

**NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2018**

Present: Tim Sutton, President, Mike Floyd, Vice President, Teresa Stoddard, Clerk (via videoconference); Larry Small (via videoconference), Pam Hiler (via videoconference), Edna Forsgren (via videoconference) Members; Dale Norton, Superintendent; Evangelyn Visser, Associate Superintendent (via videoconference); Jim Fossett Interim Associate Superintendent (via videoconference); Ray Ritchie, Chief Operating Officer (via Videoconference); Kyle Lindberg, Human Resources Director (via videoconference); Marsha Scherz, Director of Curriculum; Rob Williams, Directory of Technology; Sam Simatos, Director of SESS (via videoconference); and Kelly Wood, Executive Secretary (via videoconference).

Mark Hansen, Member arrived at 5:46 p.m. (via videoconference)

Absent: Shelly Pierson, Director of Alternative Education;

Guests: Cameron McRae, Supervisor of M&O and Transportation; Barb Young, Frances Hanifen, Crystal Howell, Gabbs School; Janice Lyman, Cody Day, Gabbs; Anne Laughlin, Elisha Mocklerman, Brian Bill, Devona Whiterock, Tia Hooper, Debra Hooper, Stewart Handte, Eugene Biruhim, Judy Camarillo, Sarah Caligiuri, Valarie Moon, Norman Wasson, Tony Bill, Ron Snooks, Yomba; Lt. James McRoe, NCSO; Colleen M. Smith, Jay V. Smith, Austin; Josh Leitz, Backbone Communications; Scott Shakespeare, Tonopah; Anna Falini, Ty Berg, Joseph Burch, Warm Springs School; Tammy Baltutat, Kay Neely, NCCTA; Jeff Meehan, Pahrump Valley Times; Molly Stoddard, Ryan Stoddard, Richard Cantino, Carol Cantino, Deborah Woodland, Gege Murphy, Rich Lauver, Cassandra Lauver and Keith Baltutat, Pahrump.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at Gabbs School and videoconferenced to both District Offices in Pahrump and Tonopah. Board members, administrators and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called. The Clerk read the mission statement and goals.

PUBLIC INPUT

Stewart Handte, Yomba Chief of Police spoke regarding the transportation issues for the Yomba Tribal community. He stated he has been transporting the students back and forth in his police car. He said it has been an excessive burden on the community to get the students to and from school and it is very frustrating. He stated he believes the Board does not care and that is not acceptable. He stated that the community is not being treated fairly and they have put forth a lot of extra steps and wants the transportation issue taken care of as soon as possible.

Scott Shakespeare, Principal of Tonopah Schools, introduced new teacher Joe Burch. He stated Mr. Burch has taught for 15 years and is helping out at Warm Springs School for the rest of the year and is hoping to stay through next year if the school stays open.

Anna Fallini, Warm Springs, stated she felt Mr. Burch fit their situation and that it has been working amazingly well, and thanks the District for its support.

Ty Berg, Warm Springs also thanked the Board for the support and continued support.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Norton stated that Item 14 needed to be removed as a null and void item. Mr. Floyd moved for adoption of the agenda with the removal of Item 14. Mrs. Forsgren seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote in favor.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Floyd moved to approve the Consent Calendar, Mrs. Forsgren seconded and the motion carried with a unanimous vote in favor

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Mr. Floyd made the motion to approve check registers dated 02/28/18 in the amount of \$125,156.25; 03/01/18 in the amount of \$97,183.93; 03/02/18 in the amount of \$117,669.62; 03/08/18 in the amounts of \$104,734.07, \$46,247.08 and \$5,323.03; . Mr. Small seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR DISCUSSION ON USING “RECLAIMED” WATER PURSUANT TO STATE OF NEVADA STATUTES AND REGULATIONS FOR IRRIGATION OF THE NATURAL GRASS ATHLETIC FIELDS AND LANDSCAPING AREAS OF PAHRUMP VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Sutton opened for public hearing. Cameron McRae stated the Board needs to state whether or not they will approve using provided water from reclaimed property. He explained the process and stated that reclaimed water is free and regulated and gives no concern to use it. Mr. Sutton then asked for public input. Gege Murphy spoke representing Pahrump Valley High School softball and baseball teams. She stated the teams had games this evening which is why there was not more people in attendance. She then read a letter from the group of supporters that could not attend. She stated she appreciated the work the Board has put into trying to maintain the fields over the years. She asked the Board to make a fair judgment when deciding on the motion to use reclaimed water. There was no other public input and Mr. Sutton closed the public hearing. Mr. Floyd moved to approve the use of reclaimed water for irrigating the natural turf athletics fields and other landscaping areas at Pahrump Valley High School and to authorize Maintenance & Operations staff to work with Great Basin Water Company to facilitate the process. Mrs. Stoddard seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor. Mr. Sutton abstained due to a possible conflict of interest.

DISCUSSION OF REINSTATEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR YOMBA SHOSHONE TRIBAL YOUTH

Sarah Caligiuri, Environmental Director, spoke regarding the issues with getting the Yomba Shoshone Tribal youth to and from school. Ms. Caligiuri read from a letter she prepared for this presentation. She stated the Tribe has actively tried to get transportation from the District and if the issue is not resolved she will take it to the state and federal levels. She went on to describe their current problems with transportation, the welfare of the Tribe, negotiations history and the burden that has been put upon their community. A community member present at the meeting spoke about the condition of the vehicles they have been forced to use to transport their students back and forth to school. She stated they were told they would be reimbursed from the District for their transportation expenses and they haven't seen a single payment. Discussion ensued regarding contracts and the negotiation process that took place. There was also discussion regarding the issues surrounding hiring a bus driver to cover that area. Mrs. Forsgren stated that Duckwater had the same issues with getting people that wanted to work or relocate to Duckwater, and that the Yomba community may need to have one of their members get qualified and/or certified to be able to work for the District as a bus driver in their community. Mr. Norton then

apologized stating he did not know the contracts were not completed and that they were not getting reimbursed. He will get with his staff to complete the process to get the Yomba community paid. Mr. Sutton then stated he would like to continue this matter at the next Board meeting and asked Mr. Williams if he would be able to connect Gabbs with Pahrump in order to give the Yomba community access to the meeting. Mr. Williams said he would be sure to have the connection running.

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION REGARDING CLOSURE OF WARM SPRINGS SCHOOL

Mr. Norton spoke about the loss of student enrollment over the course of the year. He stated that there was also a tragic accident that resulted in the school employee to step away from her position in the school. He thanked Ty Berg and his wife for supporting and helping to keep things running at the school. Mr. Norton stated that since this item was placed on the agenda he has been in contact with Mr. Berg and Mr. Berg stated they will have a minimum of six students enrolled, but we need eight students to keep the school open. Mr. Berg stated himself and Ms. Fallini will offset the cost if the eight student criteria is not met. Mr. Norton recommended that since they have a new teacher, they keep Warm Springs School open another year and reassess this same time next year. Mrs. Forsgren moved to keep Warm Springs School open, and reevaluate next year. Mr. Hansen seconded and the motion passed all in favor.

SCHOOL REPORT

Tom Lyman gave the presentation regarding Gabbs Schools. He spoke about his staff and gave Gabbs demographics. Mr. Lyman listed their Instructional Practices and Instructional Goals. He spoke about their Instructional Gains/Data and noted that they are able to offer Dual-Credit Coursework, tutoring and the A+ System which provides opportunity for students to excel. Mr. Sutton asked what percentage of Gabbs students are Yomba students and Mr. Lyman replied about a third and that they are doing just as well as the other students.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Norton reported that on Feb. 22-24 he attended the girls State Basketball Tournament in Reno; Feb. 26 he attended reading week at Manse ES, and also read at Amargosa Schools; Feb. 27 he took part in the Coherence Lab with Karen Holley and Joe Gent, and will have more details on that in the future; March 12 he went to Carson City for the Superintendent meeting with the Governor where he talked about Gabbs and Duckwater and other issues including tapping into marijuana money to go toward school violence and safety; March 12-14 he attended the Nebraska Teacher Recruiting Fair. Mr. Norton then reminded the Board of the scheduled Budget Workshops dates of March 30th, April 13th and April 27th.

BOARD REPORTS

None.

APPROVAL OF GRANTS

None.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR DUCKWATER SCHOOL TO MOVE TO A 4-DAY SCHOOL WEEK BEGINNING WITH THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Shakespeare stated that around Christmas time he met with Mrs. Forsgren and parents to be sure they had community support. He reported that 90% of parents said yes to the 4-day school week. Mrs. Forsgren stated that Eureka, Ely, London, Round Mountain and Gabbs all are 4-day schools. She then asked if the bus driver would be losing time or benefits with the shortened school week. Mr. Norton stated there would be no loss due to the contract, the driver will have the same hours and benefits and will have other duties at the school to make up for the hours. Mr. Williams stated that having an extra day in the week to be able to work on internet/network problems while school is not in session will be helpful as well. Mr. Sutton questioned the longer day for the students and Mr. Shakespeare replied he discussed it with Lyn Huston and they will adjust the curriculum and the parents feel it will be okay. Mrs. Forsgren moved to approve a 4-day school week for Duckwater School. Mr. Floyd seconded, and the motion passed all in favor.

APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH BID PROCESS TO REMODEL J.G. JOHNSON ES KITCHEN

Mr. Ritchie explained the funding process for the project and noted that Jodi Martinez has the money in her funds for the remodel. He stated that the J.G. Johnson kitchen is the original kitchen. Mr. Small asked when would the project start and Mr. Ritchie replied it would start May 28th and be finished by August 1st. Mrs. Stoddard asked if there would be a “Plan B” if the project does not get finished in time, and Mr. Ritchie stated they could prepare the food at the high school and bring to J.G. Mr. Small asked when the school was built and Mr. McRae stated 1983. Mrs. Hiler moved to approve going forward with the bid process, Mr. Small seconded and the motion passed all in favor.

APPROVAL FOR 2018-19 SALARY SCHEDULE FOR COORDINATOR-LICENSED/NON-LICENSED 220 DAY

Mr. Ritchie gives a brief explanation of the item. Mrs. Hiler made a motion to approve the salary schedule, Mr. Hansen seconded and the motion passed all in favor.

Mrs. Stoddard moved to go into closed session, Mr. Hansen seconded and the motion carried with a vote all in favor. The Board went into closed session at 7:39 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NRS 288.220 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFERRING WITH MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS; OR NRS 241.030(1)(1) TO CONSIDER THE CHARACTER, MISCONDUCT, COMPETENCE, OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF A PERSON.

Discussion is reflected in Executive Session minutes.

DECISION REGARDING POSSIBLE STUDENT RIGHTS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO RESTRAINTS

Mrs. Hiler made a motion that the student’s rights were violated. Mrs. Stoddard seconded and the motion passed all in favor.

CHANGE OF DATE/ATTENDANCE AREA OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The next regular Board meeting is April 25, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in Duckwater. Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Forsgren will not be able to attend that meeting. Mr. Norton asked Mrs. Forsgren if the Duckwater community would be okay with moving this meeting to Pahrump and scheduling the meeting in

September to take place in Duckwater. Mrs. Forsgren stated she thought they would understand. The April 25th meeting will be moved to Pahrump. Mr. Small requested that next year's Board meetings not be scheduled during the same week as parent/teacher conferences. Discussion ensued.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Norton spoke about a Title I Estate Advisory Board and that one of our Board members should be on that Board. Mrs. Stoddard stated she would be interested. Mr. Norton will provide more information as soon as he gets it.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sutton adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Stoddard made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:39 p.m. The motion carried with a vote all in favor. The regular session resumed at 8:06 p.m., and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

By _____
Clerk