated to staff classroom prep. The District's EOP, SafeVoice and the expectation of staff ID's were part of the training.

- Dr. Jensen confirmed receipt of the new staff ID/batch system, which will be set up and installed soon. Once completed, the Board is invited to come to the District Office to receive their new badges.
- On 8/30/18, Dr. Jensen will be in Carson City at the State Board of Education meeting. A particular item of interest is Read by Grade 3. A recommendation has been made to reduce the cut score from 40% to 31%, yet MAPs proficiency is required at 70%. Reducing the cut scores will not help students reach the 70%, sends the wrong message to parents and students, and Dr. Jensen plans to recommend the cut scores not be reduced. However, the reduction may be more related to retention of students, and this should be the area of focus.
- Dr. Jensen expressed his thanks to Abram Swenson, Andy Heiser and Lyndsee Jimenez for expressing their desire to serve the District in the capacity of a school board trustee. We are fortunate to have such outstanding individuals willing to continue our work on improving our supports for all the students we serve.

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.

Mr. Entwistle moved to approve the warrants as presented. Ms. Bengochea seconded; motion carried.

F. Discussion and Possible Action Items

Action, Discussion: 1. Discussion and Possible Appointments for Seats D and Seat E of the Board of Trustees

Recommended Action: That the board engage in a discussion regarding the candidate interviews and consider appointing one or more candidates to the identified vacancies.

Earlier in the day, the Board met and interviewed three candidates for the two open seats: Abe Swensen, Andy Heiser and Lyndsee Jimenez. The Board thought one candidate stood out very well, exceeding their expectations. All three had individual strengths to bring to the position, and the Board thanked each one of the candidates for stepping up and volunteering to serve our District and the students as a Board member. The Board agreed it was a difficult process as the candidates had great desires to serve. President Braginton reminded the Board of their options: they could vote to appoint two candidates, one candidate or no candidate if they didn't feel an appointment was warranted. He also reminded them that Seat D was to replace his position, and Seat E was to replace Dr. Stringham's position.

Mr. Hill moved to nominate Abe Swensen for Seat D. Mr. Betteridge seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Hill moved to nominate Andy Heiser for Seat E. Ms. Deputy seconded; motion carried.

Dr. Jensen stated the two new Board members will be sworn in at the next Board meeting on 9/11/18. Once that takes place, the Board will restructure the leadership of the Board.

Action, Discussion: 2. Review and Possible Approval of Superintendent Goals for 2018-2019

Recommended Action: That the board review, provide feedback and provide approval of the proposed superintendent goals for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Superintendent's Goals for the upcoming year. Dr. Jensen noted he's added Collective Commitments - focusing on two primary areas: Culture and Guaranteed Learning. The Board agreed the Goals were acceptable, reasonable and attainable. The Board agreed to remove one item under Culture as this item was "a given".

Mr. Entwistle moved to approve the Superintendent's Goals for 2018-19 as amended. Ms. Bengochea seconded; motion carried.

Action, Discussion: 3. Development and Possible Adoption of Board Goals for the 2018-2019 School Year

Recommended Action: That the board review the 2017-2018 goals, provide recommendations for modification of said goals and modify for the 218-2019 school year.

As the Board began discussion on their goals, Mr. Hill suggested that a review and possible edits be done tonight, but wait until the two new Board members have an opportunity to read and review them as well. The Board agreed and continue their review and comments on the Goals. The Board discussed the locations of their two visits to the rural locations this year and confirmed the sites are Kings River and McDermit. The Board also discussed visiting schools, meet-and-greet opportunities with the staff, etc.

At 6:09, the Board took a short break.

At 6:23, the Board resumed the meeting.

Discussion: 4. First Review of Section 1 of 4 Sections of the 5000 Series of Policies and Regulations
The Board began their review of the first section of the documents. The documents were reviewed and well prepared, and little to no changes were needed. The Board will review sets of documents over the next several meetings, and then make a motion to approve them all at the same time.

G. Public Comment: None

Procedural: 1. Public Comment Guidelines

H. Board Reports

Information: 1. Board Reports

- Ms. Bengochea wished Mr. Braginton well. She stated she learned a lot from him during his time on the Board and thanked him for his service; She congratulated Abram Swensen and Andy Heiser on their Board appointments; She's heard negative comments on the parking and assured folks it's the first week and let's see how it goes, and brought the concerns to Supt. Jensen; She welcomed back the teachers, administrators, and staff to the new school year.
- Ms. Deputy also wished Mr. Braginton well; She reminded the Board of the 9/29/18 Governance training held in Reno; She welcomed everyone back to the new school year.
- Mr. Entwistle welcomed back the teachers, staff and students and wished them well for the new school year; He thanked Mr. Braginton for his service, and wished him well in his retirement; He also thanked all three candidates for their interest in serving on the Board.
- Mr. Betteridge congratulated the new Board appointees and thanked all three candidates for interviewing for the positions; He wished Mr. Braginton well and will miss him and his contributions to the Board.
- Mr. Hill welcomed back the staff and students to the new year; He thanked all three candidates for their interest in serving on the board and taking time to interview for the positions; He stated he'll miss Bruce and wished him well.
- Ms. Hagness was thankful for the new hires, excited to meet them at the various trainings; She acknowledged \$13,000 had been paid in stipends for current staff attending trainings prior to school starting. At \$100/day per, that gives us an idea how many staff attended; She thanked Mr. Braginton and Dr. Stringham for their time on the Board and they will be missed.
- Mr. Doyle thanked Mr. Braginton for his service, and stated in his time working with the District, he's been one of the best Chairmen he's had the opportunity to work with.
- Dr. Jensen stated that Mr. Braginton was a great friend, leader and a mentor, thanked him for his time on the Board and he will be missed; He also congratulated Mr. Swensen and Mr. Heiser on their appointments.
- Mr. Braginton expressed his best wishes to the District, staff and students for a great year; He thanked the three candidates for showing their interest and willingness to serve and congratulated Mr. Swensen and Mr. Heiser on their appointments; He concluded by stating it's been his pleasure and honor serving the District and students as a Board member.

I. Adjournment

Action: 1. Meeting Adjourned: President Braginton adjourned the meeting at 7:25 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