

**NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES  
MAY 16, 2017**

Present: Tim Sutton, President, Mike Floyd, Vice-President, Teresa Stoddard, Clerk; Pam Hiler, and Larry Small, Edna Forsgren, Members; Dale Norton, Superintendent; Dennis Scherz and Evangelyn Visser, Associate Superintendents; Ray Ritchie, Chief Operating Officer; Kyle Lindberg, Human Resources Director; Sam Simatos, Director of Special Education; Jim Fossett, Director of Rural Schools; Marsha Scherz, Director of Curriculum, Shelly Pierson, Director of Alternative Learning; Karen Holley, Director of Grants; Kelly Wood, Executive Secretary

Absent: None.

Guests: Mark Gabrylczyk, Elisa Friedman, Samantha Goodman, Debbie Whitcotton, Annette White, Geraldine Shook, L. Presgrove, Tammy Baltutat, Kay Neely and Melinda Dennis, J.G. Johnson ES; Karlyle Shook, Kelly Jones and Sierra McKillips, Manse ES; Renee Smith, Keele McDaniel and Jill Harris, Floyd ES; Sherrilynn Rakestraw and Dan Nagle, Hafen ES; Chris Brockman, Lillian Bernath, Amelia Wood and Dave Harris, PVHS; Tim Wombaker, Mark McDaniel, John Toomer, RCMS; Bobbie Crooks, Autumn Jones, Ralon Jones, Robert White, Celena White, Ryan Stoddard, Diane Brown and Nicholas Harris, Pahrump; Thomas Lyman, Gabbs; Robert Williams, Amargosa Valley Schools; Jim Fitch, Jeremy Briggs, Michelle Briggs, Jonathan Briggs, Logan Briggs, Leanna Briggs, Round Mountain Schools; Al Eiseman, Jerry Adcox, Beatty Schools.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Southern District Office in Pahrump and video conferenced to all sites. Board members, administrators and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called. The Clerk read the mission statement and goals.

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Norton acknowledged Karen Holley for her excellence in grant application writing for the district and stated that her grant applications scored the highest ratings of all schools in Nevada. He noted that the Department of Education asked permission to use our applications as a model grant to show all other districts how to write a grant.

Mr. Norton then introduced Hafen Elementary School Student Council Members (some of which were absent): Kiera Oden, Hailey Lyles, Rebecca McElroy, Antoinette DeHorney, James Jones, Aspen Colwell, and Asia Bell. Hafen student Angelina Biggs was also present and Mr. Norton announced that she had read over 7 million words this school year. Mr. Norton then thanked Sherrilynn Rakestraw and Dan Nagle for their work with the Student Council.

Mr. Norton and Mr. Sutton then went on to recognize the following employees for their years of service and/or retirement: Amargosa Schools – Luann Britton, 20 years; Brenda Dymond, 25 years. Beatty Schools - Jerry Adcox, 25 years. Round Mountain Schools – Gail Happeny, 25 years; William Happeny, 30 years; Jim Fitch, 6 years (Retirement). Tonopah Schools – Danni Wilson, 20 years; Janet Dwyer, 30 years; Karen Whelan, 5 years (Honorable Mention); Thomas Whelan, 5 years (Honorable Mention). Floyd ES – Vicki Christensen-Smith, 20 years; Kathleen Eisner, 20 years; Keele McDaniel, 20 years; Leta Weir, 20 years. JG Johnson ES – Melinda Dennis, 20 years; Lori Ince, 20 years; Debra Norton, 25 years; Maintenance & Transportation – Gwen Williams, 20 years; Manse ES – Shirley Faber, 20 years;

Kelly Jones, 20 years; Pennie Rosco, 20 years; Karlyle Shook, 31 years (Retirement). PVHS – Chris Brockman, 15 years; Robert Hopkins, 20 years; Stephen Marshall, 20 years; Robert Mercer, 20 years; James Paxton, 20 years, Mildred Smith, 20 years; Susan Warner, 20 years; Amelia Wood, 25 years; Rebecca Oikawa, 30 years; Judy Pufky, 12 years (Retirement); Lillian Bernath, 22 years (Retirement). Pathways School – Sarah Hopkins, 20 years. RCMS – Laura Daun, 20 years; Edward Jacobson, 20 years (Retirement); Mark McDaniel, 20 years; Deborah Houser, 30 years; John Toomer, 30 years; Robert White, 30 years; Nadine Blakely, 26 years (Retirement). SESS – David Reda, 22 years (Retirement).

#### PUBLIC INPUT

None.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Stoddard moved for adoption of the agenda, Mrs. Hiler seconded, and the motion carried all in favor.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Floyd moved to approve the Consent Calendar, Mr. Small seconded and the motion carried all in favor.

#### APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Mr. Floyd made the motion to approve check registers dated 04/05/17 in the amount of \$124,170.65; 04/06/17 in the amount of \$48,045.59; 04/12/17 in the amount \$189,962.37; 04/13/17 in the amount of \$207,481.24; 04/19/17 in the amounts of \$145,708.91 and \$183.11; 04/17/17 in the amounts of \$229,701.83 and \$39,119.58; 05/02/17 in the amount of \$3,553.78; 05/04/17 in the amount of \$103,011.05; and 05/05/17 in the amount of \$456,965.71. Mr. Hansen seconded and a vote all in favor was recorded.

#### PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING ON 2017-18 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mr. Ritchie presented his 2017-18 tentative budget which was included as backup for the meeting.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

None.

#### SCHOOL REPORTS

Mark Gabrylczyk reported for J.G. Johnson Elementary School. He handed out a packet to the Board members. He spoke about the school demographics, free and reduced lunch and breakfast program, NWEA data, and professional learning communities. He also included a packet regarding SB 92 and NRS 388G.400 and explained to the Board what that was, which is a statute that allows for school leadership to be granted certain autonomies.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Pierson updated the Board on the process of hiring a principal for Pahrump Valley High School. She stated there is an administrative team/committee and they are moving forward with the process.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Norton stated that on April 13<sup>th</sup> he had "Superintendent of the Day" with David Fair; April 24<sup>th</sup> he did an interview with Pahump Life Magazine regarding Project 150 at PVHS. He stated they have also been able to supply the northern schools with goods for their students through the district fleet system. April 24<sup>th</sup> was also the NIAA Top Ten Athlete/Model Coach of the Year Banquet. PVHS Coach Bob Hopkins received Model Coach of the year and students Nicholas Harris and Bethany-Anne Calvert received Top Ten Athlete awards. Mr. Norton stated that from 1997-2017, NCSD has had 16 athletes and 4 coaches receive these honors. On April 25<sup>th</sup> he went to Warm Springs school with Mr. Fossett; April 26<sup>th</sup> he had Teachers and Leaders Council; April 28<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Recognitions at J.G. Johnson and also the Book It Program pizza party; April 29<sup>th</sup> he attended the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Stand for Children/Teacher of the Year which Mr. Lindberg emceed; May 2<sup>nd</sup> he read to the students at Amargosa Valley Schools and gave a surprise farewell party to Mr. Williams; May 3<sup>rd</sup> he had another "Superintendent of the Day" with Aubrey Egan; May 4-6 he attended the AASA Conference in Nashville with Dr. Roberts; May 9<sup>th</sup> attended the Volunteer Recognitions at Manse ES; May 9-10 was also the PVHS Host Regional Softball/Baseball playoffs; May 11<sup>th</sup> was the northern Nye, Tonopah HS, Round Mountain ceremony and in-service; May 15<sup>th</sup> was the Annual dodge ball event at Manse ES and RCMS went to Treasures RV Resort for their field trip and May 16<sup>th</sup> was the Volunteer Recognition for Hafen ES.

## BOARD REPORTS

None.

## 2016-17 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTERLY REPORT

Mr. Ritchie presented the report as backup to the agenda. There were no questions from the Board.

## HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AS A HEALTH CREDIT

Marsha Scherz stated that per NAC 389.672, enrolling in a Human Development course will provide students the path to earn the one-half unit in health required for graduation. She also stated that about 100 of the district's teachers are spending some of their summer break in different classes throughout the district as professional development credit.

## APPROVAL OF THE 2016-17 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER CSR REPORT

Mr. Floyd moved to approve the 2016-17 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter CSR Report, Mr. Hansen seconded and the motion passed all in favor.

## APPROVAL OF COUNTY VARIANCE REQUESTS FOR ESMERALDA COUNTY STUDENTS TO ATTEND NYE COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR 2016-17 AND 2017-18 SCHOOL YEARS

Mr. Norton wanted to state the reason these requests come to the Board is so that there is public record of the transfer of a student from one county to the other. Mrs. Forsgren made a motion to approve, Mrs. Stoddard seconded and the motion passed all in favor.

## APPROVAL OF GRANTS

Ms. Visser spoke for Karen Holley in presenting the recurring grants and explained how ESSA works regarding the grants. She stated that Solution Tree did not meet the state's requirements but the New York City Leadership Academy supports the same work. A memo explaining this further was submitted as backup to the agenda prior to the meeting. Mr. Small moved to approve, Mr. Hansen seconded and the motion passed all in favor.

## DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF 2017-18 FINAL BUDGET

Mr. Ritchie asks the Board to approve the tentative budget that was presented as the final 2017-18 budget. Ms. Hiler asked if meetings were set up to accommodate Mr. Ritchie's timeline and he stated yes and that if anything changes due to the legislative session, he has 30 days after legislation closes to make any adjustments. Mr. Hiler moved to approve the 2017-18 budget as the final budget, Mr. Floyd seconded and the motion passed all in favor.

Mrs. Stoddard moved to go into closed session, Mrs. Hiler seconded and the motion carried with a vote all in favor. The Board went into closed session at 7:27 p.m.

## CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NRS 288.220 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFERRING WITH MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS

Discussion is reflected in Executive Session minutes.

## DECISION REGARDING POSSIBLE STUDENT RIGHTS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO RESTRAINTS

Ms. Hiler moved that a student's rights were violated, Mr. Floyd seconded and the motion passed six votes in favor and one abstention. Mrs. Stoddard abstained from the vote due to having a personal friendship with stated employee.

## CHANGE OF DATE/ATTENDANCE AREA OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Mr. Norton stated that all Board meetings starting in July 2017 will begin at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Small moved to approve the time change, Mr. Hansen seconded and the motion passed all in favor. The next meeting will be June 20, 2017 in Pahrum.

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS

None.

## PUBLIC INPUT

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sutton adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

## SCHEDULE OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Stoddard made the motion to go into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. The motion carried with an all in favor vote. The regular session resumed at 8:17 p.m., and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk