

**NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES
December 8, 2015**

Present: Tracie Ward, President; Tim Sutton, Vice-President; Mike Floyd, Clerk; Edna Forsgren, Pam Hiler and Teresa Stoddard, Members; Dale Norton, Superintendent; Dr. Kim Friel, Assistant Superintendent; Sheena Barnes, Human Resources Director; Sam Simatos, Director of Special Education Support Services; Cameron McRae, Transportation/Maintenance and Operations Manager; Karen Holley, Grants Coordinator; Charles O'Connor, J.G. Johnson Principal; Kyle Lindberg, Manse Principal; Chris Brockman, Pahrump High Principal; Karen Hills, Pathways Principal; Janelle Veloz, Administrative Assistant; and Kerry Paniagua, Executive Secretary.

Absent: Harold Tokerud.

Guests: Kristin Marshall, Southern District Office; Wayne and Dyan Yeager, Tonopah; Terence Yeager, Tonopah High; Michelle Wasmuth, J.G. Johnson; Jan Ballantine, Manse; Robert White, Clarke Middle School; Rob Weeks, Transportation; McKayla Bartley, Kara Charles, Nicole Faber, Laura Kluss and Chloe Goetz, Clarke Middle School; Valentina Colon, Angelique Witschger and Crystal Escobedo, Pahrump High; and C. Dabrowski, Ed Dabrowski, Victoria Witschger, John Child, Jacquelynn Escobedo, Jose Escobedo, Patricia Escobedo, David Faber and Ofelia Lopez, Pahrump.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Pahrump boardroom with videoconference links to the Tonopah boardroom and Duckwater School and a phone connection with Mr. Ritchie. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll was called with all members present except for Mr. Tokerud. He was connected by phone for the vote on item 16. The clerk read the mission statement and goals.

PUBLIC INPUT

A group of students from Rosemary Clarke Middle School sang a brief medley of Christmas tunes and invited everyone to their Christmas program.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Floyd moved adoption of the agenda with the correction of item 11's title to "approval of District Literacy Plan", and Mrs. Hiler seconded. Those voting aye: Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Forsgren, Mrs. Hiler, Mrs. Stoddard, Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Ward. Those voting nay: none. Mr. Tokerud was absent for this vote. The motion carried with a majority vote.

RECOGNITIONS

A retirement plaque was presented to former bus driver Ronald Weeks. Toni Starniri was presented a plaque honoring her as NASB Administrative Assistant of the Year. The top 10 of the art contest for "Ditch School – Ditch Your License" were recognized. The honorable mentions—Meriel Moore, Jennifer Faith Han, Crystal Escobedo, Valentina Colon, Braden Richmond and Serina Johnson—all received \$20 gift cards from Wal-Mart. Fourth place winner Jenna Broderick, third place winner Terence Yeager and

second place winner Angelique Witschger received \$50 gift cards from Michaels. First place winner Leia Mata received a \$100 gift card from Michaels. Miss Mata's artwork will be placed on a billboard. Mr. Norton noted that a Senator wants to purchase Mr. Yeager's picture and that Miss Mata donated a charcoal drawing that fetched \$125 in the silent auction at the NASB conference. Jan Ballantine of Manse and Linda Borowick of Beatty Elementary were recognized for perfect attendance audits.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Sutton made the motion to approve the consent calendar, consisting of the November 17 minutes; one immunization exemption; 2015-16 tuition agreement with Eureka County School District; board member attendance at the National School Boards Conference in Boston and new board member training in Reno; and second readings of Policies 0211 Safe and Respectful Learning Environment, 5601 Academic Plans for Secondary Students, 5660 Promotion – Retention – Acceleration of Students, 5831 Patriotic Exercises, 6145 Staff Conduct in Cyberspace, 6341 Licensed Personnel Probation and Evaluation, 7335 Student Conduct in Cyberspace, 7625 Administering Medications to Students, 7625a Epinephrine and the Management of Anaphylaxis and 8218 Drones. Mrs. Hiler seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Forsgren, Mrs. Hiler, Mrs. Stoddard, Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Ward. Those voting nay: none. Mr. Tokerud was absent for this vote. The motion carried with a majority vote.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Mrs. Forsgren made the motion to approve check registers dated 11/12/15 in the amount of \$191,152.35; 11/13/15 in the amount of \$173,480.37; 11/19/15 in the amounts of \$556.00, \$172,765.09 and \$44,571.48; and 11/24/15 in the amount of \$75,441.44. Mrs. Stoddard seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Forsgren, Mrs. Hiler, Mrs. Stoddard, Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Ward. Those voting nay: none. Mr. Tokerud was absent for this vote. The motion carried with a majority vote.

APPROVAL OF 2015-16 BUDGET REVISION #1

Mr. Ritchie reviewed changes to each of the funds. Mrs. Hiler made the motion to approve the budget revision, and Mrs. Forsgren seconded. Those voting aye: Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Forsgren, Mrs. Hiler, Mrs. Stoddard, Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Ward. Those voting nay: none. Mr. Tokerud was absent for this vote. The motion carried with a majority vote.

REPORTS

Mr. Norton noted the hiring billboard is up, and the space was donated. A District vehicle was wrapped, and the driver has been approached about jobs. It cost far less than advertising through the Review-Journal. He attended the NASB conference, NASS meeting and several other events. The Administrators' meeting will be held December 10 with a field trip to two schools to observe math lessons. The District offices will be closed to the public during Winter Break, and staff may choose which days to work. Mr. McRae announced the 10 free buses were picked up from Clark County. He said the mail truck will also be wrapped with advertising. The pre-fab structures for the baseball field are on track to be delivered.

Mrs. Stoddard visited Manse. Mrs. Ward said Tuesday and Wednesday were filled with chronic absentee hearings. Mr. Floyd thanked administration for allowing a recent memorial service to be held at the school.

Mr. O'Connor's first task upon being hired as Johnson Elementary Principal was to hire 14 teachers. He employs a team management concept in everything. His three main goals are morale, discipline and instruction. His report detailed the efforts taken and planned for the future in each of those areas. He has seen increased staff and community attendance, far fewer referrals and increased attention to data.

Mrs. Hills gave an overview of all the programs offered by Pathways in addition to the elementary, middle and high school programs: credit recovery, accelerated program, continuation program, summer school, behavior school, homeschooling, adult education and corrections program. They are able to

accommodate special education. The programs continue to be refined. Average Daily Attendance has helped them because days, rather than students, may be disallowed. There have been five graduates so far this year, and 24 graduated at semester last year. There were 17 who graduated at the end of their junior year. Five of the homeschooled students have enrolled in Pathways. A retired Clark County teacher has been hired to work face to face with adult students. Adult ed students who complete less than 20 hours are disenrolled. They use TASK for high school equivalency. Students have to be motivated.

APPROVAL OF GRANTS

Item withdrawn.

REQUEST PERMISSION TO GO TO BID TO RENOVATE & RESTRIPE THE PAHRUMP HIGH TRACK

Mr. McRae stated the last renovation was in 2009. A complete renovation at this time should last another five years. Mr. Floyd made the motion to approve going out to bid, and Mrs. Stoddard seconded. Those voting aye: Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Forsgren, Mrs. Hiler, Mrs. Stoddard, Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Ward. Those voting nay: none. Mr. Tokerud was absent for this vote. The motion carried with a majority vote.

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT LITERACY PLAN

Mr. Sutton moved approval of the District literacy plan, and Mr. Floyd seconded. Those voting aye: Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Forsgren, Mrs. Hiler, Mrs. Stoddard, Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Ward. Those voting nay: none. Mr. Tokerud was absent for this vote. The motion carried with a majority vote.

DISCUSSION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE BILLS

Item tabled.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NRS 288.220 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFERRING WITH MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS; NRS 241.015(3)(b)(2) TO CONDUCT A NON-PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM THE DISTRICT'S LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POTENTIAL OR EXISTING LITIGATION; OR NRS 241.030(1)(a) 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

Item withdrawn.

RATIFICATION OF NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT & NYE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Mr. Sutton made the motion to ratify the negotiated agreement with NCASA; Mrs. Forsgren seconded. Those voting aye: Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Forsgren, Mrs. Hiler, Mrs. Stoddard, Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Ward. Those voting nay: none. Mr. Tokerud was absent for this vote. The motion carried with a majority vote.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL TO HIRE RELATIVES OF A TRUSTEE

Ms. Barnes said she became aware that three individuals were relatives of Mr. Sutton only after they were hired. The online application form has been revised so this situation shouldn't happen again. She recommended approval of the hiring of all three individuals. Mr. Sutton assured everyone that he had no input or involvement in their hiring. Mr. Tokerud made the motion to approve the hiring of three relatives of Tim Sutton. Mrs. Hiler seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast.

CHANGE OF DATE/ATTENDANCE AREA OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

No changes made.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

No appointments made.

PUBLIC INPUT

None offered.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Hiler moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., and Mrs. Stoddard seconded. Those voting aye: Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Forsgren, Mrs. Hiler, Mrs. Stoddard, Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Ward. Those voting nay: none. Mr. Tokerud was absent for this vote. The motion carried with a majority vote.

SCHEDULE OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Sutton made the motion to go into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m., and Mrs. Hiler seconded. Those voting aye: Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Forsgren, Mrs. Hiler, Mrs. Stoddard, Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Ward. Those voting nay: none. Mr. Tokerud was absent for this vote. The motion carried with a majority vote. The regular session resumed at 8:08 p.m. Mr. Tokerud was connected by phone for the vote on item 16 and disconnected after. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

By _____
Clerk