

**NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

Present: Bryan Wulfenstein, President; Larry Small, Clerk; Chelsy Fischer, Member; Nathan Gent, Member; Robert White, Member; Leslie Campos, Member via Zoom; Chelsea Silva, Member; Laura Weir, Interim Superintendent; Ray Ritchie, Chief Operating Officer; Chelle Wright, Interim Director of HR; Rob Williams, Director of Technology; Brian Kunzi, Legal Counsel; Kelly Wood, Executive Secretary

Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. at the Southern District Office, located at 484 S. West Street, Pahrump, NV. Mrs. Silva led the Board members, administrators and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called. Mr. Gent read the Mission Statement & Goals.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Small proposed to move Item No. 18 to be heard prior to Item No. 9. Mr. White made a motion to approve the agenda with the proposed change. Mr. Small seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. White thanked Mrs. Weir for organizing the school visits in the north. He also thanked the administrators, faculty, and staff for their hard work, creativity, and passion for students.

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Arthur Hodge spoke about his concerns with the lack of diversity within Nye County School District.

Sylvia DeMasi gave shout-outs to the Transportation Dept., bus drivers, J.G. staff, and asked the BOT to think about NCSD staff and students when choosing a superintendent.

Amy Veloz sent an email regarding the selection of the superintendent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Fischer made a motion to approve. Mr. Small seconded and the motion passed all in favor. Mr. Gent abstained on the vote regarding the September 11, 2023 Minutes.

SELECTION OF A SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Gent removed himself for this item, and will abstain from voting. The BOT thanked the candidates for applying, and thanked Mrs. Weir for doing a great job as Interim Superintendent. Mr. Small made a motion to hire Joe Gent as superintendent. Mr. Wulfenstein seconded, and the vote went as follows:

Mrs. Silva, aye; Mr. White, nay; Mrs. Campos, aye; Mrs. Fischer, aye; Mr. Small, aye; Mr. Wulfenstein, aye. Mr. Gent abstained. The motion passed with the majority vote in favor.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Weir stated instead of emailing her Friday Update, she would speak about the updates here. She reported on various updates given from Karen Holley, Shanda Roderick, Joe Schmidt, and Brittney Varao.

BOARD REPORTS

Mr. White spoke about the NASB MTSS training he attended with Mrs. Campos. The stated it was very informative.

Mrs. Campos stated it was a pleasure to visit Gabbs School, and they are doing an amazing job.

Mr. Small thanked Mrs. Weir and Mr. White for arranging and attending the school visits to Mt. Charleston ES, Floyd ES, and Hafen ES. He appreciated the time to be able to be there. He then thanked the district for allowing them to attend the NASB MTSS training, stating it was an eye-opener.

Mrs. Fischer thanked Sylvia DeMasi for donating books to the J.G. Johnson ES students. She also thanked Hafen ES principal Dubb Mapp for shoveling the mud in his parking lot himself after all the rain had come. She then spoke about SSRI training, and will be contacting the state inquiring about training for NCSD staff.

APPROVAL OF THE FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES GRANT

Karen Holley presented the grant, and explained that the different amounts are due to the number of students in each school. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Fischer asked if she could see the entire grant application for future grants. Mr. Gent made a motion to approve. Mrs. Fischer seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

AWARD OF BID FOR THE ROSEMARY CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF REPAIR PROJECT

Joe Schmidt presents the bid to the BOT. Mr. Small asked about the timeframe, and Mr. Schmidt stated the work would take place on the weekends and after hours. Mrs. Silva asked if there will be staff available to clean up the area when students are back on campus, and Mr. Schmidt replied there are custodians and contractors that will make sure that is taken care of. Mr. Wulfenstein asked if Mr. Schmidt knows what the code enforcement is in the area regarding work times and restrictions, and Mr. Schmidt replied he would look into it. Mr. Gent made a motion to award the bid to Western Single Ply for \$1,490,097.00. Mr. Small seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Mr. Small made a motion to approve check vouchers: No. 1037 for \$92,390.51; No. 1043 for \$44,309.59; No. 1044 for \$227,343.67; No. 1046 for \$514,687.69; No. 1047 for \$41,630.50; No. 1048 for \$116,458.93; No. 1053 for \$60,353.59; No. 1055 for \$86,309.46; No. 1056 for \$41,747.63; No. 1060 for \$683.62; No. 1061 for \$267,387.10; No. 1062 for \$95,370.13; No. 1068 for \$682,424.23; No. 1069 for \$285,896.92; No. 1070 for \$22,253.00; No. 1071 for \$202,865.31; No. 1072 for \$1,978.16; No. 1075 for \$10,555.33; No. 1488 for \$4,113.80; No. 1489 for \$5,085.74; No. 1492 for \$13,100.00; No. 1493 for \$5,468.27; No. 1497 for \$6,904.32; No. 1498 for \$51,413.11; and No. 1500 for \$348.59. Mr. White seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. White made a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Gent seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

The BOT went into closed session at 6:41 p.m., and back into open session at 7:30 p.m.

RATIFICATION OF NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN NYE COUNTY SUPPORT STAFF ORGANIZATION (NCSO)

Mrs. Wright explained the changes in the contract. Mr. Gent made a motion to approve. Mr. White seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES' SALARY SCHEDULES

Mr. Ritchie explained the changes to the salary schedules. Mr. Gent made a motion to approve. Mr. Small seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

APPROVAL OF A NEW PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER POSITION FOR AMARGOSA VALLEY K-8 SCHOOL

Mrs. Wright explained the need for the position. Mrs. Fischer made a motion to approve. Mr. Gent seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

APPROVAL OF AN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) INTERPRETER LEVEL II, AND CLARIFICATION OF LEVELS

Mrs. Wright explained the need for the Level II position, and clarified Levels I and II. Discussion ensued. Mr. Gent made a motion to approve. Mrs. Campos seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The BOT discussed and appointed members to the committee vacancies.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE BOARD MEETING TOPICS

Mr. Small asked about the Hope Squad. Mrs. Weir stated that updates had recently gone out, and will keep the BOT updated. Mr. Small also stated he would like to see an update about Duckwater School.

Mr. Wulfenstein asked about the Superintendent's contract. Mr. Kunzi stated he can get a contract together by looking at past contracts. A Special Meeting will be set for September 27, 2023 to approve the Superintendent's contract. Mr. Wulfenstein also stated he would like a future topic regarding Silver Rim School.

Mr. Kunzi talked about setting up a training workshop for new Board members.

CHANGE OF DATE/ATTENDANCE AREA OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

None.

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None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wulfenstein adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

By  _____
Larry Small, Clerk