

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

The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of School Trustees was held June 25, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom.

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

Others in attendance were: Superintendent Dr. Dave Jensen, Attorney John Doyle, Jessica Powell-Humboldt Sun, Stephen Romero, Ann Wiswell-Wells Fargo Insurance, Nicole Maher, Louis Mendiola, Ronda Havens, Sue Hawkins, Sandy Hammargren-Silver Pinyon Journal and Secretary Paula Wright.

President Seeliger opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Correspondence:** None

**Minutes:** Mrs. Miller noted a correction on page three under the Superintendent's report. It was reported that Dr. Jensen reminded board members of Paradise Valley's graduation on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, when it was actually held Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. She noted that, if Dr. Jensen did say graduation was on May 30<sup>th</sup>, then the minutes are correct as written. (A notation was made to the minutes)

Mrs. Miller also noted a typo on page 7 "Nevada School Performance Framework....., 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, ".....we have only one school that is above the three start rating.....should read .....that is above the three star rating.

Mr. Hillyer moved to approve the minutes of May 28, 2013, with the corrections noted. Mr. Braginton seconded, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Superintendent Report**

1. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2013 at both McDermitt and Lowry High School! Both ceremonies were impressive and Dr. Jensen appreciated the honor of being in attendance.
2. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Jensen had the opportunity to meet with Kevin Monsey and a representative from Hershenow & Kippenstein to review final plans on secure entries. We are proceeding with the completion of secure entries at GVES, WGS and WJHS this summer.
3. On the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Jensen attended a combined NASS and NASA conference. A number of items of interest were discussed:
  - Deborah Cunningham – Assistant Superintendent for Finance at the NDE resigned. Julia Teske has been appointed to replace her.
  - With the new health care requirements, employees that work 30 hours a week for three months must be provided health insurance. We are already providing this benefit to our classified employees; however, it also applies to substitute teachers. It will require us to evaluate our process. There will be a \$2,000 penalty per year for each employee eligible that we do not insure.
  - We learned of Nevada's insurance exchange, which may be an option for non-covered employees. More information will be available later this summer.

- Significant discussion was held on changes to the math cut score. It has been 242 and is being raised to 300. This will have a significant and negative impact on pass rates. It is anticipated a 20%+ drop in pass rates this spring. This is a double negative with the new SBAC assessments coming on board. Superintendents are fighting to maintain the 242 score.
  - SBAC practice tests are now available. The Nevada Department of Education will provide a press release that will be forwarded to staff.
  - Reporting requirements for Class Size Reduction (CSR) are being increased to include multiple times per year and by school/classroom.
  - For kindergarten, expectation is 21:1. The ratio cannot start higher than this, but once school has started, it can reach 25:1, but cannot exceed the 25:1 figure.
  - First and second grade – 18:1, Third grade – 21:1. We still have the ability to use a district average to meet these expectations.
  - AB288 changes Proficiency requirements to include end of course assessments and a College and Career Readiness assessment. Current expectations to pass HSPE remain in effect for incoming freshman.
  - A special meeting has been called for on August 9<sup>th</sup> for Superintendent's and testing personnel to discuss the establishment of a task force to address the new 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade end of course requirements. This is in addition to the regularly schedule August 1<sup>st</sup> NASS meeting.
  - During the 2013 Legislative Session – 1123 bills were heard. Some bills of interest:  
 SB 407 – allows for the validation of the new evaluation system under Teacher Leaders Council  
 SB 500 – establishes a task force to look at a new DSA formula  
 SB 504 – provides \$50 million for ELL's – distributed proportionately based on ELL population  
 AB 459 – allows transfer of property from one district to another  
 AB 414 – requires CPR to be included in high school instruction "to the extent" funding is available  
 SB 177- Smoker's corner – this bill allows the county commission to pass an ordinance that smoking in public by minors is illegal. Do we want to approach the commission to consider this?
  - Dr. Jensen has been asked to continue to represent NASA on the State Grants Management Unit.
- 4. On June 20<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Hagness and Dr. Jensen participated in a teleconference with Clark County School District (CCSD) on the Curriculum Engine. The CCSD Board approved the inter-local agreement that afternoon. We have a web conference on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and will then schedule a "Train the Trainers" on August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 5. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Dr. Jensen had the opportunity to provide a welcome to the Adult Ed/GED graduates for 2013. It was great to see the success that these individuals have met. We wish each of them the best of luck.
- 6. Noel Morton was selected as the NCCAT Coordinator. We welcome her aboard! Interviews for the Sonoma Heights principal position will be held on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 a.m. Mr. Betteridge has volunteered to serve on the committee and Mrs. Deputy may also be able to attend.

**Discussion and Possible Action – Inter-local Agreement Between Humboldt County School District and Humboldt General Hospital to Support Athletics – Dr. Dave Jensen, Nicole Maher, Louis Mendiola**

Dr. Jensen expressed his sincere appreciation to Humboldt General Hospital. They have been an outstanding partner with the school district over the course of the past several years. Last year the District introduced an EMT course at Lowry High School, which required a lot of commitment on behalf of the hospital. The first EMT class has nothing but praise for the hospital and the quality of the instruction they received. It has provided a solid foundation and has opened the doors to conversation of how we can strengthen the partnership between the school district and the hospital.

Mrs. Maher reported that, approximately four years ago, Humboldt General began providing free physicals to youth athletes in the community. For the first time this year, they will also be offering cardiac screening to youth athletes at a small fee to cover the cost of equipment.

The hospital is pleased to welcome Dr. Perkinson and Dr. Gaulin to their staff. Mrs. Maher noted the number of countless hours Mr. Hillyer, Mr. Monroe and Dr. Perkinson have provided in medical and PT services to Lowry athletes. In a conversation with Humboldt General Hospital CEO, Jim Parrish, Mrs. Maher said he was concerned about the drug use, underage drinking and the number of sexually transmitted diseases affecting teens in our community. Mr. Parrish said that we should do a better job of supporting youth in the community. That conversation sparked honing in on Lowry High School, which has the student population at greatest risk for the categories of most concern.

Mr. Mendiola said that Lowry High School has had several sports medicine classes in the past. Mr. Mendiola said it is his hope to bring a similar career and technical education program, to Lowry High School where students could learn skills and then apply those skills. This would allow students the opportunity to see how clinical medicine works.

Mr. Mendiola believes that, with some financial help from the hospital and some better equipment, we can improve the capabilities of a sport medicine program. He said a program will need to be established as to the management of the sites, for example, that areas are kept clean and stocked. He feels that all stakeholders should get together and establish a plan/program for these services over the long term.

He said the hospital is looking to expand on this partnership. In particular, we would like to establish a partnership that can be enhanced each year as the needs of Lowry and HGH change. The first year will be somewhat limited. Mr. Mendiola said that a definite plan has not been established, but did say that is proposed to have equipment upgrades, medical supplies and equipment upgrades and a partnership that will bring a more structured form of providers to a number of other sporting events. The hospital's ambulance, which is stationed in McDermitt, will now be provided at all home games played at McDermitt Combined School, at no cost to the school district.

Humboldt General is working with the State Division of EMS to see what other services, other than acute services, can be provided.

Dr. Jensen reported that the District would like to recognize Humboldt General, as we move forward with the partnership, through appropriate embossment of a training room, or other equipment, to recognize their donations and give them the proper credit for the support they are providing our students at Lowry and McDermitt Combined.

Dr. Jensen said we still need to define how the program is going to look, particularly in terms of establishing a sports medicine component. We are currently not in the position to offer credits for the upcoming year and will need to work with NDE on establishing this opportunity.

Attorneys, Mr. Doyle and Mr. Maher will be working together to address any liability issues.

Mr. Hillyer moved that the Humboldt County School District move forward in partnering with Humboldt General Hospital for program and facility needs. Mr. Braginton and Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.

Dr. Jensen said the initial discussions committee will include him, Nicole Maher, Louis Mendiola, Chad Peters, Ray Parks and possibility Dr. Perkinson. Mr. Hillyer asked that Dr. Jensen keep the Board updated.

**Discussion and Possible Action – Acceptance of Renewal Proposal From Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL) and Approval for Payment From Fiscal Year 2013-14 Funds – Stephen Romero, Ann Wiswell**

The District is currently a member of the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL), along with a majority of Nevada's rural public entities. Wells Fargo Insurance Services manages those funds, pays the claims and provides risk management services for members. As a member of the POOL the District has access to a variety of services, to include; loss control risk management services (on site), human resource consulting services, personnel policies, and employment case management. Members are also eligible to apply for risk management grants.

The coverage has not changed from the previous year. The District currently maintains a \$10 million combined single limit liability policy; \$100 million for earthquake and \$100 million for flood, with a \$2000 per incident deductible.

Rates for the upcoming school year have increased approximately .6%. Rates over all POOL members remained close to flat over the previous year. The insurance industry has seen between a 5-15% increase in all lines of coverage on commercial insurance rates. Dr. Jensen recommended the Board accept the premium renewal from Wells Fargo Insurance Services for the 2013-14 school year.

Ms. Wiswell reported that POOL recognizes the impact a "cyber security event" can have on an entity. Effective July 1, 2013 a Cyber Security Event and Privacy Response Expense Coverage will be provided to all members of the POOL. It will provide coverage per event up to \$2 million per coverage period, per member inclusive of a sublimit of \$500,000 for Privacy Response Expense Coverage (identity theft monitoring service). Services provided by POOL include an investigation, the cost of notifying individuals of a breach, the cost of offering individuals credit monitoring services (if they choose), and the cost of a public relations firm to respond to any media inquiry.

Mr. Romero briefly touched on the student accident coverage, which provides coverage for District transportation of students to and from school and to and from school activities.

A graph was provided showing the POOL claims frequency for the period 2012-2011. The highest total loss costs were incurred in 2008, with the Wells earthquake and canal break in Fernley.

Mrs. Miller moved to accept the renewal proposal from Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool and the approval for payment from FY2013-14. Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Warrants**

Mr. Hillyer moved to approve the warrants as presented. Mr. Braginton seconded, motion carried. Mrs. Miller abstained.

**Discussion and Possible Action - Approval of Refuse Bid – Dr. Dave Jensen**

The District solicited bids for refuse removal. We received one bid for refuse removal. The lone bid was from Desert Disposal for a total of \$1,903.42 per month for all Humboldt County schools. Desert Disposal also carries the insurance that the District requires.



Mr. Hillyer moved to accept the bid from Desert Disposal for refuse removal from our schools as presented. Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action – Consideration of the Sale of Two School District Properties in Grass Valley Sub #1, Parcel #14-274-10 and Parcel #14-283-16– Dr. Dave Jensen**

The Board was provided maps showing all properties owned by the District. Dr. Jensen noted that he has been involved in preliminary discussions with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding property that the BLM owns. The District may be able to secure some of this acreage, if the New Frontier Development is expanded and we are required to build a new facility. Dr. Jensen will keep the Board updated if the District needs to move forward on that prospect.

Dr. Jensen received a request from Wally Baum asking the Board to consider the sale of two school district properties in the Herschell Road area, parcel #1427410 and #1428316. Dr. Jensen believes Mr. Baum wants to purchase only one of those parcels. Dr. Jensen reminded the Board that if they are interested in moving forward, the District is under some statutory obligations to sell the property. The District will be required to obtain two appraisals (one local, one state) at a cost of approximately \$1000. The acreage in question is not beneficial to the District in regards to future building; the parcel size of each is less than five acres and neither is in a prime location.

After some discussion, Mrs. Miller moved that Dr. Jensen find out what Mr. Baum's level of interest is and, leaves to Dr. Jensen's discretion, whether he wants to approach Mr. Baum about paying for the appraisals. Mr. Braginton seconded, motion carried. Mr. Seeliger was opposed.

**Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of the FY13 Budget Augment – Dr. Dave Jensen, Ronda Havens**

Dr. Jensen thanked Ronda Havens for her time and commitment in preparing the budget. Dr. Jensen reviewed the FY13 budget with the Board. The budget contains two funds, including Debt Service, requiring property tax revenues totaling \$14,052,972 and eleven governmental fund types with estimated expenditures of \$37,038,430 and two proprietary funds with estimated expenses of \$142,697.

The General Fund (Local sources-increased \$6,069,742 (Advanced Net Proceeds of Minerals), Federal sources-decrease \$26,346) was increased \$6,043,396, the Special Funds (State Funds-decreased \$122,707, Special Ed Fund-decreased \$36,098, Gifts and Donations-increased \$27,850, Federal Funds-increased \$50,857, Food Service Fund-decreased \$64,134, and Capital Projects Funds-increased \$1300), for a combined decrease of \$142,932, General Fund (Food Service-increase of \$62,903, Gifts and Donations-increase \$4000 and Special Education was decreased \$39,090), for a combined increase of \$27,813.

Due to increasing local revenues and decreasing state revenues there was a need to uncommit \$2 million of calendar year 2013 Advanced Net proceeds of Minerals (Mines) received for FY13 for use in FY14.

Dr. Jensen stated that fiscally, an area of concern is food service. Dr. Jensen noted that in December the District anticipated local sales of approximately \$402,505. Actual figures were \$279,080, a decrease of \$123,425. Federal reimbursement came in \$3000 less; making a total decrease to the revenue stream of \$127,000 over projected figures. \$228,133 was required to be transferred from the General Fund to support food service this year.

There was considerable discussion regarding food service. Dr. Jensen said that students are not purchasing the preferred meals. He questioned whether the loss of revenue was students not liking the preferred meals or the increase in the price of the meals to students that has occurred over the past several years. He reminded the Board that when the District moved from "scratch" meals to the preferred meals,

staffing was reduced immensely, hoping to cut costs. Dr. Jensen believes if we return to scratch meals we will need to increase staff, increasing labor costs. That being said, will it increase sales enough to support the increase in staff? Dr. Jensen has asked Mrs. Maestresjuan to look at other districts still using scratch meals, run an analysis, and review the findings for further discussion with the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Jensen read the resolutions into the record:

Resolution #4

**RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT AND/OR AMEND THE 2012-2013 Budget of the Humboldt County School District**

**WHEREAS**, the revenues of the General Fund, Humboldt County School District were budgeted to be \$31,013,728 on December 11, 2012, and

**WHEREAS**, the revenues are now determined to be \$37,057,124 and

**WHEREAS**, said sources are as follows:

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Local Sources        | \$ 6,069,742 |
| State Appropriations | \$ 0.00      |
| Federal Sources      | \$ (26,346)  |
| TOTAL                | \$ 6,043,396 |

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to apply these excess proceeds in the General Fund. Now, therefore, it is hereby RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County School District shall augment and/or amend its 2012-2013 budget by appropriating \$6,043,396 for use in the General Fund, thereby increasing its appropriations from \$31,013,728 to \$37,057,124. A detailed schedule is attached to this Resolution and by reference is made a part hereof.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the clerk shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED the 25th day of June, 2013 by the following vote:

Mr. Hillyer moved to approve Resolution #4 as read into the record. Mr. Hill and Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.

Resolution #5

**RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT AND/OR AMEND THE 2012-2013 Budget of the Humboldt County School District**

**WHEREAS**, the revenues of the Special (Other) Funds, Humboldt County School District were budgeted to be \$12,278,272 on December 11, 2012, and

**WHEREAS**, the revenues are now determined to be \$12,135,340 and

**WHEREAS**, said sources are as follows:

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| State Funds                    | \$ (122,707) |
| Special Education Fund         | \$ (36,098)  |
| Gifts and Donations Funds      | \$ 27,850    |
| Federal Funds                  | \$ 50,857    |
| Food Service Fund              | \$ (64,134)  |
| Capital Projects Funds         | \$ 1,300     |
| Private Purpose Trusts Funds   | \$ - 0 -     |
| Workers Compensation Fund      | \$ - 0 -     |
| Unemployment Compensation Fund | \$ - 0 -     |
| TOTAL                          | \$ (142,932) |

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to decrease the appropriations in the Special (Other) Funds. Now, therefore, it is hereby RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County School District shall augment and/or amend its 2012-2013 budget by decreasing appropriations by \$142,932 in the Special (Other) Funds, thereby decreasing its appropriations from \$12,278,272 to \$12,135,340. A detailed schedule is attached to this Resolution and by reference is made a part hereof.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the clerk shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED the 25th day of June, 2013 by the following vote:

Mr. Hillyer moved to approve Resolution #5 as read into the record. Mr. Braginton seconded, motion carried.

Resolution #6

**RESOLUTION TO AUGMENT AND/OR AMEND THE 2012-2013 Budget of the Humboldt County School District**

**WHEREAS**, the transfers from the General Fund, Humboldt County School District to various Special (Other) funds were budgeted to be \$2,073,147 on December 11, 2012, and

**WHEREAS**, the transfers from the General Fund are now determined to be \$2,100,960 and

**WHEREAS**, said sources are as follows:

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Food Service                          | \$ 62,903   |
| Gifts & Donations (Special Insurance) | \$ 4,000    |
| Class Size Reduction                  | \$ - 0 -    |
| Special Education                     | \$ (39,090) |
| TOTAL                                 | \$ 27,813   |

**WHEREAS**, the expenditures were more than anticipated in: Food Service Fund and Gifts and Donations Fund; and the expenditures were less than anticipated in the Special Education Fund, there is a need to increase the Food Service Fund and Gifts and Donations Fund transfers; and decrease the Special Education Fund transfer. Now therefore it is **RESOLVED**, that Humboldt County School District shall increase Food Service transfers to \$228,133 and increase Gifts and Donations Fund transfers to \$10,326 and decrease Special Ed transfers to \$1,722,335. A detailed schedule is attached to this Resolution and by reference is made a part hereof.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the clerk shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED the 25th day of June, 2013 by the following vote:

Mr. Hillyer moved to approve Resolution #6 as read into the record. Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.

Resolution #7

**RESOLUTION TO UNCOMMIT A PORTION OF ADVANCED NPM FUND BALANCE AS REQUIRED BY GASB 54**

**WHEREAS**, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has adopted Statement Number 54 (GASB 54), *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, that was effective in fiscal year 2010-2011, and

**WHEREAS**, Committed Fund Balance under GASB Statement Number 54 consists of funds that are set aside for specific purposes by the Board of Trustees. These committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Governing board removes or changes the specific uses through Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Humboldt County School District adopted a Resolution to commit ending fund balance as required by GASB 54 on June 28, 2011 which committed the estimated current calendar year Advanced Net Proceeds of Minerals (Mines) revenue received in the current fiscal year in the General Fund for use in the fiscal year that it was originally intended for prior to the passing of legislation requiring the mines to pre-pay the current calendar year's estimated Net Proceeds. For example: Estimated CY13 NPM received in FY13 (normally would have been received in FY14) would be committed for use in FY15.

**WHEREAS**, due to increasing local revenues and decreasing state revenues there is a need to uncommit a portion (\$2,000,000) of Calendar Year 2013 Advanced Net Proceeds received in FY13 for use in FY14. Now, therefore, it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Humboldt County School District shall **UNCOMMIT** \$2,000,000 of CY13 Advanced Net Proceeds of Minerals (Mines) to be available for use in FY14.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the clerk shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** the 25th day of June, 2013 by the following vote:

Mr. Hillyer moved to approve Resolution #7 as read into the record. Mr. Hill, Mr. Betteridge and Mr. Braginton seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Braginton moved to approve the augmented budget as presented. Mr. Hillyer seconded, motion carried.

6:47 p.m. Break

6:55 p.m. Return

**Discussion and Possible Action – Discussion Regarding the Possibility of Developing Community Partnerships –Dr. Dave Jensen, John Seeliger, Andrew Hillyer**

Mr. Seeliger asked the Board how they wanted to move forward with establishing partnerships with organizations.

Discussion brought about the following thoughts: 1) students are #1, 2) define a framework to begin, 3) level of involvement, 4) needs of the district (students and facilities), 5) priority list/cost, 6) community involvement, 7) center on academics (identifiable academic needs), and 8) key opportunities and needs.

The item will be agendaized for discussion at the upcoming board meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup> and site administration will be invited to attend.

Sue Hawkins, suggested the Board get in touch with Bill Sims who is involved with a community planning committee. The committee has helped lay out a plan for the future of the city. The last meeting consisted of members from the city and county working together.

It was agreed to focus on the needs of the school district first before involving other entities.

**Discussion and Possible Action – Superintendent Evaluation – John Seeliger**

Mr. Seeliger provided Board members with the compiled evaluation for Dr. Jensen. The overall rating for Dr. Jensen is a 4.5.

Dr. Jensen said he appreciated the feedback, especially the comments. He said he was able to identify through the feedback some perceived areas of strength, as well as some areas that he could improve on. Dr. Jensen expressed that he would like to gather more information on some of the areas of focus, as well as to better understand the thoughts behind the scoring of some area.. The comments allow him to get a good feel for what the Board's thoughts are.

One area he picked up on was on personnel management amongst our administrators, in particular, with their capacity building and the desire of the board to see greater accountability.

He felt strongly from the Board that the goals defined last year were appropriate, but we have not had enough time to move through the goals. He will revisit the goals, identifying those that progress has been made and move them as complete, but acknowledging that some of the goals have a 3-5 year life; graduation rates being one of those goals.



As discussed earlier this year, Dr. Jensen will continue to work with Jim Huge to refine the new evaluation.

Mrs. Miller moved to approve the Superintendent's evaluation as presented. Mr. Braginton and Mr. Betteridge seconded, motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action – Review of Scheduled July Board Meetings and the Possible Cancellation of One Meeting – Dr. Dave Jensen**

After a brief discussion it was decided that both meetings were needed in July; July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Discussion Only – Review of Final Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) Star Ratings – Dr. Dave Jensen**

In July 2012, Nevada's ESEA Flexibility request was approved officially marking an end to the school accountability system known as AYP and has been replaced by the NSPF. NSPF is an integral component of the Educator Performance System that defines the State's shift away from AYP to a five-star classification approach, with schools earning a rating of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 stars (5 being the highest and 1 being the lowest).

The star ratings were un-embargoed on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The star ratings had been determined during the current Legislative session. As the star ratings were entered into, Nevada Department of Education became cognizant that there were still some failings with the star ratings. They felt that, if the star ratings had been released during the Legislative session, it may have created some concern amongst the legislative body. There are still a number of failings to the system, in that; Denio, Kings River, Orovada and Leighton Hall are unable to be rated.

Elementary and middle school star ratings are based on student growth, proficiency, subgroup performance gaps, and average daily attendance. High school ratings are based on student proficiency, subgroup performance gaps, growth, graduation rates, college and career readiness, and other indicators (participation in ACT, participation in SAT testing). Schools are ranked on a scale from 1 to 100; the higher the classification the more autonomy the school will have in determining its operation.

Dr. Jensen provided the Board with a copy of the criteria in which the scores are evaluated. He also provided a list of the schools to include index score, growth in math and reading, status in math and reading and ADA percentage. The schools ranked as follows: McDermitt Elementary and McDermitt Middle School: 1 star, French Ford Middle School and Winnemucca Jr. High: 2 stars, Grass Valley Elementary, Lowry High School, McDermitt High School, Paradise Valley, Sonoma Heights Elementary School; 3 stars and Winnemucca Grammar School: 5 stars.

Dr. Jensen noted that, whenever you are dealing with criterion reference testing the expectations will change from year to year, thus creating a moving target. The two major areas will be proficiency and gap elimination.

The next ratings will be released in September.

**Public Comment:** None

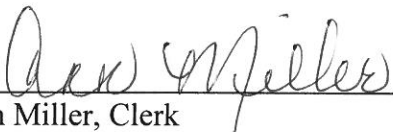
**Board/Staff Reports:**

1. Mr. Betteridge asked if there will be a Smartphone app for the District's website. Dr. Jensen said the website has been released and it is the intention of the District to have the ability of the site to be effective on smart phones.

2. Mr. Hillyer reported that the recent NIAA meeting was lengthy. He will report at the next meeting.
3. Mr. Hillyer commented on an article in the Reno Gazette Journal that reported UNR ranking poorly on a list of schools for the preparedness of students graduating from the university and going into the education field.
4. Mrs. Miller appreciated the work that Mr. Seeliger did on the Superintendent evaluation.
5. Dr. Jensen reported that the inverter on the solar panels at Grass Valley School has been down for six weeks; therefore, we have not generated any savings. It is under warranty and we are in the process of getting it repaired.
6. Dr. Jensen reported he has had discussions with a representative from Audio Enhancements regarding a system that allows cameras to be placed in classrooms. The teacher would wear a lanyard around the neck. Should an incident occur, the teacher would engage the camera by pressing a button on the lanyard, which would notify the office and law enforcement, if necessary. Dr. Jensen asked the company to give an estimate of the cost to install the system at Winnemucca Jr. High School. The cost would be approximately \$110,000. Dr. Jensen will keep the Board informed if there is a possibility the system can be paid for through bond funds.
7. Dr. Jensen informed the Board that the new website is online. He asked Board members to provide him with a bio, if they haven't already done so.
8. Mr. Seeliger asked if another inverter could be taken from another solar panel to replace the one at Grass Valley School.
9. Mr. Seeliger noted that, on the enrollment comparison information provided, 65 of the 74 students we are down from "count day" are from Lowry. He asked if we have tracked those students. Dr. Jensen said he will ask Mrs. Watts and report back.

Adjourned 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Paula Wright

  
Ann Miller, Clerk