

# Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Nye County School District

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A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Nye County School District will be held Wednesday, August 19, 2020, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Southern District Boardroom, 484 S. West Street, Pahrump, NV 89048.

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Pursuant to Governor's Directive 0029, Section 4, there is no physical location for this meeting, but will be available to the public electronically via live stream on the NCSD website. Public comment will be accepted via email for the duration of the meeting and shared during the public input times designated on the Agenda. Public comment made by members of the public attending the meeting via live stream must be emailed to [publiccomment@nyeschools.org](mailto:publiccomment@nyeschools.org) and must include:

1. The author's first and last name.
2. The author's phone number (phone number will not be read on the official record).
3. Date of the Meeting for which the comment is intended.
4. Which Public Input Agenda item the Author would like the comment read:
  - a. #1: First Public Input item
  - b. #2: Second Public Input item.

**All Public Input rules and timelines listed on the Agenda still apply.**

DUE TO THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY GOVERNOR'S DIRECTIVE 006, THIS AGENDA HAS BEEN ELECTRONICALLY POSTED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE (<https://www.nye.k12.nv.us>); NEVADA'S NOTICE WEBSITE (<https://notice.nv.gov/>); AND PROVIDED TO ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE MADE A SPECIFIC REQUEST OF A COPY OF THE AGENDA BY U.S. MAIL OR ELECTRONIC MAIL

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 Calendar, items identified within the Consent Calendar will be acted on at one time.

1. CALL TO ORDER
  - A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
  - B. ROLL CALL
  - C. MISSION STATEMENT & GOALS
2. PUBLIC INPUT, INFORMATIONAL ITEM
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
4. CONSENT CALENDAR, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
  - A. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 13, 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
  - B. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 13, 2020 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
  - C. APPROVAL OF IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTIONS PURSUANT TO NRS 392.437 AND NRS 392.439
  - D. APPROVAL OF COUNTY VARIANCE REQUESTS FOR NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS TO ATTEND NCSD
  - E. APPROVAL OF COUNTY VARIANCE REQUESTS FOR NYE COUNTY STUDENTS TO ATTEND A NON-RESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
  - F. APPROVAL OF NCSD STUDENT REQUEST TO TAKE THE TASC (FORMERLY GED) AT AGE 16 OR 17, PURSUANT TO NRS 390.055
  - G. APPROVAL OF NCSD STUDENT REQUEST TO ENROLL IN ADULT EDUCATION AT AGE 17, PURSUANT TO NRS 389.155 & NAC 387.190
5. RECOGNITIONS, INFORMATIONAL ITEM
6. APPROVAL OF GRANTS, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
7. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE NEVADA EDUCATOR PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (NEPF) DATA COLLECTION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR PER NRS 391.485, INFORMATIONAL
8. APPROVAL OF THE EUREKA COUNTY TUITION AGREEMENT FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
9. APPROVAL FOR JOSEPH SCHMIDT (DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE/OPERATIONS & SAFETY/SECURITY) TO HAVE SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT ON UTILIZATION OF FEDERAL SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
10. REPORTS, INFORMATIONAL ITEM
  - A. SCHOOL REPORTS
  - B. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS
  - C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
  - D. BOARD REPORTS
11. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
12. CHANGE OF DATE/ATTENDANCE AREA OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
  - A. DETERMINATION IF THERE WILL BE A QUORUM AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING
13. BOARD APPOINTMENTS, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
14. PUBLIC INPUT, INFORMATIONAL ITEM
15. ADJOURNMENT



### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

**EMPOWER STUDENTS TO LEARN AT THEIR HIGHEST LEVEL IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF MUTUAL RESPECT**

### **NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT GOALS:**

- Embrace a culture of learning for all
- Elevate achievement for all students
- Provide educational opportunities to support lifelong learning
- Promote ongoing family engagement in pursuit of our vision
- Increase the graduation rate
- Foster a safe and respectful learning and working environment
- Adapt and integrate technology to achieve our mission

**NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES  
JULY 13, 2020**

Present: Larry Small, President via ZOOM; Teresa Stoddard, Vice-President; Sean Hastings, Clerk; Mark Owens, Member via ZOOM; Roger Morones, Member via ZOOM; Warren Shillingburg, Superintendent; Ray Ritchie, Chief Operating Officer; Evangelyn Visser, Associate Superintendent via ZOOM; Kyle Lindberg, Associate Superintendent via ZOOM; Kelly Wood, Executive Secretary

Tim Sutton, Member, arrived at 5:38 p.m.  
Mark Hansen, Member, arrived at 5:49 p.m.

Absent: Susan Schmidt, Human Resources Director

Guests: Paul Anderson via ZOOM, Lisa Ford via ZOOM, Rob Williams, Pahrump

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern District Office Boardroom, 484 S. West Street, Pahrump, and via ZOOM. Board members, administrators and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice-President Teresa Stoddard chaired the meeting. Roll was called. Mr. Hastings read the mission statement and goals.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ernest Mackey submitted an email that stated his concerns regarding NCSD as well as RCMS. He wanted to reach out to the new Superintendent to inform him that a Safety Plan was supposed to be developed for his student by December, 18, 2019, and it has not been developed with his input as of this date. He is requesting Dr. Shillingburg contact him regarding that matter.

Ashley Dodge submitted an email that stated her concerns regarding the re-opening of schools. She stated that teachers in Nevada are concerned for the safety of themselves and their families. Ms. Dodge noted that many educators have been raising questions which have gone unanswered, and she listed the 15 questions in her email. She asked the Board to please consider all of the questions in order to provide NCSD staff the answers to ensure safety for everyone.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Stoddard stated that Dr. Shillingburg had requested to remove Item No. 11 from the Agenda. Mr. Sutton moved to approve the Agenda with the removal of Item No. 11. Mr. Hastings seconded and the motion carried with a vote all in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Sutton moved to approve. Mr. Hastings seconded and the motion passed all in favor.

## RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Stoddard recognized Pahrump Valley High School student Grant Odegard for being named a Top Ten Student-Athlete of the Year by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA). These awards are presented to the top student-athletes who excel in scholastic achievement, overall sports participation, and school and community service accomplishments. A \$1,000.00 scholarship from NIAA and One Nevada Credit Union has been awarded to Grant.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION DESIGNATED AS THE “2020B REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION”; DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF INCURRING A BONDED INDEBTEDNESS ON BEHALF OF THE NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING THE OBLIGATION (LIMITED TAX) REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020B, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,500,000; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BONDS; AND PROVIDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE

Marty Johnson from JNA Consulting explained the Resolution. Discussion ensued. Mr. Sutton made a motion to approve. Mr. Owens seconded and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

## SCHOOL REPORTS

None. Mr. Small asked the Board members to drive by J.G. Johnson ES to see the new landscaping.

## ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

None.

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Board welcomed new Superintendent, Dr. Shillingburg. Dr. Shillingburg stated he has been in his office for eight days now, meeting people and staff members. He hoped to be able to meet students soon as well, and will have more to report at the next Board meeting.

## BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Sutton welcomed Dr. Shillingburg and stated he fully supported him. Mr. Hastings agreed and stated he fully supported him as well.

## APPROVAL OF GRANTS

None.

## REPORT ON THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR DISTANCE LEARNING ATTENDANCE DURING COVID-19

Ms. Visser reported the processes and outcomes NCS D took to educate the students during the closing of schools due to COVID-19. She noted the students were given weekly lessons, Chromebooks, internet access from Valley Electric (VEA), and meals. Students and/or parents had weekly communication with teachers to be counted present, and if no communication took place the NCS D Truant Officer made home visits to check on family. Students were given their 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter grades with the opportunity to improve them by 10% as the Semester 2 grade. Ms. Visser also noted that 129,546 meals were served throughout

the District through the end of the school year. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hastings thanked the VEA for their generous contribution and asked families to take advantage of the free internet service because it will help their students greatly with school work.

#### APPROVAL OF NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SCHOOL RE-ENTRY PLAN

Dr. Shillingburg stated that the State has asked the school districts to submit a Re-Entry Plan 20 days before the first day of school. He attended committees and sent out surveys with good responses. He noted they were asking the Board to approve three options within the Plan to have flexibility in case there were changes from the Governor. He then asked Ms. Visser to introduce the Committee members. Ms. Visser reported that the teams began in April and still continue. She named the following members of the Summer Team: Amanda Arceo, Lisa Ford, Karen Holley, Kyle Lindberg, Lin Steele, Robert Williams, and herself. She referred to the presentation she printed and emailed to the Board members, and spoke about Nevada's Roadmap to Recovery and Nevada's Path Forward Framework. Ms. Visser then explained the following three Models submitted for approval.

Model One: 100% In-Person, 100% Onsite – physical distancing and minimize mixing; enhanced safety measures; stay home when students or staff are sick; strict procedures for handling sick students and staff at school; enhanced cleaning measures; bus riders will be as spread out as much as possible, workable decision tree to determine when to close a classroom or school and convert to Distance Learning. 44% of the surveyed families, and 44% of the surveyed teachers chose this Model. Benefits: maximizes student-teacher time; students are at school for a regular day; no additional day care required; supports younger students and those with unique learning needs. Challenges: increases risk of contracting COVID-19 at school for students and staff; distancing and grouping restrictions; availability of teachers.

Model Two: 100% Distance Learning, 0% Onsite – synchronized instruction with other Models; common planning will be essential; State Distance Learning requirements met; family partnerships critical; attendance gauged by student work completion, two-way communication with teacher, and assessments. 24% of the surveyed families, and 18% of the surveyed teachers chose this Model. Benefits: minimizes risk of contracting COVID-19 at school for teachers and students. Challenges: professional learning to maximize learning impact; developing relationships with peers and teachers; student engagement and socialization; day care; access to internet devices; food distribution.

Model Three: Hybrid, 50% In-Person, 50% Distance Learning – students assigned to Cohort A or B and attend school 2 days a week and Distance Learning 2-3 days a week; physical distancing and mixing requirements as much as possible; enhanced safety measures; stay home when student/staff are sick; procedures for handling sick students/staff at school; enhanced cleaning measures; bus riders will be as spread out as much as possible in assigned seats; workable decision tree to determine when to close a classroom or school and go to Distance Learning overnight. Benefits: 50% occupancy in school and buses. Challenges: provide in-person instruction and distance learning support at the same time; day care; food distribution.

Ms. Visser reported that the Team's recommendation to the Board was as follows:

- 100% In-Person: All PK-5 (Grades 4 and 5 Hybrid if necessary to meet occupancy requirements)
- 100% In-Person: Remote Rural Middle and High Schools
- Hybrid: Rosemary Clarke Middle School and Pahump Valley High School; students with unique learning needs would attend every day for 4 days instead of alternating days
- Distance Learning: Families may request this option.

Benefits: Younger students and those with unique learning needs will receive 100% in-person learning; all three Models will be in place increasing NCS D's ability to quickly respond to changing needs; allows for evidence-based decision-making.

Calendar: Delayed teacher start (2 days - Aug. 10-11); delayed student start (10 days - Aug. 24, Grades 1-12; and Aug. 27 for PreK & K); additional 5 days for professional learning (10 days total); semester end dates unchanged.

Mr. Morones stated he wished they had more time to review this Plan. He asked if this recommendation would be set for all schools, and Dr. Shillingburg replied it could be more flexible in the rural schools because they are more remote. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Stoddard asked how many families participated in the surveys. Mr. Williams stated 2,362 parent surveys were filled out representing 3,935 students. Mr. Small asked if meals would still be provided to the students and Mr. Ritchie replied yes. He stated they are working out the details of how and where the students will eat, but they will be provided meals. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Sutton made a motion to approve the calendar revision to state-authorized professional development on August 12-21, instruction for grades 1-12 to begin on August 24<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup> for PreK & Kindergarten, assessments to be conducted August 24-26, and instruction begin August 27<sup>th</sup>; the required use of face covering for all students on NCS D buses, for staff members, visitors, and students age 10 and above while in NCS D buildings and on property, and for students 9 years of age and younger outside of the classroom space; the 100% In-Person Instructional Model; the Hybrid Instructional Model, and the Distance Learning Instructional Model. Mr. Hastings seconded.

Mr. Morones asked that the criteria that is required to opt for Distance Learning only is put into place. Mr. Small asked if the social distance criteria is 6 feet or 3 feet. Dr. Shillingburg replied they are trying to follow the American Academy of Pediatrician's guidelines of 3 feet.

Mr. Sutton's motion passed with a vote all in favor.

#### REPORT ON NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Mr. Lindberg stated he has been monitoring the CDC guidelines for sports this fall. The schools will complete their plans and turn them into him for submission. Once the plans are approved, the schools will meet with parents so students can begin to compete in sports. He noted the plans can change and be adjusted on a daily basis, masks and social distancing should still be practiced, and equipment will be sterilized. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Ritchie explained the report and noted that the State requires annual approval from the Board. Mr. Hastings made a motion to approve. Mr. Morones seconded and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

#### APPROVAL OF CRITICAL NEEDS POSITION – SUB BUS DRIVER FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022

Mr. Ritchie explained that COVID-19 has made it difficult for new bus drivers to get their licensing and does not know how long the delays will be. He stated that retired employees can be rehired as sub bus

drivers without it affecting their retirement benefits if position is a critical needs position. Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve. Mr. Sutton seconded and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

#### APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Mr. Hastings made a motion to approve. Mr. Hansen seconded and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

Mr. Hastings moved to go into closed session, Mr. Hansen seconded and the motion carried with a vote all in favor. The Board went into closed session at 8:04 p.m.

#### CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NRS 288.220 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFERRING WITH MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS; OR NRS 241.030(1)(1) TO CONSIDER THE CHARACTER, MISCONDUCT, COMPETENCE, OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF A PERSON.

Discussion is reflected in Executive Session minutes.

#### DECISION REGARDING STUDENT RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

None.

#### APPROVAL OF COUNTY VARIANCE STATUS DURING COVID-19

Mrs. Stoddard explained that this item is to decide if the Board wants to continue approving county variance requests during COVID-19. Mr. Hastings made a motion to approve to continue accepting county variance requests. Mr. Sutton seconded and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

#### APPROVAL OF LANDER COUNTY STUDENTS TO ATTEND NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve. Mr. Sutton seconded and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

#### APPROVAL OF NYE COUNTY STUDENT TO ATTEND CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Hastings made a motion to approve. Mr. Hansen seconded and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

#### APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Mr. Sutton made the motion to approve check registers dated 06/04/20 in the amounts of \$9,187.43 and \$81,248.10; 06/03/20 in the amount of \$41,954.98; 06/08/20 in the amount \$0.61; 06/09/20 in the amount of \$119,368.08; 06/11/20 in the amount of \$46,405.04; 06/09/20 in the amount of \$97,978.12; 06/16/20 in the amount of \$285,425.74; 06/17/20 in the amounts of \$239,771.23 and \$61,114.81; 06/24/20 in the amount of \$25,666.06; 06/30/20 in the amounts of \$62,130.12 and \$126,401.74; and 07/01/20 in the amounts of \$18,250.00 and \$81,009.56. Mr. Hansen seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

CHANGE OF DATE/ATTENDANCE AREA OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Discussion ensued about traveling for meetings, especially during COVID-19. Mr. Sutton made a motion to move the August 19, 2020 Board meeting to Pahrump from Duckwater, and the September 16, 2020 Board meeting to Duckwater from Pahrump. Mr. Hastings seconded and the motion passed all in favor.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

Heather Unthank submitted a public comment regarding NCSD’s Re-Entry Plan. She stated that she accepted her job knowing there would be many trying circumstances and difficulties but cannot accept going back to in-person learning during a global health crisis. In-person learning puts all of their lives at risk and why should they do that when it is preventable. She asked why are they discussing reopening of school buildings via livestream, if it is safe to open them?

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Morones seconded. Mrs. Stoddard adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Hastings made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. Mr. Hansen seconded and the motion carried with a vote all in favor. The regular session resumed at 8:16 p.m., and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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## MEMORANDUM

Date: August 7, 2020

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Raymond Ritchie, Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: Signature authorization for Federal surplus real property

We are requesting the board give signature authorization to Mr. Joseph Schmidt for the annual report on utilization of Federal surplus real property acquired for educational uses.

RR:es

Cc: Warren Shillingburg, PhD, Superintendent

**NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2020-2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

| <b>DATE</b>            | <b>TIME</b> | <b>LOCATION</b>              | <b>BACKUP IS DUE BY END OF BUSINESS DAY ON</b> |
|------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|--|
| Wednesday, 07/15-13/20 | 5:30 PM     | Pahrump                      | Friday, 07/03/20                               |
| Wednesday, 08/19/20    | 5:30 PM     | <del>Duckwater</del> Pahrump | Friday, 08/07/20                               |
| Wednesday, 09/16/20    | 5:30 PM     | Pahrump <del>Duckwater</del> | Friday, 09/04/20                               |
| Wednesday, 10/07/20    | 5:30 PM     | Round Mountain               | Friday, 09/25/20                               |
| Wednesday, 11/04/20    | 5:30 PM     | Pahrump                      | Friday, 10/23/20                               |
| Wednesday, 12/02/20    | 5:30 PM     | Amargosa                     | Friday, 11/20/20                               |
| Wednesday, 01/13/21    | 5:30 PM     | Beatty                       | Friday, 01/04/21                               |
| Wednesday, 02/24/21    | 5:30 PM     | Pahrump                      | Friday, 02/12/21                               |
| Wednesday, 03/31/21    | 5:30 PM     | Gabbs                        | Friday, 03/19/21                               |
| Wednesday, 04/21/21    | 5:30 PM     | Tonopah                      | Friday, 04/09/21                               |
| Wednesday, 05/19/21*   | 5:30 PM     | Pahrump & All Sites          | Friday, 05/07/21                               |
| Wednesday, 06/09/21    | 5:30 PM     | Pahrump                      | Friday, 05/28/21                               |

\*Includes Public Budget Hearing (NRS 354.596)

**NOTE:** Changes in time or specific location will be noted on the posted agenda.

**NOTE:** All meetings will be available for viewing via livestream - details posted on the NCSD website.

| <b>Dates to Remember:</b> |             |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| NASB Conference           | 11/12-14/20 | Lake Tahoe  |
| NSBA Conference           | 04/10-12/21 | New Orleans |

*Updated 07/16/20*