

# MINUTES

## **Lyon County School District Board of Trustees**

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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lyon County School District was held on August 26, 2025, beginning at 6:30 pm at Riverview Elementary School, 1200 Ferretto Pkwy., Dayton, NV 89403.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Clerk Dawn Carson called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Trustee Darin Farr and Board President Tom Hendrix attended online via Zoom. Trustee Sherry Parsons had not yet arrived.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Elmer Bull.

### 3. WELCOME OF GUESTS

Board Clerk Carson welcomed the guests and staff.

Board members in attendance were:

President Tom Hendrix - via Zoom

Clerk Dawn Carson

Trustee Elmer Bull

Trustee Darin Farr - via Zoom

Trustee Bridget Peterson

Trustee James Whisler

Executive Cabinet in attendance:

Superintendent Tim Logan

Deputy Superintendent Stacey Griffin-Cooper

Executive Director of Human Resources BillieJo Hogan

Executive Director of Special Services Rachel Stewart

Executive Director of Educational Services Heather Moyle

Executive Director of Educational Services Jim Gianotti

Executive Director of Operations Harman Bains

Staff & Guests:

Chief Financial Officer Lillianna Camacho-Polkow, Communications and Public Relations Officer Skyler Tremaine, Kirk McCallum, Margaret Heim, Carolyn Renner, Rachel Hansen, Kaytlin Castaneda, Corinne Burns, Kamille Carson, Chase Woodford, Dusti Houk, Kevin Kranjcec, Jeremy Satalick, Julie Bumgardner, Stephanie Lotito, David Palmer, Diana Kimbrough, Emily Smihula, Benny Buchanan, Shannon Anderson, Charlette Barnum, Renee Kaldor, Deby Ranft, Lana Frusteri, Jerri Kerns, Heather Knudson, Risa Boyle, Brandi Clifford, Meaghan Rand, Wendy Madson, Marten Johnson, Jane Read, Kaeleigh Fowler,

Lauren Garnica, Breanna McAmoil, christine Bredow, Lisa Seymour Michalek, Kasani Lawrence, Ashley Bellow, Sierra Clotworthy, and Jeremy Jones.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Hendrix made a motion that the Board approve the agenda but exclude item 15, the Cell phone policy.

Trustee Whisler seconded.

With no further discussion, the motion carried 6-0. Trustee Parsons absent.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Whisler made a motion that the Board approve the minutes as presented.

President Hendrix seconded.

With no further discussion, the motion carried 6-0. Trustee Parsons absent.

#### 6. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Whisler reported on summer events coaching baseball and soccer.

Trustee Bull participated in a Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) training on Strategic Planning and the district leadership days with the Executive Cabinet and school administrators.

Trustee Peterson welcomed staff and families back to school.

President Hendrix called for a moment of silence in memory of students who had passed away during the summer months. He attended the NASB training and congratulated the Fernley High School (FHS) football team on their latest victory.

Trustee Farr thanked the board and staff for the kind gestures on behalf of his family. He appreciated the improved communications to the staff and public for back to school events.

Clerk Carson participated in the NASB training and has already gone back to school, teaching in Carson City School District.

#### 7. ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

The Board read various notes of gratitude written by students from the district.

#### 8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Logan spoke on the challenging current weather conditions and extended his appreciation to those who came. He shared his gratitude to Trustee Bull for his attendance and participation in the leadership days, and to all the staff who are getting ready for students and the new school year. He commented on the many upgrades and improvements at the schools and thanked the facility team for their work.

Principals Woodford, Hansen, Burns, Kranjcec, and Bumgardner introduced the new staff to the Dayton schools and the district's new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Lilly Camacho-Polkow was introduced. She brings 25 years of public sector finance experience to the district. Trustee Sherry Parsons arrived at the board meeting.

9. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** At this time, the public is invited to address the Board on items over which the Board has jurisdiction or control. If you wish to speak, step up to the table, be seated, and state your name. Your comments are limited to no more than three minutes per agenda item with a maximum of ten minutes total. In consideration of others, avoid repetition or designate a spokesperson to speak on behalf of your group. Although this Board does not restrict comments based upon viewpoint, comments will be prohibited if they are willfully disruptive, slanderous, amount to personal attacks or interfere with the rights of other speakers. Comments made during this time will be monitored by the Board President. The Board will conduct public comments after each item on the agenda on which action may be taken, before the Board takes action. Comments submitted electronically will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

There were no public comments made, but 2 electronic comments are attached to the minutes.

10. **CONSENT AGENDA (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION):** Per LCSD Board Policy BDD: Board Meeting Procedures, all matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon by the Board of School Trustees with one action and without discussion. During this meeting, any member of the Board may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda, discussed, and acted upon separately.

Trustee Peterson made a motion that the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Whisler seconded.

With no further discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

A. **Trustee Questions & Answers:** This information will be posted after 12:00 pm the day of the board meeting if questions are asked.

No questions were asked.

B. **Personnel Reports**

C. **2025-2027 Negotiated Agreement with LCCSEA**

D. **WNC Dual Credit Offerings 2025-26**

E. **IT Department Reports**

F. **Travel**

G. **District Financial Report - No report this month**

## 11. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

Trustee Peterson made a motion that the Board accept the generous donation made to our schools.

Trustee Whisler seconded.

With no further discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

12. **(For Possible Action)** Discussion and possible action regarding the Debt Management Commission Notice Resolution. This item is being presented by Executive Director of Operations Harman Bains and Marty Johnson of JNA Consulting Group, LLC.

The board was asked to approve the resolution notice to issue \$30 million in the form of two \$15 million general obligation bonds as needed over the next two fiscal. This notice will go to the Lyon County's Debt Management Commission at their next meeting.

Marty Johnson of JNA Consulting explained that the district meets the requirements with sufficient revenue to do rollover bonds. The approval in this item is the first step in the process.

There was discussion regarding the structure of the bonds to maintain the capacity to issue up to \$70 million or more in 2028, when the Master Facilities Plan is revised.

Trustee Peterson expressed her appreciation to Mr. Johnson for his assistance to the district over the years and made a motion to approve the resolution concerning the financing of school improvements; directing the executive director of operations to notify the Lyon County Debt Management Commission of the district's proposal to issue general obligation bonds, in one or more series, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$30 million; authorizing the executive director of operations or the superintendent to arrange for the sale of bonds.

Trustee Farr seconded.

With no further discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

13. **(For Possible Action)** Discussion and possible action regarding Single Point Entry for Silverland Middle School and Dayton, Fernley, Silver Stage and Yerington High School and Fernley High School Culinary Lab. This item is being presented by Executive Director of Operations Harman Bains and Operations and Maintenance Supervisor Kirk McCallum.

Single point entries for the district high schools, and the FHS Culinary Lab have been prioritized by the board, aligning with the district's long-term master facilities strategic plan. Many meetings with the team and architects have occurred to facilitate the projects by the most efficient means. The state allows the district 2 Construction Managers at Risk (CMARs) per year and they must each focus on one attendance area. Therefore, it was decided to approach the plan for each of the high schools using one CMAR for FHS and the other for DHS, as they are the most extensive projects. For the others, the district will hire general contractors through the bidding process. Storefront doors are a specialty and the district has learned from experience the need for the CMAR. The funding numbers in the attachments are aligned with the potential bond funding. Firm numbers will be presented to the board for the detailed projects later. These are intended to begin during the summer of 2026.

The board discussion was around the advantages of using the CMARs, using bonds to fund, and gratitude for the focus on security in the Master Facilities Plan.

Mr. Bains explained that the guaranteed maximum price is a big advantage. Using a general contractor exposes the district to expensive changes that may arise during projects. Secondly, a CMAR is responsible for the hiring of the contractors, using the best quality, versus the district being forced to find the lowest bidder.

President Hendrix made a motion to approve the district to proceed with all single points of entry and the culinary projects for the summer 2026.

Trustee Bull seconded.

With no further discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

14. **(For Possible Action)** Discussion and possible action regarding updates from the Dayton area school principals. This item is being presented by principals Chase Woodford, Rachel Hansen, Corinne Burns, Kevin Kranjcec, and Julie Bumgardner.

Principals from the Dayton schools shared highlights and achievements of the 2025 school year. Looking ahead, the schools will be expanding work-based learning opportunities and focusing on improving attendance, parent/guardian involvement and academic achievement. No motion was made.

15. **(For Possible Action)** Discussion and possible action regarding the LCSD Policy EDBB: Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices by Students and Employees as a first reading. This item is being presented by Board President Tom Hendrix and Board Member James Whisler.

This item was tabled.

16. **(For Possible Action)** Discussion and possible action regarding revisions to the following Lyon County School District policies as a second and final reading. No changes were made after the first reading, except for GL: Staff Complaints, per board recommendation. Changes are highlighted. Any member of the board may request that a policy be removed and discussed and acted upon separately.

Trustee Peterson commented that there were no changes made or recommended to Policy GL during the last meeting and asked how the changes came about.

BillieJo Hogan explained that a proposed revision was made due to the board's discussion to make the policy more clear.

Trustee Peterson confirmed that the board would prefer to have the discussion in an open meeting if language is added.

President Hendrix made a motion to approve

JG: Student Discipline

KL: Processing Complaints

GL: Staff Complaints

as second and final readings.

Trustee Whisler seconded.

With no further discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

17. **(For Possible Action)** Discussion and possible action on agenda items for future board meetings and/or information item requests, including a summary by the superintendent. This item is being presented by Board President Hendrix and Superintendent Tim Logan.

The next meeting of the board will be held on September 23, 2025 at Fernley High School.

Possible agenda items will include:

Policy EDBB: Use of Cell Phones item will come back. School will have started, so the current policy is in place.

LCEA agreement

School Performance Plans (SPPs)

Restorative Discipline Plan

Staffing update  
Supplemental pay scale  
Revisions with HR policies - G policies  
Fernley staff introductions  
Fernley schools' highlights from the last school year

President Hendrix would like to add AB51 regarding course credit outside school hours and logging credit.

Communications and Public Information Officer Skyler Tremaine presented challenge coins to be given to students and staff recognition.

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There was no public comment.

19. ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

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The notice for this meeting was posted on August 21, 2025 at Lyon County School District Administrative Office, Lyon County School District websites (<http://lyoncsd.org>) and the Nevada Public Notice Website (<http://notice.nv.gov>) in accordance with NRS 241.020 (3) (b).

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**From: Marjorie Mauk**

**Subject of Comment**

Against Proposed Student Cell Phone Policy - 1st Read

**Your Public Comment**

I am writing to you today as a dedicated teacher and a concerned member of our educational community regarding the proposed cell phone policy that is scheduled for a first read tonight.

I believe that a middle school classroom is not the appropriate place for students to have cell phones. Students should not have these devices on them from the first bell to the last bell. This distraction impedes their ability to focus, engage with their peers and teachers, and fully participate in their education. Instead of focusing on constant vigilance against cell phone misuse, we should be fostering an environment where students can learn how to manage and prioritize their usage of these devices outside of the school day.

While I recognize the need for a clear policy, I feel compelled to share my perspective on some of its specific components, as I am strongly against the policy in its current form.

The proposed consequences for violations are also a significant source of concern. While some accountability is necessary, the policy's penalties, including expulsion, are disproportionately severe. It is difficult to justify why a cell phone infraction would carry a harsher punishment than instances of bullying, which have a far more damaging and lasting impact on a student's well-being and sense of safety. Furthermore, when comparing this policy to the existing discipline policy, it appears that the consequences for a cell phone violation are more severe than those for students as young as five years old found in possession of a dangerous weapon, who may face suspension but not expulsion.

Additionally, a part of the policy states that students will be required to leave their phones at home for five days following an infraction. I believe this part of the policy is deeply flawed. The monitoring and enforcement of this rule would fall upon the family, not the school staff. How will the school be held accountable if a family does not abide by this rule? It places an unnecessary burden on both the administration and the family, and it is a rule that is nearly impossible to enforce.

I respectfully ask that you consider these points during your review of the policy. I am confident that we can develop a solution that protects the learning environment while also being fair and enforceable for all students and families.



August 26, 2025 5:36 pm

Andrea

Valenzuela

**Subject of Comment**

Cell Phone Policy

**Public Comment**

I just learned about the proposed policy. I strongly oppose this policy for my children's safety. I got a phone for my son for one reason, and that is to call for help in the event of an emergency. I will pursue my options if you are going to take his ability to call 911 if something happens. Our kids are not safe in schools, and you aren't doing anything to increase that safety so don't even think about taking away their access to 911. You need to check with parents before making critical decisions placing our children at risk.