



NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees
Regular Agenda

A Regular of the Board of Trustees of Nye County School District will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2008, beginning at 6:00 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
 - A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - B. ROLL CALL
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA, ACTION ITEM
3. CONSENT AGENDA, ACTION ITEM
 - A. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 3, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 - B. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 3, 2008 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
 - C. APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTION
 - D. ACCEPTANCE OF HOME SCHOOL APPLICATIONS
4. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS
5. STUDENT MUSICAL PERFORMANCE, INFORMATIONAL ITEM
6. REPORTS, INFORMATIONAL ITEM
 - A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 - B. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS
 - C. BOARD REPORTS/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
7. PUBLIC INPUT, INFORMATIONAL ITEM
8. BOARD APPOINTMENTS, ACTION ITEM
9. CHANGE OF DATE/LOCATION OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS, ACTION ITEM
10. DECISION REGARDING SUBDIVISION MAPS, ACTION ITEM
11. APPROVAL OF GRANTS, ACTION ITEM

12. RECOGNITIONS, INFORMATIONAL ITEM
13. PRESENTATION ON FCCLA/PROSTART PROGRAM, INFORMATIONAL ITEM
14. SET BEGINNING & ENDING DATES FOR STUDENTS FOR THE 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR, ACTION ITEM
15. RETENTION OF AUDITOR, ACTION ITEM
16. ADDITION OF TWO JOB FAMILIES TO NCSO, INFORMATIONAL ITEM
17. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SECOND READING, POLICY 1200 - PARENT INVOLVEMENT & EMPOWERMENT, ACTION ITEM
18. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SECOND READING, POLICY 5660 - PROMOTION, RETENTION & ACCELERATION OF STUDENTS, ACTION ITEM
19. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION
 - A. DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE STUDENT RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN REGARDS TO RESTRAINTS
 - B. DISCUSSION REGARDING LEGAL ITEMS
 - C. DISCUSSION REGARDING PERSONNEL ITEMS
 - D. DISCUSSION REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS
20. DECISION REGARDING POSSIBLE STUDENT RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, ACTION ITEM
21. APPROVAL OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, ACTION ITEM
22. ADJOURNMENT, ACTION ITEM

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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

Nye County School District (NCSD) will empower students to learn at their highest level in an environment of mutual respect.

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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**NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
-M-I-N-U-T-E-S-
January 3, 2008**

Present: Dennis Keating, President; J.E. "Doc" McNeely, Vice-President; Tracie Ward, Clerk; Mike Floyd, Edna Forsgren, Kevin Pape and Harold Tokerud, Members; Dr. William Roberts, Superintendent; Rod Pekarek, Dale Norton and Jerry Hill, Assistant Superintendents; Ray Ritchie, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer; Bob Whimpey, Maintenance and Operations; Lisa Mays, Administrative and Board Services Coordinator; and Kerry Paniagua, Executive Secretary.

Absent: None.

Guests: Mark Kessler, Department of Student Achievement; Dave Wonderly, Maintenance and Operations; Darrell Lacy and Cheryl Beeman, NWRPO; and Christina Eichelkraut, Pahrump Valley Times.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Pahrump boardroom with a videoconference link to the Tonopah boardroom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All members were present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Ward moved adoption of the agenda. Mr. Pape seconded, and a unanimous vote was recorded.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. Forsgren nominated Mr. Keating for the office of president. Mr. Tokerud moved to close nominations, and Mr. McNeely seconded. Mr. Keating was named president by acclamation. Mr. Tokerud nominated Mrs. Ward for the office of clerk. Mr. McNeely moved to close nominations, and Mrs. Ward became clerk by acclamation. Mr. Floyd nominated Mr. Tokerud as vice-president, and Mr. Keating nominated Mr. McNeely. There were three votes for Mr. Tokerud and four for Mr. McNeely. Mr. McNeely was declared vice-president by majority vote.

FIX TERM OF OFFICE

Mrs. Ward made the motion to set the term of office at one year. Mrs. Forsgren seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast. Mr. Keating said that board salaries are now set by law at \$400 per month.

DESIGNATE SIGNATURES FOR CHECKS/WARRANTS

Mrs. Ward made the motion to designate the primary signatures as those of president and clerk and secondary signatures as those of the vice-president and superintendent. Mr. McNeely seconded, and a unanimous vote was registered.

APPOINTMENT OF ANY OTHER POSITIONS, OFFICES OR COMMITTEES

The following appointments were made: NASB Director – Mr. Tokerud; Legislative Representative – Mr. McNeely; Debt Management Commission – Mrs. Ward; Parks and Recreation Representative – Mr. McNeely; Policy Committee – Mr. Keating, Mrs. Ward and Mr. Tokerud; Insurance Committee – Mrs. Forsgren; United Way Board of Directors – Mr. Pape; Sick Leave Bank – Mr. Keating; Attendance Committee – Mrs. Ward; Crisis Management Committee – Mr. Tokerud; Construction Committee – Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Ward and Mr. McNeely; Career/Technical Education Committee – Mr. Floyd; Performance Pay Committee – Mr. Keating; and District Improvement Plan Committee – Mr. Pape.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mrs. Ward moved approval of the following items on the consent calendar: December 13, 2007 Regular and Executive Session minutes and transportation contracts. Mr. Floyd seconded, and a unanimous vote was recorded.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Mrs. Ward made the motion to approve the warrants, and Mr. Pape seconded. All members voted in the affirmative except for Mr. Floyd who abstained because he is part owner of one of the vendors listed. The motion was approved by a majority vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Roberts reported on the Governor's proposed 4.5% budget reduction for K-12 schools and temporary actions taken to curtail spending--instituting a hiring freeze, halting non-essential travel and Principals' Academy and placing the science textbook purchase on hold. He thanked board members for canceling their scheduled trip to the NSBA conference. He said Nye County does not adhere to Esmeralda County School District's restriction on Esmeralda bus students speaking other languages. The Governor's task force on methamphetamine, of which he is a member, issued its final report. According to a survey, 11 employees plan to retire due to the health insurance dilemma created by SB 544.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Maintenance and Operations personnel reported on projects completed during the winter break. The projected completion date for Floyd Elementary is July 16.

BOARD REPORTS

Members reported on school and community activities.

PUBLIC INPUT

None offered.

CHANGE OF DATE/LOCATION OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

DECISION REGARDING SUBDIVISION MAPS

APPROVAL OF GRANTS

Items withdrawn.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Roberts announced that Volunteer Coordinator Cathy Girard is a nominee for the Governor's Point of Light award and that Amargosa School teacher Ellice Dunsterville had been awarded 1000 classroom books through WhoopiGoldberg.com and Scholastic.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVISION #1

Mr. Ritchie explained this does not reflect the anticipated 4.5 percent cut requested by the Governor. There was no change to expenditures, only to fund balance. Mrs. Ward moved approval. Mr. McNeely seconded, and there was a unanimous vote in favor.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Hill said this document is still a work in progress and that principals provided input. Mrs. Ward felt elementary students were truant more because of feeling disconnected rather than because of academics. Mr. Tokerud made the motion to approve the plan. Mrs. Ward seconded, and a unanimous vote was recorded.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Mr. Kessler explained that the State wants goals that are measurable and directly related to student achievement even though there are factors that are not measurable but which do, in fact, affect achievement. He felt schools did a good job in looking at how to engage students who are in the top quartile. Mrs. Ward moved approval, and Mr. Tokerud seconded. A unanimous vote was registered.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING COMMENTS IN RELATION TO DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY FOR DISPOSAL OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL & HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE AT YUCCA MOUNTAIN & RAIL ALIGNMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION & OPERATION OF RAILROAD IN NEVADA TO GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY

Director Darrell Lacy reported the Department of Energy's schedule is for license submittal by June 2008, with construction authorization in 2012-13 and commencing receipt of materials in 2018. Nye County disagreed with some parts of the draft EIS. The County felt mitigation needed to occur before construction begins, discussion needs to start now with a joint task force, the preferred route through Caliente was not the best route, the DOE needs to provide money and training for emergency agencies, and some of the examples were unrealistic or totally false. The County would like to work with the school district to identify ways to provide training and identify impacts. Board members commented that the estimated 1000 additional children would require at least two schools, \$1.3 million for buses and staffing.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SECOND READING, POLICY 5060 – EMPOWERMENT SCHOOLS

Mrs. Ward moved approval. Mr. McNeely seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SECOND READING, POLICY 5401 – SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Mrs. Ward made the motion to approve. Mr. Pape seconded, and a unanimous vote was recorded.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SECOND READING, POLICY 5530 – TEXTBOOK SELECTION

Mrs. Ward made the motion to approve the second reading, and Mr. McNeely seconded. There was a unanimous vote in favor.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SECOND READING, POLICY 5601 – ACADEMIC PLANS

Mrs. Ward moved approval, and Mr. McNeely seconded. A unanimous vote was cast. Mr. Tokerud requested a report on implementation at the end of the school year.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SECOND READING, POLICY 6144 – EMPLOYEE DRESS

Mrs. Ward made the motion to approve. Mr. McNeely seconded, and a unanimous vote was registered.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SECOND READING, POLICY 6303 – ADMINISTRATORS IN THE CLASSROOM

Mrs. Ward made the motion to approve the second reading with a clerical change to “he/she.” Mr. Tokerud seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SECOND READING, POLICY 7621 – PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Mrs. Ward made the motion to approve the second reading, and Mr. Pape seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FIRST READING, POLICY 1200 – PARENT INVOLVEMENT & EMPOWERMENT

Mrs. Ward moved approval of the first reading. Mr. Tokerud seconded, and a unanimous vote was recorded.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FIRST READING, POLICY 5660 – PROMOTION, RETENTION & ACCELERATION OF STUDENTS

Mr. McNeely asked if the duty of the board could be delegated to the superintendent. Mrs. Ward made the motion to approve the second reading with the addition of “or designee” after “Board of Trustees” wherever appropriate. Mr. McNeely seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast.

DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE STUDENT RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN REGARDS TO RESTRAINTS

DISCUSSION REGARDING LEGAL ITEMS

DISCUSSION REGARDING PERSONNEL ITEMS

DISCUSSION REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS

Discussion is reflected in Executive Session minutes.

DECISION REGARDING POSSIBLE STUDENT RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Item withdrawn.

RATIFICATION OF MASTER CONTRACT BETWEEN NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND NYE COUNTY CLASSROOM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Mr. McNeely made the motion to ratify the master contract, and Mr. Tokerud seconded. There were five ayes with Mr. Floyd and Mrs. Ward abstaining because their spouses are employed as teachers. The motion carried with a majority vote.

APPROVAL OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Roberts said he would place selection of a site for the next high school on a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Floyd moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Mr. McNeely seconded, and a unanimous vote was recorded.

SCHEDULE OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Mrs. Ward made the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. to discuss restraints, legal and personnel items, and negotiations. Mr. Floyd seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast. The regular session resumed at 9:15 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

_____ Clerk

Prepared by Kerry Paniagua

Nye County School District



Dr. William E. (Rob) Roberts
Superintendent
January 24, 2008

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. William E. Roberts, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Superintendent Report

*We must view young people not as empty bottles to be filled, but as candles to be lit.
Dr. Robert H. Shaffer*

Well, the world has changed since we last met. Meetings with the Governor's office and the Department of Education finance chief, we have been productive with regard to the state deficit and the sacrifices the seventeen school districts' must make to help with the shortfall.

I, along with Rod, Jerry, Ray, and Dale, attended the Superintendent's meeting and Academy in Las Vegas on January 10-12. The speakers were insightful. The topics meaningful and the synergy enlightening.

The monthly Administrative Team meeting was extremely productive. Next years integration of the Early Childhood students into the five elementary schools was planned and evaluated. At present, we will assign students based upon their zoning and IEP. They will continue to receive assistance four days per week with 10 hours per week per site guidelines.

Thursday, January 18, found me meeting with a member of the Committee on Educational Excellence, Department of Education representatives, and Superintendents, Chief Financial Officers, and Mr. Klinger, Director of Administration for the Governor, in a video-conferenced finance and budget meeting. We will have more information at a later date.

I also met with developers regarding a proposed new elementary school and district office. I asked the developer to bring forth a proposal. When I receive this proposal, I will bring it to you for discussion.

This week I spoke on the Jenny Manning Morning Program for Channel 30/62. It was extremely well received and the only concern was a resident that Nye County School District does not offer summer school. I also and met with the Nuclear Commission as an appointed commissioner by the Governor.



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Superintendent

January 14, 2008

Mrs. Sandra L. Merlino
Nye County Clerk
P.O. Box 1031
Tonopah, Nevada 89049

Dear Mrs. Merlino:

According to the board history, the following seats will be up for election in 2008:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Currently Occupied by</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
II	J.E. "Doc" McNeely	4 year term
IV	Tracie Ward	4 year term
V	Kevin Pape	2 year unexpired term
VI	Harold Tokerud	4 year term

If you have any questions, please contact me at 482-6258, ext. 13.

Sincerely,

Kerry D. Paniagua
Executive Secretary



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January 9, 2008

Nye County School District
P.O. Box 113
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RE: Election Information

To whom it may concern:

I am preparing for the 2008 election and it is critical that your Board provide this office with a list of seats that are up for election. Please provide the names of the people who currently hold the seats and the term of office (4-year or 2-year unexpired term). This will ensure the correct inclusion of all available seats for the 2008 ballot.

Please provide me with the name, address and telephone number of the contact person for your Board in case I have any questions regarding the list you send me.

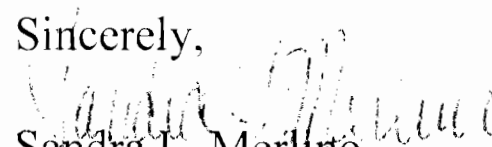
Please note the following information for the 2008 election:

First day to file for office	May 5, 2008
Close of filing for office	May 16, 2008
Questions to the Clerk by:	May 16, 2008 for the Primary Election July 21, 2008 for the General Election
Primary Election	August 12, 2008
General Election	November 4, 2008

Filing fee - \$30.00 for a district office unless no compensation is received. If there is no compensation, there is no filing fee.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,


Sandra L. Merlino
Nye County Clerk



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees
Dr. William E. "Rob" Roberts, Superintendent

FROM: Department for Student Achievement

- * Jerry C. Hill, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement
- * Maria Descamps, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & School Improvement
- * Ginger Olson, Director of Testing, Accountability & Educational Technology
- * Karen Holley, Coordinator of Federal and State Grants and Programs

RE: Report to Board of Trustees

DATE: January 16, 2008 – for Board Meeting January 24, 2008

JERRY C. HILL:

- Held third NCSD Counselors' meeting of 07-08 in Beatty. Counselor groups are working in committee on developing a Crisis Threat Protocol and Roles and Responsibilities of counselors.
- Wrote grant narrative for Career and Tech Education (CTE) Federal Incentive Grant. Less than \$5,000, but will serve to "flesh out" several program needs that were not covered under Perkins funding.
- Met with Carol Hunn (RCMS science teacher) and Karen Holley to authorize and delineate Curriculum Mapping Project for Grade 6-8 Middle School Science. Reviewed project on January 14, 2008; nearing completion.
- Handled several parent complaints and requests for services person to person and by phone.
- Met with Special Education Director several times to discuss SPED issues.

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- Met with Director of Great Basin College, Pahrump on "Dollars for Scholars" and personnel issues.
- Reviewed Federal Counseling Grant RFP and initiated research for possible application. Met with Juvenile Probation, Nye Communities Coalition and NCSD counselors to gather data for application. Researched comparative school data useful for this grant through "Nevada Report Card" and NCSD statistical data pertinent to the application.
- Attended Nevada Superintendents' Academy on January 11-12. Job-alike sessions very beneficial as were others. Have initiated request to form a consortium for curriculum mapping and assessment shared projects with Churchill, Lyon, and Elko county school districts.
- Department meeting held January 16, 2008 to review projects currently underway related to District Improvement Plan.

GINGER OLSON:

- November-December
November was a busy month assisting principals with their school improvement plans and working on the district improvement plan. In addition to these two projects, my department undertook the revision of the Nevada math standards. Designed to assist teachers as they create lessons, the document is color-coded. Teachers can see the vertical alignment of each objective, and whether that objective is introduced, reinforced, assessed or reviewed at their grade level. Not only are we providing the handbook to each teacher, we are training teachers in how to read and use the document. This handbook is currently being printed and will be presented to the board at the January 24th meeting.
- January
During the second week of January, I attended a Curriculum Mapping Institute in Glendale, AZ. This Trainer of Trainers conference featuring Dr. Heidi Hayes Jacobs and Janet Hale provided an opportunity to develop an understanding of curriculum mapping allowing us to train others in the implementation of a mapping initiative. The central theme of curriculum mapping is doing what is in the best interests of each child.

An administrators' meeting was held on January 17. On January 18, Dale Norton hosted a meeting to discuss discipline changes for the Parent/Student Handbook.

The Nevada Writing Proficiency Exam for fifth grade was given from January 14th – 25th. I visited campuses that week to ensure the process went smoothly.

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I attended a test directors' meeting Jan 23 and an accountability directors' meeting Jan 25.

Mark Kessler, TOSA

- ◆ January 7th through the 9th was mostly dedicated to the completion of an Ed Tech Grant application concerned with learning labs being purchased for Pahrump Valley High school as well as our four northern middle schools.
- ◆ January 8th involved Math Standards training for elementary staff and administrators at Hafen Elementary School.
- ◆ January 11th included distributing copies of the new math standards to Beatty High School as well as a trip to Tonopah High School to discuss staff surveys for accreditation with principal and organize training for their math department regarding the high school math proficiency class curriculum.

MARIA DESCAMPS:

▪ December-January

RPDP - In the month of December, TOSA's offered after school make and take Literacy working sessions for Pahrump Elementary teachers. The teachers had opportunities to discover, generate and create new literacy stations to use during their reading block. Attendance was high, and feedback from classroom teachers was positive.

Science Textbooks - The MacMillian McGraw elementary science textbook materials have been ordered and distribution of materials will occur in January.

New Math Standards - 80 % of teachers in Manse and JG Johnson Elementary have been trained in the New Math Standards during PLC time. The remaining teachers have been scheduled to receive training when classes resume from Winter Break. Teachers have received a hard copy of the new color coded math standards, and the new CRT Toolkit. The overall response has been very positive to the new document and training.

Reading Street Issues - For the past three years, Pahrump elementary teachers have been experiencing printing errors with the Scott Foresman Reading Street adopted reading series. I receive e-mails across my desk daily from upset, embarrassed classroom teachers. I always forward these complaints to Melissa Palmer, our Scott Foresman sales representative. After trying to get in touch with her numerous times with no success, I went online and located someone higher up the chain of command, emailing them, asking for help.

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The next day, the Regional Vice President of Scott Foresman was on the phone with Melissa Palmer asking her for an explanation. Apparently a similar printing situation had also been occurring in Utah. After further investigation, Scott Foresman discovered that the printing errors had in fact been corrected the first year of adoption, however. Mountain State Depository, who we order the books from directly, never disposed of the incorrectly printed materials. So every time we have ordered materials in the last three years, there have been errors.

To correct this matter, a team from Scott Foresman will arrive in Pahrump and Tonopah, January 24th and 25th to be picking up all K-5 reading materials and distribute new, correctly printed materials. Every K-5 teacher will get everything new, from teacher editions, workbooks, to leveled readers, everything will be replaced. The President from Pearson Learning Company, Paul McFall is coming to Pahrump, January 29th at 10:30 AM, to formally apologize for all the printing errors we have encountered in the past three years of this adoption.

In-House Professional Development - Currently we are planning a strategic comprehension reading workshop that will be conducted in Pahrump, On January 15th, thirty teachers from Nye County have signed up to participate in this in-house professional development reading training opportunity.

GATE Program - The Gifted and Talented program has hired two classroom teachers, Lisa Carl, and Mika Greenwald to facilitate the Saturday Camps. Letters have gone out to parents letting them know the start date, which is January 12, 2008.

Teacher Academy - A Teacher Academy has been created to foster development and leadership among outstanding teachers. Eighteen teachers have been invited to participate; the deadline for enrollment into Teacher Academy is December 21, 2008. The first meeting will be held January 29th from 12:00-3:00. At this time the teachers will receive a professional book, *The Power of Their Ideas*, by Deborah Meir, to be read before the next meeting. The Academy will create a mission and value statement as well as their norms of collaboration. It is the goal of this office to facilitate Teacher Academy as a district teacher level PLC.

Curriculum Mapping - A Team from this office will be going to Glendale, Arizona to become trainers in Curriculum Mapping. Upon completion of this four day training, the Curriculum and Instruction Office will begin to train teachers in Nye County on curriculum mapping.

PLC - Beginning in January, all Nye County principals will receive *Learning By Doing*, *Professional Learning Communities Handbook*, and begin a book study on how to effectively implement and foster PLC. This in-house professional development will be conducted during the monthly Administration Meetings.

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KAREN HOLLEY:

The grant department is preparing for "revision" time of the year. Title I, Title V, Title III LEP, Title III IEP, 21st Century, and the Migrant revisions have begun. A state Technology Grant was just submitted and we are waiting to hear if there will be funding. The Advanced Placement Grant was just submitted to the state for review. A library grant for PVHS will be submitted by the end of the month. A Federal Safe and Drug Free Schools grant is being written and will be submitted later this month. We are currently waiting for approval of the School Improvement grants that were submitted before the holidays.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION
NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JANUARY 24, 2008
For FY2008

NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 GENERAL FUND - FY2008
 as of January 1, 2008

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	%
100 - Regular	\$ 26,615,444	\$ 8,852,383	33.26%
300 - Vocational	921,199	300,721	32.64%
900 - Other	782,249	273,065	34.91%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED EXPENDITURES	\$ 28,318,892	\$ 9,426,169	33.29%
000 - Undistributed			
2100 - Student Support	408,373	139,111	34.06%
2200 - Staff Support	311,877	131,075	42.03%
2300 - General Administration	1,472,558	684,343	46.47%
2400 - School Administration	3,900,036	1,825,537	46.81%
2500 - Business Support	2,371,233	1,205,064	50.82%
2600 - Plant Operation & Mtce.	8,048,380	3,477,014	43.20%
2700 - Student Transportation	3,319,369	1,466,955	44.19%
5200 - Transfer to Other Funds	7,831,661	0	0.00%
TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENDITURES	\$ 27,663,487	\$ 8,929,100	32.28%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 55,982,379	\$ 18,355,269	32.79%
Contingency			
Unappropriated Fund Balance	\$ 1,024,979		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & FUND BALANCE	\$ 57,007,358		

SUMMARY OF AVAILABLE FINANCING	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	%
Beginning Balance	\$ 421,455	2,680,385	635.98%
Ad Valorem	9,798,327	5,086,211	51.91%
Sales & Use Taxes	9,092,727	2,316,692	25.48%
General Govt. Services Tax	2,057,942	826,863	40.18%
Tuition - In-State	4,800	0	0.00%
Tuition - Out of State	48,010	0	0.00%
Earnings on Investments	200,000	137,423	68.71%
Bank of America Sweep Interest	50,000	93,869	187.74%
Miscellaneous	53,000	53,556	101.05%
State Distributions	22,876,574	16,700,814	73.05%

NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUDGET - FY 2008
 as of January 1, 2008

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	ENCUMBERED	BALANCE
Social Security	\$ 850	1,042	0	\$ (192)
Workers Comp	320	401	0	(81)
Medicare	200	244	0	(44)
Day of Service	13,680	16,800	0	(3,120)
Professional Service	75,000	2,460	0	72,540
Lobbying	0	0	0	0
Travel	14,000	5,246	0	8,754
Supplies	4,000	2,037	1,948	15
Fuel	1,200	19	0	1,181
Books	0	47	0	(47)
Dues and Fees	16,940	11,845	325	4,770
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 126,190	40,140	\$ 2,273	\$ 83,777

DAILY STUDENT COUNT MONTH OF DECEMBER 2007 RCMS / PVHS (AM)																						PEAK	
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ROUTE																							
2-B	31	46	42	42	40	41	46	45	47	38	41	44	44	45	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
3-C	44	44	43	41	39	42	42	39	41	42	39	38	43	41	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
4-H	34	44	39	41	32	38	38	45	33	37	28	36	39	35	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
5-J	51	48	48	48	56	53	49	50	53	51	55	53	57	54	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
6-M	59	62	58	59	58	61	63	58	61	55	63	62	61	65	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
7-O	35	36	37	41	32	35	38	41	44	35	33	40	38	37	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
8-P	60	61	71	68	71	66	76	68	74	66	65	67	70	69	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
9-Q	56	48	52	48	46	50	48	44	53	51	51	48	44	49	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
10-L	58	61	65	57	61	58	82	42	42	48	41	48	43	46	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
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12-W	54	67	66	66	65	66	64	62	65	58	62	64	60	53	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67
13-V	55	55	58	59	55	60	55	58	60	55	58	55	44	56	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
14	58	33	40	34	37	36	32	34	36	37	34	36	30	38	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
15	52	54	59	52	54	49	55	54	52	53	54	51	52	53	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
16-R	56	60	60	60	48	60	56	60	57	60	52	47	50	55	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
17-N	38	46	44	49	48	47	45	48	47	43	46	45	43	41	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
18	50	35	33	37	37	27	29	31	33	29	27	32	29	27	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
SUB TOTAL	850	859	868	862	839	849	879	834	857	812	808	824	800	821	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20-D	35	32	30	35	37	28	33	33	31	33	30	28	34	33	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
21-F	45	48	54	55	47	43	48	44	46	48	50	52	56	56	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
22-E	59	64	66	68	61	60	75	60	64	54	56	73	73	55	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
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33-A	16	22	25	19	20	20	22	24	21	19	20	19	22	23	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
SUB TOTAL	533	552	564	568	530	519	556	538	554	530	523	565	588	542	514	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	1383	1411	1432	1430	1369	1368	1435	1372	1411	1342	1331	1389	1388	1363	1314	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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MONTHLY VEHICLE REPORT SUMMARY

MONTH OF: DECEMBER 2007

<u>ROUTE:</u>	<u>TOTAL MILEAGE:</u>	<u>AVG DLY: MILEAGE:</u>	<u>AVG K-5</u>	<u>PEAK K-5</u>	<u>AVG 6-8</u>	<u>PEAK 6-8</u>	<u>AVG 9-12</u>	<u>PEAK 9-12</u>	<u>MONTH TOTAL STUDENT HAUL</u>
<i>AMAR #1</i>	955	64	47	59	0	0	0	0	1422
<i>AMAR #2</i>	1314	87	33	37	27	53	0	0	1303
<i>AMAR #3</i>			0	0			0	0	
<i>AMAR #4 (van)</i>	2205	147	1	1	0	0	0	0	15
<i>AMAR E/C</i>			4	5	0	0	0	0	57
<i>BEATTY #1</i>	2985	199	0	0	1	2	30	39	945
<i>BEATTY #2</i>	2483	165	4	4	1	3	30	45	1066
<i>BEATTY #3</i>									
<i>DCKWTR #1</i>	2354	157	0	0	1	1	10	15	320
<i>DCKWTR #2</i>	1650	110	8	10	1	1	0	0	268
<i>DCKWTR E/C</i>			4	6	0	0	0	0	66
<i>GABBS #1</i>	1245	83	9	11	2	3	4	8	456
<i>YOMBA ACTVY</i>	246	82	0	0	0	0	2	3	7
<i>RND MTN #1</i>	1455	97	8	21	12	19	0	0	616
<i>RND MTN #2</i>	1935	129	13	17	3	4	4	7	596
<i>RND MTN #3</i>	975	65	12	16	8	12	0	0	616
<i>RND MTN E/C</i>			1	1	0	0	0	0	10
<i>TONO #1</i>	614	41	21	32	36	47	19	26	2328
<i>TONO #2</i>	390	26	0	0	49	64	0	0	1483
TOTALS	20806	1452	165	220	141	209	99	143	11574

2008 BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

NASB Director	Mr. Tokerud
Legislative Representative	Mr. McNeely
Debt Management Commission Representative	Mrs. Ward
Parks & Recreation Representative	Mr. McNeely
Policy Committee	Mr. Keating, Mr. Tokerud & Mrs. Ward
Insurance Committee	Mrs. Forsgren
United Way Board of Directors	Mr. Pape
Sick Leave Bank	Mr. Keating
Attendance Committee	Mrs. Ward
SB-289 Crisis Management Committee	Mr. Tokerud
Construction Committee	Mr. Floyd, Mr. McNeely & Mrs. Ward
Career & Technical Skills Committee	Mr. Floyd
Advisory Board for Recruitment/Retention of Licensed Personnel Re: Pilot Programs of Performance Pay & Enhanced Compensation	Mr. Keating
District Improvement Plan Committee	Mr. Pape

Last updated 1-4-08

**NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2007-08 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING CALENDAR**

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Agenda closes @ noon on</u>
Thursday, 7/26/07	6:30 p.m.	Videoconference	Wednesday, 7/18/07
Thursday, 8/9/07	6:30 p.m.	Videoconference	Wednesday, 8/1/07
Thursday, 8/30/07	5:00 p.m.	Round Mountain	Wednesday, 8/22/07
Thursday, 9/13/07	5:30 p.m.	Duckwater	Wednesday, 9/5/07
Thursday, 9/27/07	6:30 p.m.	Videoconference	Wednesday, 9/19/07
Thursday, 10/18/07	5:30 p.m.	Gabbs	Wednesday, 10/10/07
Thursday, 11/8/07	6:30 p.m.	Videoconference	Wednesday, 10/31/07
Thursday, 11/29/07	6:30 p.m.	Videoconference	Monday, 11/19/07
Thursday, 12/13/07	6:30 p.m.	Videoconference	Wednesday, 12/5/07
Thursday, 1/3/08	6:30 p.m.	Videoconference	Wednesday, 12/19/07
Thursday, 1/24/08	6:00 p.m.	Beatty	Wednesday, 1/16/08
Thursday, 2/14/08	6:30 p.m.	Videoconference	Wednesday, 2/6/08
Thursday, 3/13/08	6:00 p.m.	Amargosa	Wednesday, 3/5/08
Thursday, 4/3/08	6:30 p.m.	Videoconference	Wednesday, 3/26/08
Thursday, 4/24/08	6:00 p.m.	Tonopah	Wednesday, 4/16/08
Thursday, 5/8/08	6:30 p.m.	Videoconference	Wednesday, 4/30/08
*Wednesday, 5/21/08	6:30 p.m.	Videoconference	Tuesday, 5/13/08
Thursday, 6/19/08	6:30 p.m.	Videoconference	Wednesday, 6/11/08

NOTE: Meetings are held by videoconference between the Pahrump and Tonopah District offices unless otherwise noted. Changes in time or location will be noted on the posted agenda. Agenda closing dates subject to change if necessary.

*Includes Public Budget Hearing [NRS 354.596]

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- 10 First of Muharram
- 19 Ashura
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AUGUST

- 4 Civic Holiday (C)

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Labor Day (C,US)
- 2 First of Ramadan
- 11 Patriot Day (US)
- 15 Declaration of Independence (M)
- 16 Independence Day (M)
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- 30 Rosh Hashanah*

OCTOBER

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- 9 Yom Kippur*
- 12 Day of the Race (M)
- 13 Columbus Day, Observed (US)
- 13 Thanksgiving (C)
- 16 National Boss Day (US)
- 24 United Nations Day
- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints Day (M)
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- 20 Revolution Anniversary (M)
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Superintendent

January 14, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Ray Ritchie, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Retention of Auditor

In accordance with NRS 354.624 (3), the board of trustees must appoint the auditor to conduct the annual independent audit.

Mr. McArthur's firm has worked with the district for a number of years. He and his staff are familiar with District policies, procedures, files and accounting staff. For these reasons, I recommend that Daniel C. McArthur be appointed to conduct the audit for the year ending June 30, 2008.

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PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

The Nye County School District Board of Trustees recognizes that greater parental involvement generally results in higher academic achievement, improved behavior and reduced absenteeism. Therefore, parents are encouraged to take an active role in their children's education in order to enhance the attitudes, behaviors and achievement of their children. The term "parent" refers to any caregiver/guardian who assumes responsibility for nurturing and caring for his/her children.

Parents and families provide the primary educational environment for children. Consequently, parents are vital and necessary partners with the educational communities throughout their children's school career. Although parents come to the schools with diverse cultural backgrounds, primary languages and needs, it is assumed that parents share a common interest in an excellent education for their children. Nye County schools, in collaboration with parents, teachers, students and administrators, shall develop and promote strategies that enhance parental involvement and reflect the needs of students, parents and families.

The Nye County School District believes that staff members are willing to communicate with any parent who has a concern regarding the educational process and the educational success of his/her child. The Board of Trustees encourages parents to initiate such contacts. The board believes that parents can become involved through:

- Fulfilling basic parental responsibilities for their children's education and social development at home, such as:
 - Ensuring that children arrive at school well rested;
 - Ensuring that children are appropriately clothed;
 - Ensuring that children are well fed;
 - Ensuring that dedicated space and time are provided for homework; and
 - Signing, returning, complying with, and having children comply with, the Educational Involvement Accord and Code of Honor that are distributed annually.

- Working with their children, such as:
 - Providing home-based learning activities for their children;
 - Showing their children how they, themselves, value education;
 - Monitoring homework; and
 - Providing tutoring to their children and others.

- Participating in and supporting school events, such as:
 - Attending meetings and parent/teacher conferences;
 - Attending school programs and sporting events;
 - Volunteering time;
 - Being a classroom aide;
 - Serving as a chaperone for field trips or other school events; and

- Fundraising.
- Serving as an advisor or decision maker, such as:
 - Serving on a committee (School Improvement Plan Team, District Improvement Plan Team, Parent-Teacher Organization, etc.); and
 - Helping in the governance of the school as part of a planning and implementation team.
- Being an advocate for the school and its programs in the community, such as:
 - Vocally supporting efforts to increase school funding;
 - Encouraging local businesses to form partnerships with schools; and
 - Serving as part of a district-organized committee at community and legislative forums.

In order to enhance parental involvement, six essential elements shall be promoted:

1. Communication between Home and School is Regular, Two-Way and Meaningful. Effective communication requires school-initiated contact with the parent as well as parent-initiated contact with the school so that both parties provide vital information about a child's strengths, challenges and accomplishments. To communicate effectively, both parties must be aware of and address issues such as cultural diversity, language differences and special needs. Appropriate steps shall be taken to allow clear communication among participants.
2. Responsible Parenting is Promoted and Supported. The family plays a primary role in a child's education, and schools must respect and honor traditions and activities unique to a community's cultural practices and beliefs. School staff shall support positive parenting by respecting and affirming the strengths and skills needed by parents to fulfill their role. Wherever necessary, parents shall be linked to community programs and resources that provide essential support services.
3. Parents Play an Integral Role in Assisting Student Learning. Educators shall recognize and acknowledge parents as the integral and primary facilitators of their children's education. Schools shall provide opportunities for parents to learn effective ways to support their children's educational needs, including information on how parents can support student behaviors such as punctuality and regular attendance.
4. Schools are Open and Inviting to Parents and Families and Actively Seek Parental Support and Assistance for School Programs. Parents are made to feel safe and welcome in their children's schools and will be invited to volunteer at all educational levels, capitalizing on their skills and interests in order to strengthen the family, school and community partnership.

5. Parents are Full Partners in the Decisions that Affect Children and Families. Parents and educators have a mutual responsibility to make informed decisions related to all aspects of the education provided to District students. Schools shall actively enlist parent participation in decision making. Efforts shall be made to recruit and support participation by parents representing diverse student groups such as limited English proficient, special needs, gifted and talented, and homeless. The role of parents in shared decision making shall be continually evaluated, refined and expanded.

6. Community Resources are made available to Strengthen and Promote School Programs, Family Practices and Student Achievement. Schools and parents will cultivate synergistic relationships with additional members of the community in order to identify community resources and innovative programs that increase educational opportunities for children.

A primary goal of Nye County School District is to provide all students with equal access to quality education. It is vital that all partners (parents, educators, businesses and communities) have the opportunity to provide input and offer resources to meet this goal. These partnerships are mutually beneficial. Developing cooperative efforts and linking access to resources will ensure improved academic achievement for all students, as well as quality schools.

This policy is subject to annual review.

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PROMOTION, RETENTION AND ACCELERATION OF STUDENTS**Promotion**

A pupil must be in attendance at school for the following amount of time in order to obtain credit to be promoted to the next higher grade: 162 days in a school year of 180 days, 130 days in a school year of 144 days, or 90% of the total days of instructional time for any school year.

Before a pupil is denied credit or promotion into the next higher grade for failure to comply with the attendance requirements, the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled or his designee shall provide written notice of the intended denial to the parent or legal guardian of the pupil. The notice must include a statement indicating that the pupil and his parent or legal guardian may request a review of the absences of the pupil and a statement of the procedure for requesting such a review. Upon the request for a review by the pupil and his parent or legal guardian, the principal or his designee shall review the reason for each absence of the pupil upon which the intended denial of credit or promotion is based. After the review, the principal or his designee shall credit towards the required days of attendance each day of absence for which there is evidence or a written affirmation by the parent or legal guardian that the pupil was physically or mentally unable to attend school on the day of the absence and the pupil has completed the course work requirements. A pupil and his parent or legal guardian may appeal this decision to the Board of Trustees.

Retention

Before any pupil may be retained in the same grade, the pupil's teacher and principal must make a reasonable effort to arrange a meeting and to meet with the pupil's parents or guardian to discuss the reasons and the circumstances.

The teacher and principal in joint agreement have the final authority to retain a pupil in the same grade for the succeeding school year.

No K-7 pupil may be retained more than one time in the same grade, except as provided for the promotion of the pupil from eighth grade into high school.

The Board of Trustees or designee shall not promote a pupil to high school if the pupil does not complete the course of study or credits required for promotion. Programs may be provided for pupils to complete the courses of study required. A pupil who has not completed the courses of study or credits required for promotion to high school may be placed on academic probation and enrolled in high school and allowed to earn the credits required in high school while the pupil completes the requirements for promotion to high school. The criteria for a pupil to be placed on academic probation are:

1. The pupil has met the 90% attendance requirement;

2. The eighth grade pupil has completed a program of remediation; and
3. The Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement has approved the eighth grade pupil's promotion.

A parent/guardian may elect not to place his child on academic probation, in which case the child will remain in Grade 8.

The Board of Trustees or designee shall adopt a procedure for evaluating the course of study or credits completed by a pupil who transfers to a junior high or middle school in this State or from a school outside of this State.

Acceleration

At the elementary and middle school level, a pupil already enrolled may be placed at a higher grade level if formal and informal test scores indicate skills in academic areas substantially above grade level, the pupil has sufficient social and physical development skills to allow the pupil to function comfortably at the proposed grade level, and there is no other way to provide for the pupil's needs. The decision to accelerate a pupil will be made by the school principal after consulting with parents or legal guardian, classroom teachers and professional staff. The parents or legal guardian must agree with the decision to accelerate a pupil.

Early and late high school graduation requirements are contained in Policy 5671.

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