

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
310 East Fourth Street
WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA 89445

The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of School Trustees was held February 26, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom.

Board members present were: Clerk-Ann Miller, Bruce Braginton, Glenda Deputy, John Hill and Andrew Hillyer. Absent: President-John Seeliger, Boyd Betteridge

Others in attendance were: Superintendent Dr. Dave Jensen, Director Kelly Novi, Attorney John Doyle, Jessica Powell-Humboldt Sun, Nicole, Renn and Aidan Maher, Cheryl Theide, Jennifer and Ed Partee, Maria Crawford, Sandra Dendary, Jen Shutters, Lisa Conn, Noel Morton, Jim and Bridgett Gilboy, Jennifer Robinson, Paul Criddle, Debbie and Dan Watts, Robert Lindsay, Sandy Hammargren-Silver Pinyon Journal, Kristen Flanders, Julie Elordi, Ray Garrison, Ray Parks, Dustin Christean, Rory Upshaw, Dale Lunen, Elizabeth Sanchez, Mike Padua, Patricia Setzer, other interested persons and Secretary Paula Wright.

V. President Hillyer opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence: Dr. Jensen read a letter addressed to Mr. Betteridge from the State of Nevada Senate. Mr. Betteridge contacted the Senate regarding his concerns about a standards based education for home schooled students. Senator Joyce Woodhouse stated in the letter that the 2007 Legislature deleted the requirement that parents had to submit proof to the district board of trustees that the child was receiving "equivalent instruction of the kind and amount approved by the State Board". They also made a number of significant changes to the statutes governing home schooled children, including dropping the regulatory requirement by the Department of Education that instruction comply with the State Standards.

Minutes: Two typos were noted under the Superintendent's report; 1) page 3, #18 should read February 20th (March 20th) and 2) page 3, #22 should read February 26th (March 26th).

Mr. Hill moved to approve the February 12, 2013 minutes with the corrections noted. Mr. Braginton and Mrs. Miller seconded, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent Report

1. All in town schools have participated in a staff meeting regarding unwrapping of the state standards. Each grade level/subject area has been asked to go through the process. Once established staff will begin to work in vertical teams to build consensus. It will assist in developing our "pacing guides" during the next school year.
2. All bids for our summer bond projects have been awarded. The largest of the projects is the Sonoma Heights air conditioning project. Three bids were received for the electrical and HVAC projects. The electrical bid went to CR Drake at \$128,078 and HVAC went to RHP Inc. at \$858,800.
3. On February 15th, the second ENI meeting was held. The training provided a look at beginning the process for conducting E-Walks.
4. On February 19th, Dr. Jensen met with the Mining Foundation to discuss the high tech center. The design was well received and we are beginning to move forward with the development of a

business plan and a business model to bring to mining associates to seek their support as we look to implement the program.

5. On February 19th, Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. Novi and Dr. Jensen met with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in McDermitt regarding issues with materials from the Cordero Mine that were spread on roads and property in the early 1980's. The EPA will be providing a healthy layer of gravel by the football field at no expense to the District. They have asked to use the site as a staging area as they complete other projects in McDermitt.
6. Dr. Jensen and Mr. Novi traveled to Boise to attend the Boise State Hiring Fair. They were able to make contact with several potential candidates. We are hoping to get a hiring applicant pool for the upcoming school year. We will be sending representatives to three additional hiring fairs; Montana, Utah and UNR.
7. On February 21st, the District hosted the Nevada Department of Education as they provided training to administrative staff from Humboldt, Lander, and RPDP on the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF).
8. On February 21st, we conducted our first website training with site coordinators, facilitated by Nicole Maher.
9. On Saturday, February 23rd, the FFA Alumni dinner was held. It was enjoyable and the level of community support was amazing to see.
10. On Saturday, February 23rd, Dr. Jensen was notified of a Lowry High School student that was involved in an accidental shooting. Unfortunately, the student succumbed to his injuries. Support was initiated at Lowry High School on Monday. Dr. Jensen expressed his appreciation and thanks to the staff of Lowry High School and the counselors who responded to provide support for students. He noted that our thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends of the young man.
11. On February 25th, we hosted an active shooter training sponsored by the Nevada Department of Public Safety. In addition to school district administration, members from the Winnemucca Police Department, Sheriff's Department and EMS were present. The information will be shared with staff.
12. On February 26th, Mr. Novi and Dr. Jensen participated in an online training on our new attendance zone software. There will be two subsequent two hour trainings.
13. Assistant Superintendent applications closed at noon on February 26th. We received three applications. One applicant does not meet the minimum qualifications and will not be extended an interview. We hope to hold interviews the first week of March.
14. On February 27th, Dr. Jensen will be attending the District Administration Leadership Institute. NNRPDP pays the membership for the superintendents to attend. All costs are funded through that membership.
15. There will be a Superintendent's meeting in Reno on March 7th. They anticipate having the final document for the iNVest proposal.

Discussion Only – Speech from FFA Student, Bridgett Gilboy, “The World Starving for a Filling Future”

Bridgett Gilboy, a junior at Lowry High School, asked the Board's permission to practice the speech she will be giving at the State FFA competition in Reno on March 19th. The speech focused on world hunger. A brief question and answer period followed. Great job Bridgett!!

Special Recognition – Lion's Club and Barrick Gold (Turquoise Ridge) – Robert Lindsay

Mr. Lindsay provided a plaque to Winnemucca Host Lion's Club members, Patricia Setzer and Mike Padua, for their generous donation of \$10,000 to French Ford's "Rocks and Ropes" playground expansion.

Mr. Lindsay provided a plaque to representatives from Turquoise Ridge, Rory Upshaw, Dale Lunen and Elizabeth Sanchez, for their generous donation of \$20,000 to French Ford's "Rocks and Ropes" playground expansion.

Total cost of the project was \$50,000. The students at French Ford raised the additional \$20,000, over a ten year period.

Mr. Hillyer thanked the Winnemucca Host Lions and Turquoise Ridge for their support of the community.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of a Trip Request for the Lowry High School Swing Choir to Crescent City, California on March 20-24, 2013 – Paul Criddle

Mr. Criddle approached the Board for permission for the Lowry Swing Choir to take a trip to Crescent City, California. 21 students and 3-4 chaperones will be touring March 20-24, 2013. The group will cover the \$2,260 cost of the trip. They requested permission for the days out of school and the use of a district bus. They will be performing two performances a day.

Mr. Hill moved to approve the trip request for the Lowry High School Swing Choir to Crescent City, California on March 20-24, 2013. Mr. Braginton seconded, motion carried.

The Swing Choir performed for the audience. Great job!!

Discussion Only – Presentation Sonoma Heights Elementary School – Noel Morton

Mrs. Morton introduced her staff sitting in the audience and thanked them for attending.

Sonoma's school improvement goals are centered on English Language Arts (reading and writing), math and building collaboration, communication and instructional leadership. The School Improvement Plan (SIP) was aligned with the District Improvement Plan (DIP). The goals are as follows: Goal 1: Growth in ELA, Goal 2: Growth in Math and Goal 3: Staff as learners/communication with stakeholders. The objectives for Goal 1 are that K-4 students will master their intended literacy growth goal/measured by the PALS and MAPS tests and students will score in the Meets/Exceeds range on grade level writing rubric.

MAPS data shows that 91% of kindergarten students showed growth in reading from fall to winter, which equates to a 9% growth for the period fall to winter. The staff used a wide variety of action steps to achieve student growth in reading and writing; implementation of the Common Core Standards, Common Core modules, 90 minute literacy block, school wide assessments (PALS, MAPS, DRA), guided small group reading, goal setting with students, tracking student progress with a school-wide data base, one writing prompt per nine weeks, implementation of a grade level writing rubric, utilization of the Lucy Calkins Writing Program and IC Team referrals.

MAPS data shows that 92% of kindergarten students showed growth in math from fall to winter. The staff used a wide variety of action steps to achieve student growth in math; implementation of Common Core Standards, Common Core modules, implementation of SIOP with content area in math, implementation of Math Investigations, school-wide MAP assessments, goal setting with students, tracking student progress with a school-wide data base and IC Team referrals.

To meet Goal 3 (staff learners/communication) all certified staff will implement the Common Core Standards, implement the SIOP model, attend weekly PLC meetings, attend three professional development days dedicated to the SIOP model, utilize the IC Team as an instructional intervention and

work collaboratively to create communication structures to notify stakeholders of academic and social experiences at Sonoma Heights.

Discussion Only – Presentation Winnemucca Jr. High School & Denio School – Ray Garrison, Ray Parks, Kristen Flanders, Dustin Christean

Mr. Garrison said that the Junior High's main focus is the Common Core Standards. The staff has completed all staff trainings focusing on the Common Core Standards. Staff, in all subject areas, is examining the current curricula for "gaps" as part of the needs assessment. Resources that have been made available to staff include Wiki-teacher and the Clark County School District Curriculum Engine. The Curriculum Engine allows the teacher to pull a standard, slide it to a calendar and the teacher is able to plan an entire school year. It also provides the teacher with all resources available (videos, lesson plans etc.).

Wiki-Teacher provides lessons, tests, worksheets, quizzes and units for all subjects. The lessons are geared to help staff move from the Nevada Standards to the Common Core Standards. It also provides help in un-wrapping the standards in a teacher/student friendly format. Mrs. Flanders and Mr. Christean provided a brief look at the Wiki-Teacher website.

Mr. Parks noted that the Junior High continues to provide a study hall in lieu of an elective course for students failing any core subject, enrollment in an A+ course in lieu of an elective for credit deficient students and the PASS 2 program for credit deficient students in danger of being retained. An after-school program is available for all students and subjects. Summer school is offered for credit deficient students. Students scoring below a 75% on any test, quiz or assessment are able to retake them.

Denio Elementary School – Mr. Parks

Ms. Thibodeaux attended Common Core State Standards training in McDermitt. He noted what an extreme amount of work un-wrapping the standards are for a K-8 teacher. There are currently seven students at the Denio School.

Denio's 8th grade graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Warrants

Mrs. Deputy moved to approve the warrants as presented. Mr. Hill seconded, motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action – Review of the District Website – Dr. Dave Jensen, Kelly Novi, Nicole Maher

Dr. Jensen provided a preview of the new website. Mrs. Maher said they hope to roll out the new website March 27th. The website will be maintained by Mrs. Maher. Each school will also have their own website that they will maintain. She briefly went over some of the functions and features of the new website.

Discussion Only – Update on Upcoming Job Fair Participation – Dr. Dave Jensen

Dr. Jensen thanked Nicole Maher, Letticia Prida and Paula Wright for putting together information regarding the school district and community that was downloaded onto flash drives that will be provided to potential teacher candidates at upcoming job fairs. Mrs. Maher also put together a handout that includes a snapshot of the district and community.

Dr. Jensen and Mr. Novi attended a job fair at Boise State Univeristy. They were able to make contact with several potential teacher candidates. Dr. Jensen and Byron Jepps will be attending job fairs at

Utah State and BYU. Doc Welter and Tim Connors will be attending a job fair in Montana and Deanna Owens and Debbie Watts will be attending a job fair at UNR.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of the Policy Manual 1000 Series, Sections 1030-1045 – Dr. Dave Jensen

Dr. Jensen returned to the Board with the revised copy of the policy manual 1000 series, sections 1030-1045.

Mr. Braginton moved to approve the policy manual 1000 series, sections 1030-1045, as reviewed. Mr. Hill seconded, motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of a Three Year Calendar Series – Kelly Novi

Mr. Novi provided the Board with copies of the recommended calendars for the 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 school year.

Mr. Novi reported that he received 400 responses to a survey regarding the calendar. He provided a brief overview of suggestions and concerns from the survey.

Mrs. Theide noted how smoothly the process went and thanked Mr. Novi. Mr. Novi thanked the committee for their time.

Mr. Novi will provide Board members with the comments/suggestions received from the survey.

Mrs. Deputy moved to approve the three year calendar series. Mr. Braginton seconded, motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action – Mapping Software Introduction – Dr. Dave Jensen, Kelly Novi
Postponed

Public Comment: None

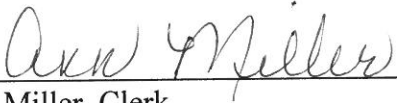
Board/Staff Reports:

1. Mr. Hill said that he and Mrs. Deputy visited Grass Valley Elementary and Winnemucca Grammar School on February 19th. He noted that the east end of the hallway at Grass Valley is very cold and there is evidence of some water damage. They visited with Principal Kitras at Winnemucca Grammar School regarding security.
2. Mr. Hill attended Truancy Court on Thursday, February 21st. He was impressed with the positive attitude of the students before Judge Montero. Not all of the students have brought their grades up, but they are attending school.
3. Mr. Braginton reported he had to reschedule his visit to Sonoma Heights Elementary. He will, however, judge the Science Fair on Wednesday, February 27th and will reschedule his visit when he meets with Mrs. Morton.
4. Mr. Braginton asked if anyone was planning on attending the DSA hearing in Carson City on March 1st. Dr. Jensen said he will be in San Diego, however, plans to attend the hearing on March 25th.
5. Mrs. Deputy provided the Board with a copy of the Legislative Quicksilver and the updated list of bills being tracked by the Nevada Association of School Boards.
6. Mrs. Deputy thanked Mr. Betteridge for contacting Senator Joyce Woodhouse requesting a clarification on whether homeschool parents are required to provide education based on the State Standards.

7. Mrs. Miller visited Grass Valley Elementary on February 20th. She will be making one more visit and will provide an update of all of her school visits.
8. Mr. Novi reminded everyone of the Science Fair at Sonoma Heights Elementary at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27th.
9. Mr. Novi reported that McDermitt Combined School will be hosting the State Midlevel Junior High School Student Council Conference on Friday, March 1st. Mr. Novi will be attending if anyone would like to ride up with him.
10. Dr. Jensen reported that Jesse Studebaker was selected for First Team in Division I Basketball and Calvin Connors made Second Team. Congratulations to Jesse and Calvin!!
11. At the last Board meeting Dr. Jensen was asked to contact Jim Huge. He has committed to the March 12th board meeting. Dr. Jensen proposed the board retreat begin at 10 a.m., concluding at 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The regular board meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. We will be recognizing the Lowry High School Wrestling Team.
12. Mr. Hillyer congratulated the Lowry High School boys' basketball team, making the State playoffs. He has contacted Mr. Bonine to express his concern with the way the divisions are determined.
13. Mr. Hillyer noted that Mr. Bonine (NIAA Director) expressed an interest in attending a board meeting to meet everyone.
14. Dr. Jensen had copies of the Sonoma Heights bid tabulations if anyone was interested in reviewing them.

Adjourned 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paula Wright



Ann Miller, Clerk