

## HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Tuesday, November 13, 2018)- APPROVED

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A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm at the Humboldt County School District office.

Board members present were: President Glenda Deputy, Vice President Nicole Bengochea, Chris Entwistle, John Hill and Abram Swensen.

Board members absent were: Clerk Boyd Betteridge and Andy Heiser.

Others present were: John Burhans (JR Builders); Shanna Cummings (H-Sun); Amie Godinez, LHS; Tyrell Lucas, Madison McClellan, Sydney Connors, Hailey Fernandez, Caleb Sanchez, Brendan Domire, Dorsey Naveran, Jace Mentaberry (LHS Sports med); Sara Braun, Amy Nelson (D.Ofc); Malinda Riemersma (HCEA Pres); Supt. Dave Jensen, Attorney John Doyle, and Secretary Judy Kritikos.

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

Action, Minutes: 2. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Recommend approval of prior meeting Minutes.

Mr. Entwistle noted three typos: F3: Proposed Bond Projects manager Contract Adjustment: *amout*, should be **amount**. In the same section: *rae*, should be **rate**. F5: discussion Regarding Filling board vacancy for Seat A, Servicing McDermitt-Orovada District: *would* would, should be **would**.

**Mr. Entwistle moved to approve the Minutes as amended. Mr. Hill seconded; motion carried.**

Information: 3. Correspondence: None

B. Public Comment: None

Procedural: 1. Public Comment Guidelines

C. Superintendent's Report

Information: 1. Activity Report

- As we come to the end of Veteran's Day, Dr. Jensen thanked all the veterans, both within the community and the school district, that have served our great country. May we remember these great men and women every day of the year.
- Dr. Jensen extended our sincerest condolences to Boyd Betteridge and his family at the passing of his father, Owen Betteridge, wishing the Betteridge family our best.
- Dr. Jensen noted that the Mt. Rose fatal accident took the life of former teacher Jan Morris' husband. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.
- Dr. Jensen congratulated Board member Andy Heiser and his wife Alicia on the newest addition to their family.
- Construction on the McDermitt Greenhouse started 11/12/18. Unfortunately, the construction company hit the sewage line today so we are waiting on information on timeframe for addressing.
- On 11/6/18:
  - Dr. Jensen met with Tim Crowley, Nevada Lithium. They are looking to proceed with the mining operation in Thacker pass beginning in 2020, with full production in 2022. At that time, they anticipate almost 200 semi-trucks, one way, passing Orovada elementary school daily. Dr. Jensen is working with him to evaluate possible options to mitigate this impact. Under consideration is an entirely new road or possibly building a new school in Orovada; the school option is less costly. Dr. Jensen is researching options.
  - Following this meeting, Dr. Jensen and Joe Brown attended a Broadband Summit with Senator Cortez Masto. Her interest in improving connectivity in our rural schools is greatly appreciated.

- On 11/8/18, the high school math staff met with a textbook company to considering the possible introduction of new texts. This is a significant need in our district, and we look forward to making progress in this area.
- This morning, Dr. Jensen attended the County Commissioners meeting to engage in the topic regarding a request to allow for dispensaries and cultivation in our county. While it was not necessary for him to share his thoughts at the meeting, he provided a copy of his intended statement for the Board's review. He will be sharing this with Dave Mendiola soon.
- As an update, there have been no responses in terms of Letters of Intent to fill John Hill's Board seat as of today's date.
- Following today's Board meeting, Dr. Jensen, Ms. Deputy and Ms. Bengochea will be traveling to Reno for a late evening flight to Vegas. They will pick up Mr. Swensen and Mr. Entwistle tomorrow evening and all will enjoy the NASB conference.
- As part of this trip, on Thursday, Dr. Jensen will be participating in the State Board of Education meeting in Las Vegas as part of the NASB conference. After this meeting, he will only have one more to attend, which will conclude three years of service on the State Board.

D. Celebrations: None

E. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 1. Approval of Warrants - Mr. Swensen disclosed that one warrant is for the Family Support Center, where he is a Board member, but receives no financial gain.

Action (Consent): 2. Lowry Sports Medicine - Field Trip Request

Recommended Action: Recommend approval of trip Request by Lowry Sports Medicine group to UCLA, USC, Disneyland, March 30-April 4, 2018

Tyrell Lucas addressed the Board with the itinerary of the trip to So. Cal. The Athletic Director of the University of So. Cal invited the group to see their athletic training facilities. UCLA and Disneyland trainers also extended an invitation. The latter is exciting, as it opens up other areas other than schools. While the group would have liked to have gone over Spring Break, the schedule was set by the invitees to accommodate their schedule. Mr. Entwistle noted that the date on the Request should be 2019.

Action (Consent): 3. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

**Mr. Hill moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Bengochea seconded; motion carried.**

F. Discussion and Possible Action Items

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

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

Dr. Jensen reminded the Board that we accept Pershing County students, typically in the Dutchman Acres areas, and PCSD pays HCSD for educating those students. This year, 168 students are attending HCSD schools, and HCSD receives the DSA rate for those students, as well as \$239/pupil from PCSD. The annual agreement had no changes from prior years.

**Mr. Hill moved to approve the Pershing County School District Tuition Agreement. Mr. Entwistle seconded; motion carried.**

Action, Discussion: 2. Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) Bus Award- 50% funding towards a New School Bus

Recommended Action: That the Board Authorize a 50% match to the NDEP grant award authorizing the purchase of a new school bus.

Amy Nelson and Sara Braun addressed the Board with information about the award of the NDEP funds. Approximately a year ago, NDEP notified municipalities - state, county, school, etc., who had older, less-efficient vehicles, that grant funds were available to replace them. HCSD, along with 36 other applicants, applied for the grant to update our school bus fleet, and was one of 12 granted funds. We

will receive up to \$65,601.13 to support the purchase of a new bus. Our original grant application was for the possibility of purchasing two new buses. After reviewing the fleet and needs of the students, it was determined a new Special Needs bus was most needed. The District will issue a formal RFP for the bus, with final costs to be determined by the lowest responsible bid. If approved by the Board, the District will pay for the vehicle up front, and be reimbursed by NDEP for the amount approved.

**Mr. Hill moved to approve the District matching the amount of the NDEP grant award, authorizing the purchase of a new school bus. Mr. Entwistle seconded; motion carried.**

Information: 3. Discussion regarding the recommendations of the School Safety Task Force to Governor Sandoval

(This item was moved later in the Agenda order, to accommodate guests who had come to address other items.) This item was discussed after Item 7 - 12/25/18 meeting cancellation.

Dr. Jensen reminded the Board of the Parkland, FL school shooting on 2/14/18, as well as other well-known shootings at Columbine and Sandy Hook. After the Florida event, NV Governor Sandoval started the school Safety Task Force, concentrating on three main areas of concern: School Resource Officers, Mental health, and Infrastructure. Dr. Jensen provided the Board with a PPT presentation, outlining discussions and recommendations. Dr. Jensen was one of three Superintendents selected by the Governor to serve on the Task Force. The group was to meet and submit an initial report by 8/1/18 with the final report submitted by 11/30/18. The recommendations have been finalized and submitted to the Governor. A copy of the document they submitted was provided to the Board. In the last five years, 301 violent deaths have occurred IN schools, while over half a million violent deaths OUTSIDE of schools. Statistics show students are 8 times more likely to be shot at home than in school, and 20 times more likely to be shot in a restaurant. Of all threats made at school, 97.7% are not attempted, 2.6% are attempted but averted, and only 0.7% are carried out. We have an obligation to prepare in all ways possible, yet our message is that schools are still the safest place for children to be. Dr. Jensen went through the recommendations the Task Force submitted to the Governor.

Action, Discussion: 4. Discussion regarding the interest of the Board of Trustees to consider Early Incentive Buy-Outs

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees take action providing notification of their intent to accept applications for the Early Incentive Buy-Out or to deny consideration of such requests. The Board discussed the item, noting the early incentive policy applies not only to teachers, but also include a classified and administrative personnel. Dr. Jensen noted that the Board has previously opted not to fund this. This is another opportunity for the Board to discuss this item again. With input from Malinda Riemersma, who stated this was an incentive for our long term teachers who are nearing retirement and at the higher end of the pay scale, replacing them with lower pay-scale teachers, and also encourages them not to use their sick days. She stated they really appreciate the Board looking at this option. If the District anticipated reducing the overall number of positions for the upcoming school year, this could provide long term costs savings to the District. Given the potential reduction in student enrollment and the potential of a reduced DSA rate, this might be a good time to consider this option. Dr. Jensen has not conducted an analysis of this potential benefit pending a determination of the boards interest. Dr. Jensen was asked to run a projection of how many employees could potentially take advantage of this opportunity. Malinda Riemersma stated that every year, she's contacted by several teachers asking if the Board is considering this. Mr. Hill made a motion not to consider the Buy-Outs, but there was no second. As two of the Board members were not present at the meeting, the Board agreed to re-agendize this item to the next meeting when the entire Board is present and able to discuss the item in more depth, providing enough time for the applicants to obtain the information needed to complete the form.

Action, Discussion: 5. District Office Single Point of Entry - Bid Review and Authorization to Proceed  
Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees authorize proceeding with the District Office Single Point of Entry based upon the Bid received.

Jon Burhans addressed the Board, informing them there were 9 interested bidders initially: 5 in Reno, 3 in Winnemucca, and 1 in Utah. However, only MGM Construction, located in Utah, provided a bid, which was significantly higher than the estimate. This was due to two primary areas: labor/ supervision, having a Superintendent on site for the 4-6 week length of the project, and the electrical area. The

Board discussed its commitment to the safety of the District office/Jr. High school by providing a more secure entry. The Board discussed the design of the entry way - keeping the inner doors, for historical value, the outer doors for protection in the elements, etc. Given the cost being higher than estimated and wanting more thought given to the design, the Board tabled this item and asked for more input on design and cost.

**Ms. Bengochea moved to send the plans back for further review and design/cost considerations and not to proceed at this time. Mr. Entwistle seconded; motion carried.**

Action, Discussion: 6. Consideration to Move the November 27th Board Meeting to November 28th  
Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approve moving the November 27th meeting to November 28th.

Dr. Jensen addressed the Board, letting them know that he would be at a meeting in Las Vegas regarding a potential new funding formula, and would not be able to return in time to attend the 11/27/18 Board meeting. After discussion, the Board agreed having Dr. Jensen present was important enough to consider moving the meeting. **The Board agreed to move the meeting to Wednesday, November 28th, at 3:00 pm.**

Action: 7. Consideration to Cancel the December 25, 2018 Board Meeting

Recommended Action: The Board authorize the cancellation of the December 25, 2018 Board meeting. The Board agreed that a meeting on Christmas was not feasible.

**Ms. Bengochea moved to cancel the December 25th Board meeting. Mr. Swenson seconded; motion carried.**

**The Board took a break at 1:36 pm.**

**The Board resumed the meeting at 1:47 pm.**

Discussion: 8. Second Review of the 5000 Series Draft Policy and Regulations 17 through 24  
The Board had no changes to the documents.

Discussion: 9. First Review of the 5000 Series Draft Policy and Regulations 25 through 30  
The Board reviewed and agreed with the changes made to this set of documents.

G. Public Comment: Malinda Riemersma reminded everyone of the Fiddler on the Roof presentation at LHS, 7:00 pm this night through Thursday, 11/15/18.

Procedural: 1. Public Comment Guidelines

#### H. Board Reports

##### Information: 1. Board Reports

- Mr. Hill thanked all the veterans and soldiers for their service.
- Mr. Entwistle also thanked the veterans and service members for their service; Congratulated: LHS football team, Boys cross country team and individual runners, Andy and Alicia Heiser on the birth of their new baby, all the elected officials.
- Mr. Swensen thanked the veterans for their service; congratulated Andy and Alicia on their new baby; extended condolences to Mr. Betteridge on the loss of his father.
- Ms. Bengochea also thanked the veterans and those still serving.
- Dr. Jensen provided information regarding today's County Commission meeting where it was agreed the District and the County would split the cost (\$25,000 each) for sidewalk and finishing the exterior project on Mary Way at GVE, which will start soon; He attended the D.A.L.I. conference last week where one of the Superintendents noted he sends out a brief memo to the public outlining what took place at the Board meeting. This is done prior to the official Minutes, and gets the information out the next day after the Board meeting in a timely manner.
- Ms. Deputy wished safe travels to the group as they head to Las Vegas for the NASB conference later this evening.

I. Adjournment: Ms. Deputy adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm

Action: 1. Meeting Adjourned

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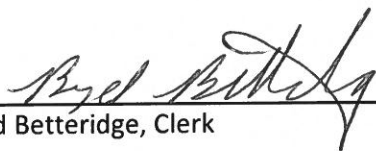
J. Notice

Information: 1. Notice to Persons with Disabilities

K. Postings

Procedural: 1. Public Posting of Agenda

Submitted by Secretary, Judy Kritikos

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Boyd Betteridge", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Boyd Betteridge, Clerk

