

**NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wulfenstein called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Round Mountain Middle School High School (RMMS/HS) student Wyatt Snow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME

Mr. Wulfenstein welcomed everyone to the Board of Trustees meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Weir recognized coach Walker from Pahrump Valley High School, who was selected as Tom Flores Coach of the Week by the Las Vegas Raiders. Mrs. Goosetree from Mount Charleston Elementary was recognized for being among the top five finalists for Early Childhood Teacher of the Year for the state of Nevada 2024.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bryan Wulfenstein, President; Nathan Gent, Vice President; Larry Small, Clerk; Chelsy Fischer, Member; Robert White, Member; Leslie Campos, Member; Chelsea Silva, Member.

Executive Cabinet/District Office staff in attendance: Joe Gent, Superintendent; Laura Weir, Assistant Superintendent; Genoveva Lopez-Angelo, Assistant Superintendent; Ray Ritchie, Chief Operating Officer; Brian Kunzi, Legal Council; Michelle Wright, Director of Human Resources; Shanda Roderick, Director of Special Education; Dr. Kenny Weaver, Director of Assessment and Accountability; Jasmine Stackhouse Instructional Coordinator; Karen Holley, Director of Grants; Justin Deverse, Assistant Director of Technology; Sean Elks, Systems Administrator; Nate Cardinal, Project Manager; Iliana Garcia and Alma Wright, Executive Assistants.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Wulfenstein adopted the agenda as written.

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

One public comment was made.

CONSENT AGENDA

- September 19 and October 17, 2024 minutes
- October 17, 2024 Closed Session Minutes
- Tuition Agreement between Nye and Esmeralda County School District
- Tuition Agreement between Nye and Eureka County School District
- Tuition Agreement between Nye and Lander County School District
- Tuition Agreement between Nye and White Pine County School District

Item 8A. The September 19, 2024 minutes were removed for revision.

Mr. Gent made a motion to approve item 8 with the removal of item 8A. Mrs. Campos seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor 7-0.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Lopez-Angelo introduced Round Mountain Schools' Principal, Sonja Miller. Mrs. Miller welcomed everyone and shared highlights about her school's star ratings, goals, data, and implementation.

Mrs. Weir provided an update on Behavior and Discipline. She spoke about behavior events, behavior events by location, behavior events by type, behavior events by grade level, behavior events by school level, Rosemary Clarke Middle School's 22% decrease in events, and what is different from last year.

Mrs. Weir provided an update on the Hope Squad initiative, noting her continued engagement with the monthly virtual advisory meetings. She also announced an ongoing collaboration with the Nye Communities Coalition to explore potential grant funding opportunities for the program. To illustrate progress, Mrs. Weir presented comparative pre-survey data from the beginning of the current academic year against the previous year. Key findings were highlighted by examining responses to select questions, demonstrating the program's impact.

Dr. Weaver presented the 2023-2024 Nevada Report Card Data via PowerPoint. He spoke about the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC), World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA); Science Proficiency, Elementary School star ratings, Pooled Proficiency, ELA Proficiency, Math Proficiency, Read by Grade 3 Proficiency, ES Science Proficiency, Middle School star ratings, Pooled Proficiency, MS ELA Proficiency, MS Math Proficiency, MS Science Proficiency, ACT, High School star ratings, HS Math Proficiency, HS ELA Proficiency, HS Science Proficiency, ES, MS, and HS Chronic Absenteeism.

Mr. Gent asked about the Nevada Report Card ranking for Nye County compared to other districts. Dr. Weaver will look into the rankings and provide an update.

Mrs. Holley presented on Grant Funded Pre-K Classrooms via PowerPoint. She spoke about the number of grant-funded Pre-K seats in NCS D for the 24-25 school year, Nevada Ready, AB400 Early Childhood Innovative Literacy Program (ECILP), Federal Poverty Limit, AB495, funding, allocation amount per classroom of 20 students, average cost of a Pre-K classroom in NCS D for one teacher and one paraprofessional in 2024-2025, Legislative Session, State discussion for any new grants that might be available, and working with the COO to avoid funding cliff of AB495.

Mr. Cardinal gave a brief update on the practice field at PVHS. RCMS roofing is complete. TES construction is moving forward. The BHS rekeying project should be completed over winter break. Window film is in progress. Tonopah sports complex designs will be reviewed with KNIT, and a final flyover will be provided at the November BOT meeting. The RCMS HVAC phase 2 units are being built.

Mrs. Weir informed the Board that one of the new buses in Pahrump was evacuated due to smoke coming out of the roof-mounted AC unit. There were no injuries or fire; it was a mechanical issue.

Mrs. Lopez-Angelo and Mrs. Weir presented the updated Board Updates via PowerPoint. They shared information about Instructional Coaches and Principals training on October 1st and Mastery Connect Training on October 23rd and continued monthly check-ins with principals, identifying roles and getting leaders into place. A survey was created and will be sent out, and online training will be provided in the next four to six weeks.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Gent provided updates on various district initiatives, including Essential Standards, Mastery Connect implementation, and progress on district goals. He also discussed the importance of relationships, communication, and flexibility in achieving organizational success. He emphasized the district's commitment to improving instructional practices and creating a positive learning environment.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mr. Small summarized his recent district tours, highlighting the valuable insights he gained. He congratulated all staff for their contributions. He also shared his experience attending a parent empowerment workshop focused on Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and 504 plans. Looking ahead, he announced the upcoming annual Pahrump Disability Outreach Program (PDOP) and encouraged participation. Finally, Mr. Small proposed a goal for a district warehouse, with planning to commence following the completion of the Tonopah project.

Mrs. Fischer began by expressing her sincere apologies to a staff member within the finance department for recent miscommunications. She emphasized her commitment to improving financial processes to enhance clarity and transparency for both the Board and the public. This initiative aims to eliminate confusion. Mrs. Fischer apologized to all district employees, acknowledging that her direct communication style may have been perceived as divisive. She expressed gratitude for all staff members' dedication and hard work, recognizing that she has often fallen short of providing adequate praise and appreciation.

CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to NRS 388.471-388.515; NRS 388.267 and NRS 241.030 for the purpose of discussion of personnel matters regarding the possible non-permissible physical restraint of a student and a proposed corrective action plan as required by NRS 388.508. And to review the NCSD Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

Closed Session started at 7:04 pm.

Closed Session ended at 7:39 pm.

Regular Session resumed at 7:42 pm.

Approve, disapprove, amend or modify the proposed corrective action plan regarding the possible non-permissible physical restraint violation

Mr. Gent made a motion to approve item 12. Mr. Small seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor 7-0.

Approve or disapprove the district-wide Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

Mr. Gent made a motion to approve item 13. Mrs. Campos seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor 7-0.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF THE NCSD WARRANTS

NCSD Warrants: No. 1064 for \$142,204.73; No. 1029 for \$5,504.07; No. 1506 for \$69,814.76; No. 1100 for \$64,526.02; No. 1099 for \$709,923.32; No. 1098 for \$280,816.93; No. 1096 for \$322,901.32; No. 1090 for \$197,743.84; No. 1088 for \$191,274.76; No. 1087 for \$304,769.34; No. 1086 for \$410,001.83; No. 1085 for \$272,074.26; No. 1084 for \$8,000.00; No. 1081 for \$28,724.30; No. 1080 for \$101,384.61; No. 1079 for \$156,433.31; No. 1078 for \$14,996.11; No. 1077 for \$2,078.00; No. 1076 for \$11,627.62; No. 1071 for \$415,905.93; No. 1070 for \$29,791.86; No. 1069 for \$137,436.70; No. 1068 for \$589,101.58.

Mr. Gent made a motion to approve the warrants. Mr. Small seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor 7-0.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE BOARD MEETING TOPICS

Mr. Small asked about follow-up with the Special Olympics and the district's response to their previous presentation.

Mr. Gent asked about the grading system in elementary schools and setting a time schedule for the Tonopah Sports Complex in Tonopah.

Mrs. Fischer inquired about the support and availability of curriculum by the vendors from whom instructional materials were recently acquired. She sought clarification on the types of support offered.

Mr. Wulfenstein requested that the issue of potential overcrowding in schools and challenges be added to the agenda for future discussion to proactively address the anticipated impact of projected demographic expansion and community growth.

DISCUSSION TO APPROVE, DISAPPROVE, AMEND, OR MODIFY THE DATE OR ATTENDANCE AREA OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Mr. Gent asked about rescheduling the upcoming Board meeting from Nov 14, 2024 to November 12, 2024. Mr. Wulfenstein would also like to change the date.

Mr. Gent made a motion to approve the upcoming BOT meeting from November 14th to November 12th, 2024. Mr. White seconded, and the motion passed with a vote all in favor 7-0.

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

One public comment was made.

ADJOURNMENT

8:00 pm

By _____

Larry Small, Clerk