



**NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Policy Committee Agenda**

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A Policy Committee of the Board of Trustees of Nye County School District will be held on Friday, October 21, 2005, beginning at 12:00 PM at the Southern District Office Boardroom, 484 S West Street, Pahrump, NV 89048.

The subjects to be discussed, considered, or acted upon are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order presented below and the Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration at any time. The Board may also remove any items on the agenda or delay discussion relating to any item listed on the agenda at any time. Unless removed from the Consent Agenda, items identified within the Consent Agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PAST MEETING, ACTION ITEM
4. REVIEW, DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING POLICIES, ACTION ITEM
  - A. WEBSITE POLICY
  - B. HALL MONITOR POLICY
5. REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL POLICIES BROUGHT TO THE COMMITTEE BY STAFF, ACTION ITEM
6. ASSIGNMENTS FOR RESEARCHING FUTURE TOPICS
7. SET DATE FOR NEXT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
8. ADJOURNMENT

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- a. The author's first and last name
- b. The author's phone number (will not be read with comment)

c. Date of the Meeting for which the comment is intended

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The NCSD BOT Goals are as follows:

**Culture**

Improve and sustain a culture of learning for all through:

- ◆ Recruiting, selecting, inducting, supporting, evaluating, and developing staff.
- ◆ Fostering a safe and respectful learning and working environment.
- ◆ Promoting ongoing family and community engagement in pursuit of our vision.

**Academic**

Elevate achievement and support lifelong learning for all through:

- ◆ Creating and sustaining a results-focused learning environment; establishing measurable goals for all.
- ◆ Creating and sustaining an instructional framework and common language to ensure essential content standards drive instruction.

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## **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING, October 3, 2005**

Present: Deborah Wescoatt, Nicole Genet, Dawn Murphy, Tracie Ward, Dr. William Roberts, Kay Decker, Dale Norton, Lisa Mays, Kerry Paniagua, Jeff Wales, Doug Steward and Jamie Ball.

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Pahrump boardroom with a videoconference link to the Tonopah boardroom.

### 2. Public Comment

None offered.

### 3. Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting

Dawn Murphy moved approval of the August 12 minutes. Tracie Ward seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast.

### 4a. Discussion & Possible Development of Name Badge Policy

Mrs. Wescoatt proposed a policy that reads as follows: “Regular employees and substitute teachers must display an ID card issued by the district. Coaches who are not district employees, whether paid or not, are required to obtain and display an ID card issued by the district. ID cards will be displayed on their person when they are in the employ of the Nye County School District or during their duties.” Ms. Walker suggested substituting “employees or those providing services as a volunteer” for clarity. Mrs. Murphy asked if volunteers would be required to obtain an ID card. Dr. Roberts said they usually wear a visitor’s pass, but volunteer coaches or substitute custodians would be issued a badge. Mrs. Wescoatt said coaches on the field have duties to perform.

Dr. Roberts said the district may need to provide the necessary equipment for different sites in the future. He said Washoe County School District has the equipment at every school. Mrs. Murphy asked if there was a camera up north and was told no. Mrs. Wescoatt said if the equipment is at the district offices, they can make sure the individuals have been appropriately fingerprinted. Mrs. Ward pointed out that no one would want to drive over two hours to obtain an ID card. Mrs. Wescoatt said equipment should be purchased for those sites; but in the Pahrump area, they should go to the district office.

Mrs. Murphy said Lifetouch takes the student ID pictures. Dr. Roberts said with a 30 to 40% transiency rate, it’s difficult to depend on a vendor that only appears once a year. Mrs. Wescoatt said right now it’s not in the budget to purchase any more cameras. Dr. Roberts said they can look at grants. Mrs. Wescoatt directed this go for first reading on October 21.

#### 4b. Discussion & Possible Development of Middle School Sports Policy

Mrs. Wescoatt said a lot of districts are cutting back on travel for middle school sports because of the fuel situation. Dr. Roberts said this topic was discussed at the last NASS meeting. Mrs. Murphy said she learned one Nevada school had placed the burden on the parents to get their middle school students to games. Dr. Roberts said Clark County School District's regulation 5135.11 is pretty good. Mrs. Wescoatt said the only sport Clark sanctions at the middle school level is basketball; everything else is intramural. She asked what "in good standing" means. Dr. Roberts said it would be grading and behavior.

Mr. Norton said at the middle school, the decision has to be made whether it will be intramural, interscholastic or both and that even intramural sports will cost money. It would be difficult to mix intramural philosophy with interscholastic. He preferred interscholastic sports and said there needs to be clear direction on seasons, parent meetings, philosophy and citizenship.

There was a discussion on whether kids should be cut, whether a third team should be created in order to prevent cutting, and equal play time vs. sitting on the bench. Mrs. Ward said life is not fair, and school is a safe place to learn that. Dr. Roberts said it would be appropriate to develop a policy that states the philosophy and have the regulations specify what is appropriate at different grade levels. Mrs. Ward said part of school morale is winning, and some kids quit if they aren't winning. Mrs. Genet said some bench warmers might be the next great players if they got the chance to play, and Mrs. Murphy said some starters in middle school might switch sports in high school or quit sports altogether. Dr. Roberts said a policy and regulation can be drafted and brought back.

#### 4c. Discussion & Possible Development of Website Policy

Mrs. Wescoatt said she felt a policy should be developed that directs how schools should use them, how often they should be updated and what should and shouldn't appear. Dr. Roberts said there should be links to schools, pictures of schools and perhaps a video streaming of the board president or superintendent delivering a message. Mrs. Murphy thought that might be a problem for those with only dial-up service. In addition, Dr. Roberts thought it should be updated monthly. Mrs. Murphy said there should be a district calendar. Mrs. Wescoatt added forms, policies and regulations, student handbook and accountability report, as well as what's presently on the website. Mrs. Murphy liked having the Fast Facts, board calendar, agendas, community partners and volunteer information. Mrs. Wescoatt said the volunteer page should list who to contact. In addition, the following were suggested: curriculum; GED; frequently asked questions; administrative, certified and classified employment information; and job descriptions, salaries and benefits. Mrs. Murphy said she would like to see bus schedules and attendance zones. Mrs. Wescoatt thought Transportation should have its own link, and there should be a link to BoardBook.

The question was asked whether staff would be required to insert a biography. Dr. Roberts said an educational biography could be required, but pictures could only be encouraged, not required. Mrs. Wescoatt thought that was a complete enough list because PowerSchool has

everything. There was a discussion on whether curriculum was on PowerSchool; standards and benchmarks are. Mr. Norton said the biggest issue was finding time to initially enter and update information. Someone made the suggestion that the lunch menu and a link to GroupWise should be on the website in addition to athletic schedules and school newsletter. Another suggestion was made to pay someone a stipend at each site to maintain it. Mrs. Ward said the only way to guarantee the site is updated is to hire a webmaster. Mrs. Wescoatt said Mr. Constatine had stated by the time each teacher was trained, the website would be created. The question was raised on who the person responsible at the site would go to if there were problems. Mrs. Wescoatt asked that a policy be written up for the next policy meeting.

#### 4d. Discussion & Possible Development of Hall Monitor Policy

There was a brief discussion about scheduling, screening and compliance. Dr. Roberts said the job description was developed during the summer and allows flexibility. He said item 13 was added at the request of a principal. Mrs. Wescoatt asked how athletic events are monitored. Dr. Roberts said the only requirement on resource officers was that they be at schools 75% of the time and not concentrated at any one school. They can't require the Sheriff's office to send officers to games unless they pay them. Mr. Norton said he has a meeting set up Wednesday to read the COPS grant and discuss it with the Sheriff's office. Dr. Roberts said he had made a request that resource officers give them a copy of their schedules, and that request has been honored most of the time. Mr. Norton said as a principal he had requested their presence at parent/teacher conferences, open houses and dances when there would be a lot of students.

Mrs. Wescoatt asked if hall monitors were allowed to question students about grades and attendance. Dr. Roberts asked if they wanted them to do it or not. Mrs. Murphy didn't think it was a good idea. Mrs. Ward said she would assume they would ask those questions in relation to a disciplinary situation, but Mrs. Murphy said it's the panel members who should ask those questions. Dr. Roberts said he hadn't received complaints. Mrs. Wescoatt felt their duty should be to take the student to the office and turn them over to whoever is in charge of discipline. Dr. Roberts said #5 states "corrects minor student behavior." Mr. Norton said as a principal he tried to instill in students that any adult could correct minor behavior problems. He wondered if the monitors had been instructed to ask those questions or if they did it on their own. Mrs. Wescoatt asked why monitors should have access to PowerSchool. Mr. Norton said if the principal asks a monitor to find a student, the monitor would need access in order to locate that student. If he found there was inappropriate access, he would follow up.

Mrs. Genet asked if administrative access is different from parent access. Dr. Roberts explained there are different screens for different levels of access. Mrs. Murphy asked if there is any way for an administrator to look at what a monitor might be accessing.

Mrs. Wescoatt asked that this be brought back to the next policy meeting after Mr. Norton's meeting with NCSO.

#### 5. Review of Additional Policies Brought to the Committee by Staff

Item withdrawn.

6. Assignments for Researching Future Topics

No additional assignments were made other than those listed above.

7. Set Date for Next Policy Committee Meeting

Mrs. Wescoatt said she had been asked to hold a public hearing regarding middle school sports and set the date of Wednesday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. She said it will be combined with a policy committee meeting so they would have something to look at. She directed that “discussion and decision regarding middle school sports policy” be itemized and to specify that comments to the chair will be limited to two minutes. It was decided it would be a meeting of the full board and be broadcast to all sites with telephone connections to board members if necessary. In addition, a policy committee meeting was set for Friday, October 21, immediately following the board meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.