

**NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

Present: Sean Hastings, Vice-President; Larry Small, Clerk; Tim Sutton, Member; Bryan Wulfenstein, Member; Warren Shillingburg, Superintendent; Laura Weir, Assistant Superintendent; Ray Ritchie, Chief Operating Officer; Brenda Slusser, HR Executive Director; Kelly Wood, Executive Secretary

Mark Hansen, Member, arrived at 6:16 p.m.

Absent: Teresa Stoddard, President; Roger Morones, Member

Guests: Rob Williams, Joe Schmidt, Shannon R. Hadfield, Sylvia DeMasi, Cindy Deweese, Donna Coppock, Norman Reynolds, Candace Mapp, Jessica Hargis, Cheryl Tibbits, Doug Stout, Denise Koch, Shamika Nettles, Kelley Mendenhall, Ronda Mendenhall, Scott Troter, Desiree Veloz, Armando Veloz, Olivia Veloz, Sarah Pankratz, Ashley DeVito, Scarlett Boxley, Charlana Smith, Sandra Smith, Tom Smith, Alina Veloz, Rachel Owens, Justin Branske, Debbie Zoss, Whitney Lang, Sylvia Jernigan, Joan Mercadante, Annette White, Kate Minnis, Kathryn Gent, Emily Gent, John Gallagher, Nate Cardinal, Pamela Menges, Tammy Anderson, Janelle Veloz, Sergio Veloz, Linda Fitzgibbons, Sierra McKillips, Kaylee Harker, Jim Harris, Amal Najla Khouri, Ben Veloz, Kellie Mendenhall, Pahrump.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern District Office, 484 S. West Street, Pahrump, NV. J.G. Johnson Elementary School student James Smith led the Board members, administrators and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called. Mr. Small read the mission statement and goals.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Sutton made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Wulfenstein seconded, and the motion passed all in favor.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Shillingburg recognized the following students for an AP Exam Highest Score of 5:

- *Emily C. Gent, Grade 10, PVHS;
- *Olivia M. Ross, Grade 10, PVHS;
- *Sasha M. Strain, Grade 9, PVHS;
- *Alina E. Veloz, Grade 10, PVHS.

Ray Ritchie recognized Linda Fitzgibbons stating she was honored with the Sandra Neese Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding work she did as a child advocate while working for NCSD.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS

Candace Mapp, Principal of Mt. Charleston ES recognized the following students/staff:

- *Scarlett Boxley, Student; Perfect Attendance
- *Ashley DeVito, Parent Volunteer; Being a Supportive Parent
- *Sarah Pankratz, Teacher; Caring for our Kids
- *Denise Koch, Staff; Caring for our Kids.

Sylvia DeMasi, Principal of J.G. Johnson ES recognized the following students/staff:

- *Kelley Mendenhall, Staff; Hard Work and Dedication to our School, Students, and Staff
- *Donna Coppock, Teacher; Continued Dedication to the Emotional Well-Being of the J.G. Johnson Students and Staff
- *James Smith, Student; Kindness and for Being a Positive Role Model
- *Justin Branske, Parent Volunteer; Continuously Supporting the Safety of the Students and Staff.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Shillingburg thanked Valley Electric (VEA) for its donation of \$3,100 for Christmas staff appreciation gifts.

The State Board of Education is soliciting feedback on what the state is doing to improve students' academic performance. Dr. Shillingburg stated he plans on sending a letter to help them understand their current practice of requiring more paperwork is not helping, and they should provide more support by hiring reading specialists, math interventionists, and coaches. He noted that if anyone else would like to share their opinions, they can get the contact information from his office.

Dr. Shillingburg then wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving and thanked all NCSD staff for their work in helping the district to be successful.

BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Small spoke about the NASB conference that took place November 11-12. He stated they discussed school funding and that it will be a major topic in the upcoming legislative session. There is a lot of talk by the representatives that they will be redoing the funding formula. He asked everyone to contact legislators regarding concerns about the funding formula. He also stated that the state is looking into a money program where the state will build new schools when needed, instead of school districts.

PUBLIC INPUT

Shannon Hadfield stated she appreciated the Board's Mission Statement, but it needs to be better at the high school. She said they have a lot of issues. Girls are being sexually harassed, boys taking pictures of girls in skirts, girls are not safe in the school. She said that the school is doing nothing about it. She stated Mr. Weaver is the only administrator to call her back when she contacts the school. She reported there was a fight in a classroom and the teacher did nothing, but students stepped in to stop the fight. There were boys that stood up for the girls, and confronted the boys that were harassing them, and those boys got suspended for standing up for the girls. She stated that at least a dozen parents have taken their kids out of the school because nothing is being done to keep the girls safe.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACCEPTANCE OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

Dan McArthur handed out the audit books to the Board members, and explained the findings. Discussion ensued. Mr. Small made a motion to accept the audit. Mr. Sutton seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUNDS AUDITS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

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DISTRICT SAFETY UPDATE

Mr. Schmidt gave an update on the following projects:

- *PVHS: track repair will begin on November 21st;
- *Amargosa Schools: fencing, re-key, and controlled access complete; expect parking lot resurface project to go to BOT in March; 5 new HVAC units on order; intercom integration with phone system;
- *Beatty HS: fencing near complete; controlled access complete;
- *Floyd ES: controlled access underway; re-key parts ordered, hoping for Christmas break; intercom integration with phone system;
- *Manse ES: controlled access parts ordered; intercom integration with phone system;
- *Mt. Charleston ES: re-key complete; controlled access parts on order;
- *J.G. Johnson ES: re-key complete; controlled access complete; intercom enhancement complete;
- *Hafen ES: re-key parts ordered.

Mr. Schmidt reported that the Emergency Key Stowage Boxes (Knox Boxes) are underway. Emergency responders will have keys for that. He then noted he attended FEMA training on October 10th and will be creating a Threat Assessment Committee which will be a group that will assess unusual student behavior for appropriate reaction. He will also be creating drills training for substitutes, which will be incorporated in their HR packets, and have sheets for principals to hand out for any site-specific questions.

APPROVAL OF A CRITICAL LABOR SHORTAGE REQUEST FOR LICENSED POSITIONS IN PRE-K TEACHERS, SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Dr. Slusser presented the request. Discussion ensued. Mr. Sutton made a motion to approve. Mr. Small seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

APPROVAL OF TUITION AGREEMENTS WITH EUREKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WHITE PINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Ritchie explained the agreements. Mr. Small made a motion to approve. Mr. Hansen seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

APPROVAL OF LIBRARY CONTRACTS FOR AMARGOSA VALLEY, GABBS, AND SMOKY VALLEY

Mr. Ritchie explained that these communities allow NCSD students to use their libraries, since the schools in these areas do not have libraries. Mr. Sutton noted that Dr. Shillingburg had reached out to him and the County regarding potential safety issues with the Gabbs School building, and he will be looking into that. Mr. Sutton made a motion to approve. Mr. Wulfenstein seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE FY23 CLASS SIZE REDUCTION REVISED ANNUAL PLAN

Mr. Ritchie explained the plan revisions. Discussion ensued. Mr. Small made a motion to approve. Mr. Hansen seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve check vouchers: No. 1112 for \$106,335.34; No. 1113 for \$99,270.30; No. 1114 for \$347,432.76; No. 1117 for \$6,197.53; No. 1118 for \$295,843.06; No. 1119 for \$33168.01; No. 1123 for \$33,611.38; No. 1124 for \$142,502.16; No. 1125 for \$30,091.60; No. 1126 for \$364,163.99; No. 1127 for \$ 93,761.35; No. 1128 for \$169,630.00; No. 1129 for \$65,820.61; No. 1130 for \$257,805.03; No. 1131 for \$43,294.14; No. 1132 for \$243,161.56; No. 1136 for \$16,442.95; No. 1137 for \$55,118.31; No. 1138 for \$145,354.10; and No. 1140 for \$28,932.51. Mr. Small seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Dr. Shillingburg noted that the change on this calendar is that the schools will have the entire week of Thanksgiving off. He stated this would help with attendance and give staff more time with family. Mr. Sutton asked about the extra days, and Mrs. Weir stated they were added to the end of the year. Discussion ensued. Mr. Sutton made a motion to approve. Mr. Hansen seconded, and the motion passed all in favor.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE BOARD MEETING TOPICS

Mr. Small stated that Mr. Schmidt has done an excellent job with his updates, and stated he could take a month or two off if he would like. Dr. Shillingburg suggested Mr. Schmidt give his updates quarterly. All agreed. Mr. Small then asked if Mr. Hush could give an update regarding a scanning system on the school buses. He stated the update could be via email if preferred.

Mr. Hastings asked if there was any movement with creating a dress code committee. Dr. Shillingburg stated he is still working on it with the principals. Mr. Hastings then stated he has heard there is only one entrée being served at schools, and the schools are running out of food. Mr. Ritchie stated Jodi Martinez, Food Services Coordinator, will be at the BOT meeting next month to give a presentation, and she can answer any questions then.

CHANGE OF DATE/ATTENDANCE AREA OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

No action taken.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hastings adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

By _____
Larry Small, Clerk