

SPECIAL MEETING (Thursday, June 15, 2023)

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1. WELCOME (PROCEDURAL)

Procedural: 1.01 Call to Order - 5:30 pm

Procedural: 1.02 Roll Call: Lynn Conley__p_, Leonard Fiorenzi_p___, Melinda Filippini_a___, Hallee Dechambeau_p____, Dillon Pollock_p____, Tate Else__p_, Lisa Hutchison__p_, Travis Carr__p_.

Procedural: 1.03 Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

Action: 1.04 Adoption of the Agenda - PLEASE NOTE: The Board reserves the right to: 1) Take items in a different order 2) combine two or more agenda items for consideration 3) remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time, in order to accomplish the business on the agenda in the most efficient matter. Public Comment will be taken on any item on this agenda on which action may be taken, before action is taken on the item.

- Trustee Fiorenzi made a motion to adopt the agenda.
- Motion was seconded by Trustee Pollock
- No public comment.
- Motion passed.

Information: 1.05 Student Advisory Report

- No Student Advisory report.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Information: 2.01 Guidelines for Public Comment: Comments may be made by members of the public on any matters within the authority of the Board. Please note that Public Comment will be taken on any item on this Agenda marked "FOR POSSIBLE ACTION" before action is taken on such items, and members of the public are encouraged to comment on such items at the time they are being considered. Although members of the Board may respond to questions and discuss issues raised during the period reserved for Public Comment, no action may be taken on such a matter until the matter is placed on an agenda for action at a meeting of the Board. In making Public Comment, speakers are asked to identify themselves for the record and to limit their comments to no more than three (3) minutes. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. Members of the public who desire to have an item placed on an agenda of the Board are asked to submit their request and any supporting information to the Superintendent for review five (5) days prior to the date of a Regular Meeting of the Board.

- Board President, Lynn Conley called for public comment.
- No public comment.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Action: 3.01 Acceptance of renewal proposal from Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL) and approval for payment from fiscal year 2023 - 2024 funds. Proposal amount is one hundred ninety-five thousand, four hundred eighty dollars, and eleven cents (\$195,480.11). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN.

- Stephen Romero, Member Relations Management with POOL/PACT spoke to the board regarding the district's opportunity to participate in this membership owned risk management pool. Mr. Romero had two 2023-2024 fiscal year renewal proposals, one which included a \$5,000 deductible for \$195,480.11 and another with a \$10,000 deductible for \$187,721.22. He continued with a program summary and information on the many different programs available through POOL/PACT including: Passive Network Assessments tools, e-learning Human Resources, and more.
- Trustee Fiorenzi made a motion to approve the POOL PACT insurance renewal for \$195,480.11.
- Trustee Dechambeau provided a second to the motion.
- Board President, Lynn Conley called for public comment. There was no public comment.
- Motion passed.

Action: 3.02 Discuss, approve, or deny Social Media Mass Litigation. District Legal Counsel, Ryan Russell, Esq. will make a presentation to the Eureka County School District Board of Trustees regarding this agreement. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN.

- Legal Counsel, Ryan Russell spoke to the board about the origination of this Social Media Mass Litigation stating that there would be no financial impact or attorney fees to the district if the Board of Trustees decided to join the litigation. Mr. Russell continued explaining that this is different than a class action suit as each district is a plaintiff. The Board of Trustees asked question regarding the involvement of other districts in Nevada and if there was a possible downside to joining the suit. Mr. Russell indicated that there would be some reporting necessary that would impact time of employees.
- Trustee Pollock made a motion to approve joining the Social Media Mass Litigation.
- Trustee Fiorenzi provided a second to the motion.
- Mr. Russell stated that upon approval of the motion the district will have access to him to work through the process for this litigation.
- Motion passed.

Action: 3.03 Discuss, approve, or deny designation of open certified positions as Critical Need. The board will consider designating certified positions as qualifying to be filled under Critical Labor Shortage. Designating these positions as Critical Need under Critical Labor Shortage will allow the district to consider candidates who have previously retired within the state. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN.

- Superintendent Else stated to the board that nation wide teacher shortage is very real. Taking this action will open the field to more candidates. He strongly recommended that the board approves this. once the board makes a decision to deem these teaching positions as Critical Need, the request will be submitted to the State to start the process.
- President, Lynn Conley questioned how long the Critical Need designation will be in effect. Superintendent Else replied that it would last 2 years.
- A motion to approve the designation of open certified positions as Critical Need was made by Trustee Pollock.
- Trustee Fiorenzi provided a second to the motion.
- No public comment when called for.
- Motion passed.

Action: 3.04 Discuss, approve, or deny Contract Agreement for Elmer Porter, District's System Engineer beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024 for the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand, One Hundred Sixteen dollars and 44 cents (\$124,116.44). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN.

- Superintendent Else stated that this is Elmer's annual contract and reflects the 2% increase and stipend that was negotiated for the certified staff.
- Trustee Pollock made a motion to approve Elmer Porter's contract agreement.
- Trustee Dechambeau provided a second to the motion.
- President Conley called for public comment and received none.
- Motion passed.

Action: 3.05 Discuss, approve, or deny Contract Agreement for Lisa Hutchison, Principal at Eureka Elementary and Crescent Valley Elementary Schools beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024 for the amount of one hundred twenty-eight thousand, two hundred twenty-six dollars and seven cents. (128,226.07). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN.

- Hallee Dechambeau made a motion to approve Lisa Hutchison's Contract Agreement.
- Dillon Pollock seconded the motion.
- No public comment.
- Motion passed.

Action: 3.06 Discuss, approve, or deny Contract Agreement for Tate Else, Superintendent of Eureka County School District, beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2025 for the amount of One Hundred Sixty-three Thousand dollars (\$163,000.00). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN.

- Superintendent Else stated that this contract is for a two-year period and a salary increase of what he would have received per the certified negotiated agreements in those two years.
- Dillon Pollock moved to approve Tate Else's contract.
- Second received from Hallee Dechambeau.
- No public comment.
- Motion passed.

Action: 3.07 Discuss, approve, or deny new Contract Agreement for Blair Roman, Principal at Eureka High School, beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024 amount of contract to be determined by education and experience. Base salary ranging from \$65,976 to \$116,415 plus formulary Administrator Compensation amount per District Policy 2214 AR. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN.

- Superintendent Else told the board that the district does not have all of the education factors at this time. Once we have all of these in hand we will run the numbers through the Administration Formula that the Board had developed a couple years ago and finalize the contract. Superintendent Else also state that he was able to spend a few days working with Blair and is very excited to work with him.
- Motion to approve the contract agreement for Blair Roman was made by Trustee Dechambeau.
- Trustee Pollock provided a second to the motion.
- No public comment.
- Motion passed.

Discussion, Procedural: 3.08 Discuss, approve, or deny Business and Finance Policy 3000.16 Suspension and Disbarment - FIRST READING.

Action, Discussion, Procedural: 3.09 Discuss, approve, or deny revision of Business and Finance Policy 3000.07 - District Purchasing. FIRST READING.

Discussion, Procedural: 3.10 Discuss, approve, or deny Business and Finance Policy 3000.17 - Fund Balance. FIRST READING.

Discussion, Procedural: 3.11 Discuss, approve, or deny revision of Personnel Policy 4121 - Substitute and Replacement Teachers. FIRST READING.

Action: 3.12 Discuss, approve, or deny accepting the lowest, responsive bid for ECSD Phase 3 Flooring Project. Bid Opening will occur on June 14, 2023 and results are not available at the time of this posting. Architects estimated cost of project is \$250,000. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN.

- Superintendent Else explained to the board that the bid openings were higher than expected on this and other projects on this agenda. This item and other projects on this agenda were addressed and discussed at this time. Discussion included the higher than expected bids and budget impact on these projects. The board discussed the need for all projects and also discussed options and negative effects of prolonging or putting off projects with Maintenance Supervisor, Doran Adams. Trustee Pollock expressed concern about the timeline of all the projects and discussion followed. Daran Adams said that the roof replacement on the Vandal Athletic Center would effect the fall sports.
- Motion to approve accepting the lowest, responsive bid for the ECSD Phase 3 Flooring Project for \$361,700 from SI Legacy was made by Trustee Pollock.
- Trustee Fiorenzi provided a second to the motion.
- No public comment.
- Motion passed.

Action: 3.13 Discuss, approve, or deny accepting the lowest, responsive bid for ECSD Exterior Paint Project. Bid Opening will occur on June 14, 2023 and results are not available at the time of this posting. Architects estimated cost of project is \$250,000. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN.

- Motion to approve the bid for \$478,497 was made by Trustee Fiorenzi.
- Motion was seconded by Trustee Pollock.
- No public comment.
- Motion passed.

Action: 3.14 Discuss, approve, or deny accepting the lowest, responsive bid for ECSD Safety and Security Window Film Project. Bid Opening will occur on June 14, 2023 and results are not available at the time of this posting. Architects estimated cost of project is \$100,000. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN.

- The Board of Trustees discussed that there were no bids opened for this project. However, Superintendent Else would like to see this project completed. Trustee Fiorenzi stated that the district could now find a vendor to complete the work. Superintendent Else said that he would speak to legal counsel to get clarification on how to proceed with the project.

Action: 3.15 Discuss, approve, or deny accepting the lowest, responsive bid for ECSD Vandal Athletic Center Roof Modification. Bid Opening will occur on June 14, 2023 and results are not available at the time of this posting. Architects estimated cost of project is \$650,000. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN.

- Trustee Pollock asked why the bid estimates were so far off. Maintenance Supervisor, Doran Adams explained that the VAC roof is very complex and there is extra cost in the product we have requested. He continued the discussion to address the Painting Project over estimate, stating that we could value engineer and use a different paint product and scale back on the sanding and save money.
- Trustee Pollock made a motion to approve the bid from MGM Construction for \$1,630,000.
- Motion was seconded by Trustee Fiorenzi.
- No public comment
- Motion passed.

Action: 3.16 Discuss, approve, or deny Resolution to Commit Ending Fund Balance for One-Year Collective Bargaining Agreements, construction contracts not completed by June 30th and outstanding purchases agreements not fulfilled in the 2023 Fiscal Year, totaling \$1,959,834 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN.

- Superintendent Else spoke to the board regarding the need for committing ending fund balance.
- Motion to approve the Resolution to Commit Ending Fund Balance was made by Trustee Pollock adding that this resolution modifies the resolution from the prior year.
- The motion was seconded by Trustee Dechambeau.
- No public comment.
- Motion passed.

4. REPORTS (Information Only/No Action)

Reports: 4.01 High School Principal's Report

- High School Principal, Travis Carr reported to the board on Eureka High School activities including 6th Grade Move-Up Day, State Track, Ag Day at the high school, Art Show, Band Concerts, E-Day. Graduation, 8th Grade Promotion, and Grad Night.

Reports: 4.02 Elementary School Principal's Report

- Eureka and Crescent Valley Elementary Principal, Lisa Hutchison spoke to the board regarding year end activities at both elementary schools. She stated that both schools had successful year of the year events, including Field Day, Awards Ceremonies.

Reports: 4.03 Finance Officer's Report

- Finance Officer, Month to Month Cash Balance Reports and reports on all accounts. She noted that all expenditures are reported each month in the consent agenda and asked if the board had any questions on those items.

Reports: 4.04 Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Else reported to the board that the legislative session and special session were over and he would like to invite the district lobbyist, Caleb Cage to speak with the board (possibly, next meeting).

Information: 4.05 Board Reports

- None

5. CONSENT AGENDA - (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Action (Consent): 5.02 Ratify Payroll Account Payable Warrants and Electronic Transfer/Purchase Cards - PR #23 direct deposits and checks 301723 to 301744 for \$275,635.37, PR #24 direct deposits and checks 301745 to 301750 for \$354,538.91, AP checks 104879 to 104929 for \$176,756.58. AP checks 104930 to 104955 for \$89,362.81, CC payment 5/17/23 for \$8,700.00, AP Checks 104956 to 104997 for \$339,602.08, CC Payment 5/25/23 for \$7,690.33

Action (Consent): 5.03 Approve Minutes of May 16, 2023 Board Meeting

Action (Consent): 5.04 Ratify hiring of Jill Howe for Middle School, Certified Teacher position.

Action (Consent): 5.05 Ratify Special Education and Operation and Maintenance Budget Transfers.

- Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Dechambeau.
- Trustee Pollock seconded the motion.
- No public comment.
- Motion passed with Trustee Pollock and Trustee Dechambeau disclosing that they have relatives working at the district.

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- No public comment.

7. SET AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

8. ADJOURNMENT

Action: 8.01 Motion to Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Dechambeau.
- A second to the motion was provided by Trustee Pollock.
- Motion Passed.