

**NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES
June 21, 2016**

Present: Tracie Ward, President; Mike Floyd, Vice-President; Teresa Stoddard, Clerk; Harold Tokerud and Tim Sutton, Members; Dale Norton, Superintendent; Ray Ritchie, Chief Operating Officer; Sheena Barnes, Human Resources Director; Joe Gent, Coordinator Special Education Support Services; Cameron McRae, Transportation & Maintenance; Kelly Wood, Executive Secretary.

Absent: Pam Hiler, Member; Dennis Scherz and Evangelyn Visser, Associate Superintendents; Sam Simatos, Director of Special Education Services; James Fossett, Director of Rural Schools, Shelly Pierson, Director of Alternative Education; Marsha Scherz, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; and Karen Holley, Grants Coordinator

Guests: Cindi Hastings, Shirley Jackson, Trudi Salzwedel and Deanna Floyd, Manse ES; Steven Hemphill, AT&T Pahrump; and Larry Small, Pahrump;

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Pahrump boardroom with videoconference link Duckwater. Board members, administrators and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called. Mrs. Hiler was absent. Mrs. Forsgren not present for Pledge of Allegiance or Roll due to technological difficulties. The Clerk read the mission statement and goals.

PUBLIC INPUT

Shirley Jackson and Deanna Floyd requested to speak representing the teachers at Manse ES regarding alternate schedules at the end of each semester. Shirley Jackson read a letter that was to the Board Members signed by the teachers and passed out to all Board Members. The teachers at Manse ES are requesting that they receive the same end of semester schedule as the high school teachers receive in order to have time to assess, evaluate and grade their students without having to do this on their own time. Mr. Sutton stated that Mr. Norton will look into this issue. Mr. Floyd reiterated that the elementary teachers are not trying to take away from the high school teachers but need the same schedule to accomplish their tasks. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Forsgren became present at 6:15 p.m. and Mrs. Ward updated her regarding the public input. Kelly Wood will mail Mrs. Forsgren a copy of the letter.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Sutton moved for adoption of the agenda, Mrs. Stoddard seconded, and the motion carried with a majority vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Norton stated there needed to be a correction on one of the names listed on the 05/17/16 Minutes. Sherrilynn Rakes should be Sherrilynn Rakestraw. Mr. Sutton made the motion to approve the consent calendar consisting of the corrected May 17th minutes, and requesting to pull the 2015-16 Discipline Report for discussion. Mr. Floyd seconded and the motion carried with a majority vote.

Mr. Sutton then asked about the different categories on the Discipline Report and how it was determined which offense fell into which category. Mr. Norton explained that it depended on the offense and that it was defined and listed in the Parent Student Handbook. Discussion ensued. Mr. Sutton stated there was another report they were given in years past that was more descriptive. Mrs. Ward stated she thought it was asked for separately and it may have been the Sprigeo Report. Mr. Sutton stated he would try to find it. Mr. Sutton motioned to approve 2015-16 Discipline Report, Mr. Tokerud seconded and the motion carried with a majority vote.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Mr. Floyd made the motion to approve check registers dated 05/12/16 in the amounts of \$194,637.96 and \$123,475.48; 05/19/16 in the amounts of \$250,347.74 and \$23,910.52; 05/25/16 in the amount of \$46,101.75; 05/27/16 in the amount of \$211,372.61; 06/02/16 in the amounts of \$227,973.85 and \$75,986.10; and 06/09/16 in the amounts of \$143,872.77 and \$164,802.49; and 06/10/16 in the amount of \$42,491.07. Mr. Tokerud seconded and a majority vote was recorded.

REPORTS

Mr. Norton spoke about the 2016 graduations that he attended: Round Mountain HS, Beatty HS, Tonopah HS, PVHS and Pathways/Adult Education. He stated that Pathways had the largest attendance that he has seen. He then spoke about the NCS D staff training on May 25th which had about 42 people in attendance. He discussed the superintendent meeting in Reno, stating there were good presentations at the meeting. Mr. Norton then reported on the difficulty of finding teachers and staff and trying to find quality people. He spoke about the wellness program and that NCS D wellness policies and regulations are being used on webinars and congratulated staff and Jodi Martinez for the success and also the success of the food bus program that feeds children in Pahrump for free. They have also received a 12 passenger van to pilot the program in Amargosa Valley. Mr. Tokerud asked how each meal was funded and Mr. Norton replied from the Dept. of Agriculture. The bus is not allowed to distribute water so many businesses and community members have donated water to be handed out to the children. Mr. Norton stated they are looking to combine reading to the kids along with feeding them and Mr. Tokerud asked if the Library Board may get involved to donate books which Mr. Norton replied that would be great.

Mr. Ritchie reported that the Department of Motor Vehicles contacted him to state they calculated the GST tax wrong from April 2013 to March 2016 and gave us too much money. However, since it was their error it does not have to be paid back.

Mrs. Ward reported on the NASB meeting. An item that was discussed was school funding from legalized marijuana. She stated that Colorado has not received the money they thought they would due to the costs of the licensing, maintaining regulations, etc. There has also been a 40% increase in discipline for marijuana use in school. The schools would also be expected to start prevention programs so this could be very costly. She then spoke about the discussion regarding restructuring of schools within a district. There is a desire to create empowerment schools which would essentially make each school its own district. She stated this concept is great for wealthy schools and horrible for poor schools. Also, 40 districts in the country went to having no local school boards, now 5 districts remain. It was discovered that the people preferred to have individual school boards. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Floyd asked why we are required to feed children in the classrooms. Mr. Norton stated it was the law to feed the students breakfast but Jodi Martinez was going to contact Carson City to look into the different options as to how/where to feed them. The goal is to have breakfast take place in the cafeteria.

APPROVAL OF 2015-16 BUDGET REVISION #2

Mr. Ritchie reviewed the budget stating some department money had to be moved around due to expenses but overall it was a good year and the bottom line had not changed. He stated he would be sending the Residential Construction Tax report. Mr. Tokerud motioned to approve the 2015-16 budget revision #2 and Mrs. Forsgren seconded. The motion carried with a majority vote.

RE-OPENING OF K-8 WARM SPRINGS SCHOOL, INFORMATIONAL

Mr. McRae reported that sometime in the late 1980's or early 1990's a small structure existed on the Fallini Ranch where children attended school. At some point this disbanded. They are now requesting that Nye County School District re-open the school for K-8 students. Mr. McRae stated the land is not in a flood plain and there should be no issues with putting in a one classroom or two classroom modular building. Mrs. Forsgren and Mr. Norton both stated the people in that community are very educated people and very willing to help in any way to have a school for their students. The Board will need to make decision at the July meeting as to whether or not this will move forward.

APPROVAL OF GRANTS

No new grants. Mr. Norton stated a congratulations was in order for Karen Holley and EV Visser for their work on the Read by Three grant.

APPROVAL OF LANDER COUNTY VARIANCE REQUESTS

There were two Lander County variance requests. Mrs. Forsgren motioned to approve the requests stating that all transportation and expenses be the responsibility of the parents. Mr. Floyd seconded and the motion was carried with a majority vote.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL TRUST LANDS RESOLUTION

Mrs. Ward explained to the Board what the School Trust Lands are. She stated school trust lands were created by Congress to make land more accessible to citizens and create earmarks for public education. Earned money from these lands go into trust funds for education. The NASB is requesting that NCSD create a resolution urging state and federal lawmakers to support public schools by ensuring that the historic trusts are allowed to fulfill the purpose for which they were originally created and intended. Discussion ensued. Mr. Sutton motioned to adopt NCSD Board Resolution No. 16-17 1 in support of the School Trust Lands. Mrs. Stoddard seconded and the motion was carried with a majority vote.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS ON STUDENTS & STUDENT DATA

Mrs. Ward read through and explained the following bills: AB120 Student Expression, AB121 Weapons, AB166, State Seal of Biliiteracy, AB178 Habitual Discipline Problem, AB221 Data Elements, AB285 Diabetes Self Adm., SB212 Suspension and Expulsion, SB302 Education Savings Account, SB463 Data, and SB503 Breakfast after Bell.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

The Board Members were given a Revised Tally Form from the collected Superintendent Evaluation forms that were turned in. One member did not complete an evaluation. Mr. Sutton stated that if one of the items on the evaluation is not answered it should not be counted as a zero but be thrown out and not factored into the scoring. Mr. Tokerud then requested Mr. Norton supply him with documentation showing that the new organizational chart did not cost the district any more money. Mr. Sutton motioned to accept the Revised Tally Form with the new change, Mrs. Stoddard seconded and the motion was

carried with a majority vote. Mrs. Ward asked if the Superintendent was satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Mr. Sutton motioned that the Superintendent's evaluation was satisfactory, Mr. Tokerud seconded and the motion carried with a majority vote.

BOARD SELF EVALUATION

Mr. Norton stated that it has been a great Board to work with and that they are focused on the right things. He appreciates the workshops and plans to continuing to do them. Mrs. Ward reported that this is supposed to be a self-evaluation but she did ask different people after different meetings how they felt the Board was doing. She stated most of the strengths and weaknesses reported were the same. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Ward then asked the Board to give input on how they are doing. Mr. Tokerud stated he is very impressed by the leadership from Mrs. Ward and that she has done a great job. Mr. Floyd and Mrs. Forsgren agreed. Mrs. Ward responded that it has been easy to work with a Board that is respectful and discusses disagreements. Mr. Floyd stated that 2008 was the beginning of the financial problems and hopes that the district can get back to where they were before the lay-offs and cut positions. Mr. Norton replied that everyone is working very hard to get that capacity back and states there will be a difference in student learning in the next 3-5 years and that graduation rates will be going up as well. Mr. Sutton motioned that this Board is effective, Mr. Tokerud seconded and the motion carried with a majority vote.

Mr. Sutton motioned to go into closed session, Mrs. Stoddard seconded and the motion carried with a majority vote. The Board went into closed session at 8:24 p.m.

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 RELATED TO RESTRAINTS

Item removed, no violations or restraints.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Mr. Sutton motioned to amend Mr. Norton's contract to change 125% going into PERS to 100% and the remaining 25% will go toward his base salary. Mrs. Forsgren seconded and the motion carried with a majority vote.

CHANGE OF DATE/ATTENDANCE AREA OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

No changes.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

None offered.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Stoddard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m., Mr. Sutton seconded and 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 8:24 p.m. and Mrs. Stoddard seconded. The motion carried with a majority vote. The regular session resumed at 8:35 p.m., and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

By _____
Clerk