

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Tuesday, January 8, 2019)- APPROVED

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A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm at the Humboldt County School District office.

Board members present were: President Glenda Deputy, Vice President Nicole Bengochea, Clerk Boyd Betteridge, Chris Entwistle, and Abe Swensen.

Board members absent were: Andy Heiser

Others present were: Bob Burns, Megan Gardella, Sabrina Uhlmann; Holly Meyer, Amie Godinez, Ray Parks (LHS); Malinda Riemersma (HCEA President); Shanna Cummings (H-Sun) DeAnna Owens, Claudia Means (HCSO); Supt. Dave Jensen, Asst. Supt. Dawn Hagness, Attorney John Doyle and Secretary Judy Kritikos.

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

Information: 2. Correspondence: None

B. Public Comment: None

Procedural: 1. Public Comment Guidelines

C. Superintendent's Report

Information: 1. Activity Report

- Dr. Jensen welcomed everyone back as we move towards the second half of the 2018-19 school year, and hoped the break was enjoyable and restful.
- As a reminder, each board member's Financial Disclosure Statement is due no later than January 15th. If additional information is needed, please reach out to Judy Kritikos.
- Dr. Jensen thanked the two candidates seeking to fill the vacancy of John Hill's seat with a desire to serve the students, staff and community of Humboldt County. We all appreciate their interest in continuing this important work.
- Applications for the Early Incentive BuyOut closed yesterday afternoon. We received a total of 11 requests, of which 10 were eligible. Of the 10, 9 are certified staff, and 1 is a classified staff member.
- We are in the process of finalizing our Competitive Grant application which is due to NDE by 1/15/19. The grant encompasses the following areas:
 - Read by Grade 3
 - TurnAround
 - 1003(a)
 - College and Career Readiness – Advanced Placement
 - College and Career Readiness – STEM
- This grant will request just over \$1mm in funding to provide continued support to our staff and students and includes a continuation of our three learning strategists and our district-wide Technology specialist. In addition, funds will support the continuation of our work with ANET for all schools other than Lowry, who will have a partnership with Pearson to support their work on CCR and support with the curriculum adoption for ELA and Math.
- In terms of new curriculum, Math is currently being piloted at LHS, and a determination was made earlier today to pilot the Pearson ELA curriculum after a curriculum review. We are excited for this opportunity for new curriculum for our students and staff.
- All components of the Food Service Management renewal have been completed, and we are excited to continue our relationship with Chartwell's.

- Dr. Jensen expressed his appreciation to the HCEA, Malinda Riemersma and her Executive Board. We are able to identify problems and work to find meaningful solutions. As a recent example, we were able to reach some joint language to support instances in which we are unable to secure a sub and students are distributed through a grade level at the elementary schools. We are fortunate in our district to have some great relationships between both our associations and the district.
- On 1/16/19, Dr. Jensen will attend Governor Sisolak's first State of the State address with the other superintendents. This will be followed by NASS Thursday morning, and NASA/NASS PD Thursday afternoon and Friday.
- Dr. Jensen will not be in attendance for the board meeting on the 22nd of this month, as he will be attending training regarding Personalized Learning. He looks forward to the opportunity and is excited Dustin Christean, LHS VP who works closely with our distance programming, will be in attendance. Dr. Jensen will be available to call in for the meeting.
- On 1/31/19, Dr. Jensen will be presenting at the Winnemucca Futures, from 8:00-Noon, at the B&G club with breakfast will be at 7:00 am. The community is invited to attend.

D. Celebrations: DeAnna Owens addressed the Board to recognize Claudia Means. Claudia works as a migrant recruiter and Medicaid analyst. She helps with migrant students and coordinates programming for them. This isn't only K-12, but includes birth to K. Ms. Owens received a great e-mail from a partner agency, Nevada Early Intervention Services, explaining about situations where she assisted a family in crisis, needing propane for heat or cooking, etc. As Claudia does daily - she got into gear and helped the families. This isn't a one-time event; Claudia works tirelessly and generously for the families in our community every day. She even helped with the organization of a raffle drive for a family without a vehicle. We just want to recognize Claudia for the great work she does for our students and families of our community.

E. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 1. Approval of Warrants

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

Action, Minutes: 2. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Recommend approval of prior meeting Minutes.

Action: 3. Trip request for LHS Travel Club to travel to Europe Summer 2020

Recommended Action: That the Board approve the trip request for LHS Travel Club to travel to Europe Summer 2020

Holly Meyer, Amie Godinez and Ray Parks addressed the Board with information about the proposed Travel Club trip. An itinerary had been provided, along with information about chaperones, number of students, and insurance information. Several Board members asked about ratio of chaperones/students (6:1); The cost of the trip (\$4,500 +/-); If there is a medical issue during the trip, how is that handled (Medical is covered and should an incident arise, the interpreter would accompany the person to the medical facility.); Coverage/plans in case of an international incident (Trips like this have been made previously, without incident, and there are contingency plans in case something needs to change - due to extreme weather, international unrest, etc.); Who is paying for the trip (Each student/chaperone is responsible for their own costs, which is why a long lead time in planning the trip is given.) There have been no incidents during the last six trips the group has taken. Education First is the name of the group, and they ensure the students/travelers are as safe as possible.

Mr. Entwistle moved to approve the trip request for the Travel Club; Mr. Swenson seconded; motion carried.

Action (Consent): 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

F. Discussion and Possible Action Items

Action, Discussion: 1. Discussion and Possible Appointment for Seat A (McDermitt-Orovada) of the Board of Trustees

Recommended Action: That the board engage in a discussion regarding the candidate interviews and consider the possible appointment of a candidate for Seat A.

Mr. Entwistle thanked both candidates, Mr. Robert Burns and Ms. Sabrina Uhlmann, for expressing their interest in serving as a Board member, and for their time to interview earlier today. He said we couldn't go wrong with either candidate.

Ms. Bengochea also thanked both candidates, and for being part of the community who volunteers to serve the students of our District.

Mr. Swensen thanked the candidates and stated he had done the interview himself two years ago, and again in September, and the interviews are not easy. It's great to see our rural community members so willing to serve.

Mr. Entwistle moved to appoint Sabrina Uhlmann to the vacant seat that John Hill occupied.

Ms. Bengochea seconded; motion carried.

Ms. Uhlmann took her seat with the Board members.

Action, Discussion: 2. Possible Administration of Oath of Office for Seat A of the Board of Trustees Candidate

Recommended Action: That should the board select a candidate to fill Seat A, that the appointed candidate be sworn in and begin their service.

Dr. Dave Jensen administered the Oath of office to Ms. Uhlmann.

(NOTE: Mr. Swensen left the meeting at 5:00 pm)

Action, Discussion: 3. Consideration to Refinance the 2009 Bond to Incur Interest Savings for the Community

Recommended Action: That the Board authorize moving forward with securing bids to refinance the outstanding 2008 Bond to incur interest savings.

Dr. Jensen reminded the Board that over the last several months, he has brought information to them about refinancing the current Bond. In December, it was determined the time was not right for such a move. However, at this time, it seems a savings of \$87-90,000 is possible by doing the refinance. There are escrow fees, and the savings amount is outside of those fees. Dr. Jensen stated there is no action needed at this time. The item will be agendaized on the 1/22/19 Agenda, and more specifics will be provided then. The term will be locked in with a fixed rate, not a variable. Bids are due back on 1/16/19 so the Board can review all information, as well as the total savings anticipated, at the 1/22/19 meeting. At Ms. Bengochea's request, to help new member Uhlmann become familiar with this issue, Dr. Jensen reviewed the bond - how it came to be, what it entails, what it's used for, how it's paid, etc.

Action, Discussion: 4. Discussion Regarding 2019 Summer Bond Projects - Second and Final Review

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees authorize proceeding with projects identified for the 2019 summer season with bond funds.

Dr. Jensen reviewed the document showing the proposed projects and the status of those projects. The Bond committee met and reviewed the attached list, and had two additional items for consideration. At the 12/11/18 meeting, a suggestion was made to consider changing the older lighting at the LHS sports field, for potential utility cost savings. Dr. Jensen spoke to LHS Principal Parks, who indicated they believe the lights are not as important as another restroom/concession stand closer to the gate. The Century Club has \$50,000 set aside for this project. After discussion, the Board agreed not to consider the field lighting at this time. The two items be added for consideration: (1) The Roof at McDermitt Combined, and (2) a second asphalt project. After discussion on the roof item, the Board felt a roofing contractor should look at the roof and provide an opinion as to the severity of the repairs needed. If it is time for a completely new roof, this would be a much higher cost. If it were minimal enough that repairs could further the life of the roof, the Board could see funding the repairs. Ms. Deputy directed Supt. Jensen to work on getting a professional roofing company to inspect the site. When the report on the roof is received, a plan for to repair/replace can be made; the Board can then discuss the LHS athletic field items.

Ms. Bengochea moved to approve the Summer Bond projects, removing the LHS concession stand/bathroom project until information is received on the McDermitt roof situation; Mr. Entwistle seconded; motion carried.

Action, Discussion: 5. Consideration of Adopting Resolution as Discussed by Fund Our Future NV (FOF) regarding Nevada Education Funding

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees Adopt the Resolution as Provided by Fund Our Future NV Adding Humboldt's Voice in Requesting Additional Educational Funding.

The Board discussed the prior presentation made by FOF. They liked that the Resolution targets all NV Districts, not just to provide funding for Clark County. There is no cost to the District and no negative consequences by signing the Resolution. Dr. Jensen let the Board know that only Douglas County has declined to sign, and the reason for that is unknown. There was discussion about funding methods (i.e. CWI) and that this Board was not in agreement with that.

Mr. Entwistle moved to adopt the Resolution as provided by FOF with the caveat that we let them know we are not in support of CWI; Mr. Betteridge seconded; motion carried.

Discussion: 6. Final Review and Adoption of the 5000 Series Policy and Regulations

Dr. Jensen stated that the policies had been reviewed and recommended edits made. The documents are now ready to be finalized, and placed on the Board Docs and HCSD websites once approved by the Board.

Mr. Betteridge moved to approve the 5000 Series Policies and Regulations as submitted; Ms. Bengochea seconded; motion carried with one abstention by Sabrina Uhlmann. Ms. Uhlmann commented that since she has not seen the documents, she was unable to vote on this item.

Action (Consent), Discussion: 7. 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 stated we have two students attending Lander County School District, and this is the same agreement as in previous years. Lander County receives the DSA amount plus \$800/student/year, for a total of \$1,600.00 this year.

Mr. Entwistle moved to approve the Lander County Tuition Agreement as presented; Ms. Bengochea seconded; motion carried.

G. Public Comment: None

Procedural: 1. Public Comment Guidelines

H. Board Reports

Information: 1. Board Reports

Ms. Bengochea reminded everyone of the 1/26/19 NASB conference in Reno; She congratulated Ms. Uhlmann on her appointment to the Board.

Mr. Entwistle thanked both candidates for their interest and interviewing; Congratulated Ms. Uhlmann on her appointment; Wished Dr. Jensen and Mr. Christean success on their upcoming training;

Congratulated Claudia Means on her Celebration and thanked her for all she does for our community.

Mr. Betteridge congratulated Ms. Uhlmann on her appointment; Would like to see the Board go to Carson City as a group to meet with our legislators/VIPS who make financial decisions that affect our District.

Ms. Uhlmann thanked the Board for being appointed and giving her the opportunity to represent the rural community.

Mr. Doyle congratulated Ms. Uhlmann.

Ms. Hagness congratulated Ms. Uhlmann.

Ms. Kritikos asked for the Board's updated bio info so it can be updated on the HCSD website.

Dr. Jensen congratulated Ms. Uhlmann and looks forward to working with her.

Ms. Deputy said she looks forward to seeing the Board members at the next Board meeting on 1/22/19, and at the training on 1/26/19 in Reno; she offered her congratulations to Ms. Uhlmann on her

appointment to the Board.

I. Adjournment - Ms. Deputy adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm

Action: 1. Meeting Adjourned

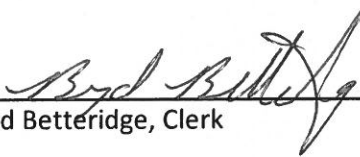
J. Notice

Information: 1. Notice to Persons with Disabilities

K. Postings

Procedural: 1. Public Posting of Agenda

Submitted by Secretary, Judy Kritikos


Boyd Betteridge, Clerk

