

**NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
AUGUST 30, 2017**

Present: Tim Sutton, President; Mike Floyd, Vice-President; Teresa Stoddard, Clerk; Larry Small, Pam Hiler Mark Hansen and Edna Forsgren (via Videoconference), Members; Dale Norton, Superintendent; Dennis Scherz and Evangelyn Visser, Associate Superintendents; Ray Ritchie, Chief Operating Officer; Kyle Lindberg, Human Resources Director; Jim Fossett, Director of Rural Schools; Marsha Scherz, Director of Curriculum; Shelly Pierson, Director of Alternative Education; Rob Williams, Director of Technology; Karent Holley, Director of Grants; and Kelly Wood, Executive Secretary

Absent: Sam Simatos, Director of Special Education Services;

Guests: Melinda Jeffrey, Asst. Principal, Amargosa Schools; Laurel Weaver, Jennifer Anderson, Brenda Dymond, Dolores Perez, and Diane George, Amargosa; David Harris and Gary Ward, Pahrump; and Jeffrey Meehan, Pahrump Valley Times.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. at Amargosa Valley and videoconferenced to Pahrump District Office and Duckwater. Board members, administrators and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called. The Clerk read the mission statement and goals.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Floyd moved for adoption of the agenda, Mrs. Stoddard seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote in favor.

(Mr. Hansen and Mrs. Forsgren both join the meeting at 5:35 p.m.)

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Norton recognized Round Mountain Elementary School Teacher Michelle Lopez for 19 years of service and Mr. Scherz recognized Gary Ward, Teacher at J.G. Johnson Elementary School for 21 years of service.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

SCHOOL REPORTS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Norton reported that July 28th and 31st he attended the New Teacher Orientation; July 31st was the ANET's Network Launch meeting in Las Vegas; August 1st was a Valley Electric Assoc. meeting/discussion regarding a town recreation/civic center. August 3rd he attended the National Association of School Superintendents meeting in White Pine. Dr. Rob went along with him and he had a great time. August 5th was the annual Fill the Bucket School Supply Drive with VEA, Mr. Norton thanked the staff and all who stopped by the event. August 7th was the first day of school. Mr. Norton stated he had a meeting in Las Vegas but then traveled up to the northern schools. August 11th was a district in service day. Mr. Norton and Mr. Scherz met with Great Basin College and he also had a meeting regarding JAG and its possible expansion to some of the northern schools. On August 16th Mr. Norton read to J.G. Johnson students and had a NV Public Radio interview. August 18th was the Board Vision Workshop; August 21st he attended a Broadband meeting with Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Williams to discuss broadband needs and challenges; and August 23rd New York Leadership Academy individual interview. A-Team meetings were held on August 23-24 and Mr. Norton stated he felt they were the most productive meetings and the principals are getting really focused on student learning.

Mr. Norton then handed out his Press Release for ACT Scores and read it aloud which gave information regarding improvement of NCSD scores. Mr. Sutton then thanked Mr. Norton for reporting on our successes.

BOARD REPORTS

None.

SCHOOL STAFF PLC/COLLABORATION UPDATE

Mr. Scherz showed a presentation regarding PLC/collaboration time given to the schools' staff this year. He handed out the Administrators' monthly PLC calendars which are mapped out during the A-Team meetings. He discussed the needs of the staff, the tools the District is using to assist/teach them and the evidence of the work. He spoke about work they will be doing on November 1st to create a vertical alignment between all teachers. He also stated he will be meeting with the staff of Pahump Valley High School to discuss the plans and expectations of the PLC/collaboration process. He then thanked the Board for supporting the process. Mr. Sutton asked Mr. Scherz how he handles the resistance from teachers and Mr. Scherz replied that he understands that it is difficult, he listens to them and reiterates that we are doing it for the students.

VETERINARY SCIENCE COURSE

Marsha Scherz gave information regarding Round Mountain students being able to get a science credit by taking a veterinary science course that is offered there.

APPROVAL OF GRANTS

Karen Holley handed out a paper listing grants. She requested approval for the following grants: Bullying Prevention Grant, Kajeet Smartbus Grant, Green Our Planet Grant, and College & Career Grant. She then reported on the following grants: Read by Grade 3/Nevada K.I.D.S. Read, Victory Grant, and Title I. Mrs. Hilier made a motion to approve all four grants, Mr. Hansen seconded and the motion carried all in favor.

INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR MULTILINGUAL EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATIONAL UNLV PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY/STUDY

Dr. Kara Viesca, University of Nebraska spoke via conference call regarding a study they are doing in various counties for professional development research. UNLV will take data and then do a post study to check for improvement. The study is done using a small number of teachers and would like some Nye County School District teachers to participate. Informational item, no vote.

PRELIMINARY SUMMATIVE 3-8 AND END OF COURSE EXAM 9-10 RESULTS

Ms. Visser explains the charts included in backup material. These charts reflect 2016-17 SBAC and WIDA percentiles. Also included in charts are the 2017 End of Course results along with growth charts. Discussion ensued and Ms. Visser stated that overall the District has improved. Mr. Scherz commented about the final exams and that the State has yet to decide which way they will go. The State has also delayed the star-rating of schools until January 2018.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Mr. Floyd made the motion to approve check registers dated 07/20/17 in the amount of \$378,847.21; 07/26/17 in the amounts of \$4,897.28 and \$34,205.86; 07/27/17 in the amounts of \$17,825.19 and \$27,746.35; 08/01/17 in the amounts of \$579.78 and \$38,540.66; 08/02/17 in the amount of \$83,184.29; 08/04/17 in the amount of \$13,404.01; 08/10/17 in the amount of \$198,961.16; and 08/17/17 in the amount of \$8,910.93. Mrs. Forsgren seconded and a unanimous vote in favor was recorded.

APPROVAL OF WHITE PINE COUNTY'S CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR ADMISSION OF NON-RESIDENT PUPILS FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Norton explains that this is for out of district students during the 2016-17 school year that White Pine County had not filed a County Variance. Mr. Norton recommended to approve the Contract. Mrs. Stoddard moved to approve the Contract, Mrs. Forsgren seconded and the motion passed all in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE 2016-17 4TH QUARTER CSR REPORT

Mr. Floyd made a motion to approve, Mrs. Stoddard seconded and the motion passed all in favor.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY VARIANCES FOR ESMERALDA COUNTY STUDENTS TO ATTEND NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mrs. Forsgren made a motion to approve, Mr. Hansen seconded and the motion passed all in favor.

APPROVAL OF DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN & INDEBTEDNESS REPORT

Mr. Ritchie discussed the Policy, Plan and Report. Mrs. Forsgren asked about Elko County and Mr. Ritchie explained that the Governor allowed them to be a "pay as you go". Mrs. Stoddard made a motion to approve, Mr. Small seconded and the motion passed all in favor.

Mrs. Hiler moved to go into closed session, Mrs. Stoddard seconded and the motion carried with a unanimous vote in favor. The Board went into closed session at 6:44 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

No restraints.

CHANGE OF DATE/ATTENDANCE AREA OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Mr. Norton stated that at the next Board meeting he will be bringing up the possibility of moving the June 20, 2018 Board meeting to June 6, 2018 to help his staff have a window of time to take their time off. Mr. Sutton stated he will be out of town for the next meeting and will call in if possible. Mrs. Forsgren stated she will not be able to attend the next meeting as well. Mr. Norton stated he will not be able to attend in Duckwater because he needs to be in Las Vegas the next day for a meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sutton adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. Mrs. Hiler made the motion to go into Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote in favor. The regular session resumed at 7:02 p.m., and the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

By _____
Clerk