

## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Tuesday, May 28, 2019)- APPROVED**

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A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm by President Deputy on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at the Humboldt County School District office.

Board members present were: President Glenda Deputy, Clerk Boyd Betteridge, Andy Heiser, Abram Swensen and Sabrina Uhlmann.

Board members absent were: Vice President Nicole Bengochea and Chris Entwistle.

Others present were: Michelle Pasquale, Julia Topholm, Scott Santos, Brant Corak, Ray Park, Marie-Jean Dawson, Charles Gonin, Meghan Lane, Christina Rodriguez, Estefania Villalobos Gamino, Jamie McDonald, Alethea Houston (LHS); Jennifer Bergenheier (GVS), Valerie Barr (McDermitt); DeAnna Owens (D.Ofc); M. Cook (H-Sun); 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 congratulated both LHS and McDermitt athletic teams for a wonderful athletic year and for representing the district with honor and distinction.
- Dr. Jensen congratulated the certified and classified staff who were recognized at the 5/16/19 Annual Staff Recognition banquet. A special thank you was given to the Winnemucca Mining Foundation for sponsoring the event and their ongoing support.
- On 5/16/19, the central office team had a full day onboarding with Modern Teacher as they help with thoughts and development as we progress in the area of personalized learning.
- On 5/19/19, the memorial honoring Dan LaRose was held at the B&GC. A huge thank you to Paul and Jennifer Lords, Robert Lindsay, as well as the staff at FFMS and SHE for making this a memorable experience.
- On 5/20/19:
  - Dr. Jensen met with Amy Nelson and Malinda Riemersma to discuss the K-6 Distance Ed program. We have 12 students signed up, yet needed 15 to authorize a new teaching position. Dr. Jensen authorized an instructional assistant with a sub licensure to work with the program as it is built.
  - The monthly cabinet meeting was held.
- On 5/21/19: Dr. Jensen completed the Agenda for tonight's meeting, then traveled to Carson City for the SB543 legislative hearing. It was the first time many superintendents had seen the documents while it was obvious that many in Washoe County and Clark County had already seen it.
- ON 5/22/19: The Tentative Budget was approved as final. There is insufficient information to modify the current budget due to the absence of information from NDE. Once figures are known, it will be amended at the December augmentation.
- Dr. Jensen outlined information he'd shared with the Board after the 7-hour Legislative session, which included a PPT presentation by Applied Analysis, working with Senator Denis and Woodhouse.
  - Under this bill, HCS D is slated for a \$4.8MM reduction.
  - This would be treated under a Hold Harmless provision, meaning we would not move forward with revenue until the deficit is made whole.

- Nevada Proceeds of Minerals funds would be swept into general revenues, despite the NV Constitution. Proponents state that since the monies go from the county, to the funding pot and back to the districts, the intent of the constitution is met. Many disagree with this. Dr. Jensen recommended, with other impacted districts, that the issue be pursued and litigated. Once the session closes and it is known how the law will be applied, Dr. Jensen will update the Board.
- During the session, along with other rural districts, Dr. Jensen testified in opposition to the bill. In response to his testimony, he was asked to write an Op Ed, which was published on 5/27/19 in The Nevada Independent – a link was sent to the Board.
- On 5/25/19, SB 542 was passed. Earlier that day, an additional \$64mm was appropriated to education funding. We anticipate that additional funding will be allocated and once the allocation is known, Dr. Jensen will inform the board. This new revenue, once included, will create the Hold Harmless level.
- There was also discussion about restoring the School safety funding, which had been reduced. This would provide revenue for facilities as well as SRO's.
- Dr. Jensen will be out of town the rest of the week to assist and attend the funeral of his sister-in-law's husband, in St. George, Utah.

#### D. Celebrations

Dawn Hagness spoke about the LHS adoptions of math and ELA curriculum. It is never easy to take a new program or curriculum - learn about it, teaching it, and bring it into the classroom. Brant Corak and Marie-Jean Dawson have put in a great number of hours and lead the process. While it is challenging and frustrating, it is very rewarding. Today we celebrate them for their efforts.

#### E. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 1. Approval of Warrants: Abe Swensen disclosed that he sits on the Board of one organization receiving a warrant, but does not receive any compensation from sitting on the Board.

Action, Minutes: 2. Approval of Minutes - 4/30/19 Board Retreat

Recommended Action: Recommend approval of prior Retreat meeting Minutes.

Action (Consent), Minutes: 3. Approval of Minutes - 5/14/19 Board Meeting

Recommended Action: Recommend approval of prior board meeting minutes

Action (Consent): 4. Field Trip Request - LHS Leadership & Student Council

Recommended Action: Recommend approval of trip by LHS Leadership & Student Council to Chewelah, WA, July 1-22, 2019

Julia Topholm addressed the Board with information about this year's trip to Washington. The last six years they have taken students to the week-long Western Leaders Summit. The students are able to learn valuable leadership skills, hierarchy of needs, relationships and build themselves as student leaders. Students come from AK, WA MT, UT, CA, HI, OR, and NV. The trip is funded, except for the requested district vehicle to transport the students to Washington. Two students are confirmed and three are working on their paperwork.

Action (Consent): 5. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

**Andy Heiser moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Abe Swensen seconded; motion carried.**

#### F. Discussion and Possible Action Items

Information: 1. LHS STEM Club Presentation

Dawn Hagness was invited to watch the students practicing their presentation and was so impressed, she asked them to present to the Board. There are Engineering students mixed with Biology students, and they worked together on this project. Scott Santos addressed the Board with a bit of background information. On 3/14/19 he received an e-mail with the NV STEM Hub Newsletter with information on the STEM challenge held at DRI (Desert Research Institute) in mid-May. In six weeks time, the project was conceptualized, organized, the various classes (PLTW/Engineering and Biology)

met, discussed, planned, met with NDOW's Brad Bowman, and worked days, nights and weekends to complete the project for the competition. Scott acknowledged and thanked Michelle Pasquale for agreeing to take this on with him, as her persistence proved critical to the hurdles they encountered along the way. There were 13 students - 8 from Biology and 5 from the PLTW Intro to Engineering course. Five students spoke to the Board: Charles Gonan addressed the project design; Megan Lane spoke of the drought issues facing NV; Christina Rodriguez shared how Brad Bowman (NDOW) helped their project; Sophia Villalobos provided info about the fish in the experiment; Jamie McDonald spoke on the water used and the two groups of fish in the experiment structure; Alethea Houston spoke about the conclusions they found. The students spoke of how they worked as a team, how they communicated, the steps they went through starting the process and the changes along the way. They shared what they saw at the competition, who they met at the competition, and unanimously agreed the competition was very worthwhile. They learned very valuable lessons: collaboration, problem solving, critical thinking, communications, etc., during the process. Dawn Hagness then celebrated Scott Santos and Michelle Pasquale for the great job they did with this entire project.

Action (Consent), Discussion: 2. Approval of the 2019-2020 Alternative Schedule Application pursuant to NRS 388.090

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approve the 2019-2020 Alternative Schedule as required by NRS 388.090

Dawn Hagness shared alternative schedule documents with the Board, and explained this is an annual compliance process which provides information to the State about schools with alternative schedules, i.e. Pre-K, late start, rural schools 4-day schedule, etc. This information lets the State know that with the alternative schedule, all schools provide the required number of teaching minutes to students.

**Abe Swensen moved to approve the Alternative Schedule Application presented. Glenda Deputy seconded; motion carried.**

Action, Discussion: 3: Follow up Discussion Regarding 4 Day Proposal for McDermitt combined Schools

NOTE: This item was postponed due to a death at the tribe in McDermitt, and the parent forum could not be held. Dr. Jensen provided the Board with updated info: On 5/23/19, Dr. Molina met with the 6-8th graders and 9-11th graders to present the expanded PPT document. The results of the survey were: 6-8th graders: 67% voted no, 9-11th graders: 65% voted yes. Reasons were given: can't socialize, get home later, longer schooldays, buses are already late, forget info they've learned over the 3 days. They were asked what they would like to do on Fridays if there was the 4-day scheduled: art classes, cultural activities (moccasin making, beading, harvesting, etc.), career trips, college tours, fun trips (swim, bowl, etc.). The parent meeting is scheduled for 6/3/19, 4-6:00 pm at the College and Career Readiness Center. Flyers, PeachJar notices, robo calls and flyers have been posted at the tribe's office. Dr. Jensen spoke with tribal member Arlo Crutcher and both agree we all want to increase educational opportunities for students. This agenda item will be heard at the 6/11/19 Board meeting.

Action, Discussion: 4. Second Reading of Policy and Regulation 6020 regarding Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Recommended Action: That the board approve the proposed policy and regulation 6020 regarding MTSS and SEL as presented.

There were no additional edits. The first sentence (highlighted in red) completed the sentence that had been omitted in the original document.

**Sabrina Uhlmann moved to approve the Policy and Regulation 6020 regarding Multi Tiered Systems of Support and Social Emotional Learning as presented. Boyd Betteridge seconded; motion carried.**

Action, Discussion: 5. Second Reading of the Proposed Modifications to the Social Media Policy

Recommended Action: That the board of trustees approve the Social Media Policy, with the proposed modifications, as outlined.

Boyd Betteridge asked Dr. Jensen how the teachers/staff know about new policies. Dr. Jensen stated that after each Board meeting, he sends all staff a memo with a summary of the meeting, and changes are noted there. Dawn Hagness added that all staff meet at the beginning of the school year and could be told of new changes at that time.

**Andy Heiser moved to adopt the policy as presented. Abe Swensen seconded; motion carried.**

As two Board members needed to leave early, the Agenda order was changed. The order of the next items heard were items 8, 7, and then 6.

Discussion: 6. Annual Superintendent Goal Review for the 2018-2019 School Year

The link to the ASANA document had been sent by Dr. Jensen. If the Board needs this again, he will resend to them. This document is what Dr. Jensen uses to provide information on his goals, tracking the progress of each item, and when completed, he closes the item with the date closed. He noted that the Thought Exchange item shows closed. The item indicated two surveys would be sent out, yet due to consensus of the Board, the second survey was eliminated due to the low response on the first survey. Dr. Jensen walked through the goals, providing updates and information on various items.

Discussion: 7. Superintendent Evaluation Template Dissemination and Review for the 2018-2019 School Year

Dr. Jensen reminded the Board of his four goals approved earlier this year. The Board is to send their reviews of the Superintendent to Abe Swensen, who will complete the form, providing the results. The reviews are kept confidential, in that names of respondents are not attached to the scores provided. It will be presented, reviewed and approved at the 6/11/19 Board meeting. Prior to the Board meeting, Dr. Jensen will review the results with Glenda Deputy and Abe Swensen, discuss the results, and then, if approved, a vote to approve the extension of his contract will be scheduled as a separate agenda item for the upcoming board meeting. The superintendent evaluation is due to Abe Swensen by June 5 or 6.

Discussion: 8. Board Self Evaluation Dissemination and Review to Support a Review of Annual Goals:

Dr. Jensen reviewed the process and confirmed he will send the goals to each Board member to ensure they have the latest document. He asked the Board to return their reviews by June 5 or 6 directly to him. He will compile the information on behalf of the board. Given this is the board self evaluation, comments and scores are not kept confidential, rather will be tied to individual board members. This will then be heard at the June 11, 2019 meeting. If the Board does not want to put a rating, or feels it is not needed, they are to put "N/A" in the box and Dr. Jensen will adjust the formula.

G. Public Comment: None

Procedural: 1. Public Comment Guidelines

H. Board Reports

Information: 1. Board Reports

- Sabrina Uhlmann: congratulated LHS/McDermitt athletes on this year's performance; thanked Dr. Jensen for the hard work and efforts on the legislative meeting; sent condolences to Dr. Jensen, Glenda Deputy and Boyd Betteridge for the loss within their family members; thanked the LHS STEM students for their presentation and the collaboration of groups/classes; offered condolences to the McDermitt community on their loss.
- Boyd Betteridge: thanked everyone for their condolences on his loss; offered his condolences to Glenda Deputy and Dr. Jensen for their losses; grateful for the STEM presentation - it was outstanding.
- Abe Swensen: offered his condolences to Boyd Betteridge, Glenda Deputy and Dr. Jensen for the losses in their families; Thought the STEM presentation was great, and what amazing opportunities these students have to learn and benefit later in their educational and professional paths.
- Andy Heiser: echoed the condolences to the Board members for their losses; thought STEM was awesome and noticed how the students changed from providing basic information to their

animated and excited responses when asked questions; Stated there's a lot of new construction in town - approx \$5mm and how good this will be for the community.

- Deanna Owens: stated that attendance at GVE is doing well. They struggled last year, and with efforts, there's been a dramatic decrease in absences; Pre-K is part of the state initiatives for high-quality Pre-K environment, and in the first rating cycle, they received 4 stars, which is mostly unheard of in new programs.
- John Doyle: offered his condolences to the Board for their losses; commended Dr. Jensen's work on the new funding formula and meetings. There's a lot of technical information, not always easy to understand. Dr. Jensen understands it, can analyze it and put it out at a level everyone can clearly understand is to be commended.
- Dr. Jensen: LHS's Scholarship night is tomorrow evening (5/29/19); The CTE showcase is at LHS on the 30th; Graduation events begin this Friday, 5/31/19; Asked if a fourth Board member will be going to McDermitt's graduation, and Abe Swenson stated he would attend.
- Glenda Deputy: attended Orovada's Rural Field Day today and donations received covered the cost of the t-shirts for the various teams; offered her condolences to the other Board members who experienced losses; reminded the Board that the NASB meeting will be held here at the district office on June 21st and 22nd, going over various bills going through the Legislature.

#### I. Adjournment

Action: 1. Meeting Adjourned

President Glenda Deputy adjourned the meeting at 6:35 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

