

EUREKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
February 12th, 2013

Board Room, Eureka Elementary School, Nevada
Room 8, Crescent Valley Elementary School, Nevada
Meeting sites were connected by interactive video.

5:30 P.M. – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Bacon-Bowling.

Roll Call

Present:

Kathy Bacon-Bowling, President
John Brown, Clerk
Darla Baumann, Member (late)
Terrilyn Brown, Member
Sara Simmons, Member (absent)

Ben Zunino, Superintendent/Principal
Ken Fujii, High School Principal
Mark Martinsen, District Administrator
Student Advisory Member – Alyissa Williams (Absent)

Action to Adopt the Agenda for February 12th, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

Action: It was moved by Terrilynn Brown and seconded by John Brown to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

President Bacon-Bowling asked for any public comment. Teacher Ryan Moss announced that he is helping coach the junior high wrestling program and that there is no funding for this. He is also helping coach the youth wrestling program that is sponsored by the juvenile probation department. He feels like there is a gap in the program from the youth level to the high school level. He stated that many other schools sponsor a junior high wrestling team. He stated that junior high wrestling and junior high basketball schedules do not conflict, so students do not have to make a choice between the two sports. Juvenile Probation Officer Steve Zimmerman affirmed Mr. Moss' statement and advised the group that junior high basketball ends before junior high wrestling season starts. Some of the schools use the Tah-Neva League to provide the junior high wrestling program. Junior high students have participated for the past two years and it has been funded in part by the Juvenile Probation program, because a name was needed to wrestle under. Last year, the entry fees were funded mostly by the parents. Mr. Zimmerman said that there are eight or nine kids who are interested in the wrestling program. He requested that the school district fund the program this year and place it on next month's agenda, or if not this year, then fund the program for next year and subsequent years. President Bacon-Bowling said that she would like this topic placed on the next board agenda. Ms. Bacon-Bowling said that she would like to hear more about this issue and hear more discussion amongst the board, with Terrilyn Brown agreeing. Darla Baumann requested that some written information be provided to the board regarding cost. Mr. Zimmerman said that there were only four meets in the Tah-Neva league.

In other public comment, David Hicks, high school baseball coach advised the board that for the last two years, it has been a struggle getting the baseball players out of school before 1:00 when the games start at 2:00 p.m. He does not feel that this dismissal time is sufficient. He stated that he does not feel like all teams at the high school are treated the same. He believes that some teams are dismissed earlier than other teams and shown preferential treatment.

Community member Donna Moyer addressed the board during the public comment section. She also asked why the girl's basketball team got to travel to the state playoffs so much earlier than the boy's basketball

team. She believes that the girl's basketball team receives favored treatment, over other sport's teams. She also questioned the punishment of some students who had violated the drug and alcohol policy of the school because she did not feel that the punishment was sufficient. In addition, she feels like the school district should be building more classrooms and wonders why the district is not doing that. She questioned the use of the old District Office by a church group when they aren't paying rent. She thinks that the District Office staff should be moved back to the old office building, and feels like the kindergarten and preschool classrooms should be combined, rather than a separate room for each class. She thinks that another first grade teacher is needed. She wants the school district to plan now for expected future growth. Board Clerk John Brown told Mrs. Moyer that the board has been planning for a long time to mitigate these growth issues and the new gym construction is part of that long-term planning. He asked Superintendent Zunino to address the student violation of the drug and alcohol policy. Superintendent Zunino explained that the district's policy has been provided by the Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association (NIAA) as a best practices policy and the school district has chosen to adopt the same policy used by other schools in the state. The first violation of the drug and alcohol policy is two weeks suspension. The student must go through a prescribed program of substance abuse, and upon successful completion of the on-line program, they can return to the team. For the second offense the student has to be removed from the sport for a semester, and the third offense is removal from participation for the rest of their time in high school. The NIAA policy has been used and applied as the standard policy in the school district. Mrs. Moyer feels that the school should take responsibility for the infractions, and not let the students who violate the policy return to the sport. She would like to see the policy changed because the students broke the law. President Bacon-Bowling asked the Superintendent to put the NIAA policy on the agenda to discuss the school's policy for the next agenda regarding the drug and alcohol policy. Mrs. Moyer asked to make a couple of additional comments. She asked several questions about the new gymnasium project, with Mrs. Bacon-Bowling interjecting that the gymnasium project would be discussed later on during the meeting with another agenda item.

Darla Baumann stated that the board has already talked about whether a middle school should be constructed. As far as a middle school the board feels that a middle school would prevent many of the students from taking the advanced classes that they can take in the high school setting. She said that the board felt that building a new school for something like fifty students would be met with a lot of resistance. The board felt that the greater advantage was for the junior high/middle school students to be able to use the teachers who were already available at the high school. As far as the gymnasium is concerned, she stated that the wrestlers would be able to have their own dedicated space in the new gym and that track students could utilize the gym for track practice when it was too cold to practice outside. She said that the board had carefully considered the gymnasium facility and believed that the project was undertaken to solve a lot of the problems that had been brought to the board in the past. Terrilynn Brown stated that she wants her children to be able to take the high school classes while they are in junior high and to be able to take advantage of the advanced curriculum by sharing teaching staff. Mrs. Baumann stated that the board undertook this project to solve problems, not to make anyone mad and that the board had done their best. Mrs. Baumann said that now the seventh and eighth grade students have access to the high school math and English teacher, rather than having to take the online classes. This prepares them for the high school classes that are later offered online and the advanced course offerings.

Mrs. Moyer asked about the Superintendent's contract and the renewal of the contract when there were still two years remaining on the contract. She stated that he should have finished out his current contract before the contract was renewed. She thinks that the contract should be negotiated once it expires and should not be renewed prior to its expiration. Also, Mrs. Moyer talked about the girl's basketball team being allowed to leave early for the trip to the state playoffs, and the boys team was not afforded the same opportunity. She discussed the expense of student travel and the hardship that purchasing meals while traveling is for families. She thinks that the district can assist with the cost of meals for students. Mrs. Moyer also thinks that too much emphasis is placed on sports, and that more emphasis needs to be placed on helping teachers with the task that they need to do. Mr. Fujii explained that the girls and boys had different schedules for the playoff games, and that the girl's team played earlier and that is why they were leaving a day earlier than the boy's team. Kim Hicks thinks that the teams could leave at the same time and travel together, despite the scheduling difference. Several other audience members voiced concerns about the girl's team often getting to leave earlier. Terrilynn Bailey asked Mr. Fujii how it was determined when the teams would leave. David Hicks, baseball coach, said he is told by Mr. Fujii when the baseball team could leave.

Mr. Fujii said that the goal was to preserve as much class time as possible when making the decision. Parents in the audience provided input regarding sports team departure and their dissatisfaction with the current departure decisions. President Bacon-Bowling suggested that a meeting be scheduled between the coaches and the Activities Director and parents to discuss the concerns. The Board can then be apprised of the outcome of this meeting, so that policy can be implemented. Robin Hicks talked about the four day school week and absenteeism rates of students. Several board members suggested that the four day school week be discussed in the future when the school calendar preparation occurs. Julie Fischer discussed the high cost of meals for traveling athletes and suggested that admission for games be re-implemented and to use those funds to offset the cost of meals for students. Mrs. Fisher also commented on the inequity with departure time for different teams. Mr. Fujii asked whether her suggestion for paid student meals also extends to groups like FFA, and other non-athletic groups, and she thought that it should. Several audience members commented on the practice by the school district in the past where the district provided five dollars per meal to help offset some of the costs (two meals per day). Mike Rebaleati reminded the group that the district did this for about three or four years, before the practice was eliminated.

Student Advisory Report – Information Only/No Action

A. Due to the absence of the student advisory member, no report was given.

Discussion/Information/Action Items

Agenda Item # 1 – Board of School Trustees: Appoint board member to serve on Debt Management Committee with other appointees selected by Eureka County Commissioners. One school board member designee has been requested by Eureka County Commissioners. For Possible Action. Public Comment

Terrilynn Brown volunteered to serve on the Debt Management Committee if no other board members were interested.

Action: Motion by John Brown, seconded by Darla Baumann, to appoint Terrilynn Brown to this committee. Motion Carries

Agenda Item #2 –Continued Review of the Gymnasium/Recreation Facility Project. The Board will review, discuss, and consider action regarding accepting the proposed conceptual drawing for the Gymnasium/Recreation facility. Discussion and/or action may include but not be limited to the following:

- a) Accepting the current proposed conceptual drawing*
- b) Revising the current proposed conceptual drawing*
- c) Reconsider focus and design of the current project*

FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Public Comment

- President Bacon-Bowling discussed the presentation that occurred at the Opera House on January 29th to discuss this project. Mrs. Bacon-Bowling made some notes from comments that she heard from the public. Some of the items that were mentioned were:
- Stage at the elementary school being refurbished
- Request for the teachers at the elementary school maintain a fifteen to one ration
- Enough funding for the construction of additional classroom construction if gym is built?
- Redesign the current plans to incorporate more classrooms into the gym to make a more "middle-school/gym" facility"
- Comments on the location - didn't care for the location
- Comments on the large 1000 capacity seating of the gym, when town does not have enough lodging or parking to support this size of crowd
- Parking situation - not enough parking at the high school now
- Make sure that building is built so that technology does not become obsolete
- Make sure that county commissioners are interested in a combined effort on the project
- Are there enough restrooms in the facility
- Could seating be removed to provide more classroom space

- Could a stage be implemented in the plans for graduation, dance classes, or drama club

One person filled out the written comment sheet. Those written comments concerned the kitchen facility at the new gym, middle school classrooms were insufficient, why not build more classrooms, and other miscellaneous comments.

President Bacon Bowling read a letter from Eric Pastorino. The letter mentioned the road that may be built on Ridgetop Road and Sherridan Avenue, and the Pastorino property that was located by the roads. If their property could be utilized, the letter mentioned their land developer.

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the suggestions that had been made by the public at the Opera House presentation. John Brown mentioned that the stage idea was a good idea and if everyone liked the idea, now was the time to add the stage concept rather than after it is built.

Darla Baumann added that many of these ideas had been discussed in prior meetings such as the solar panel idea, the kitchen, and the incorporation of classrooms into the design. She feels that it is unfortunate that those who are now making suggestions, had not been present during the previous planning sessions. Mrs. Baumann reminded the group that there had been numerous meetings prior to any construction occurring on the project. The plan was designed to construct the facility to meet the needs of all of the athletic teams. Robin Hicks said that a lot of meetings were held and that many people had concerns over the location of the gym. She feels that no one listened to the concerns about the location of the facility and that those people's concerns were rejected. Devanie Etchegaray said that she had attended those meetings and this project has been in the planning stages for almost three years. She said that all of the concerns that people are raising now, had been discussed long ago and that after decisions have been made, now people are unfairly questioning these decisions when these people did not attend and provide input when it was asked for. Brandy Anderson criticized the district because she does not feel that the meetings that were held in the past were not publicized properly because she does not go to the places where meetings agendas are posted.

Mike Rebaleati addressed the board regarding the construction project. He suggested that the board pause in their plans for a few months, and develop a master plan. He said that he supports improvements that the school has undertaken, but he thinks that there is a lack of planning. He cited the track facility as an example. He would like to see a master plan that incorporates an "over-all" plan. He provided suggestions for formulating such a plan that would address future growth needs. In conclusion to his comments, Mr. Rebaleati questioned the fire access to the facility and the lack of parking for the facility. He criticized the district for razing the old school, under the promise from past board members of building a junior high there and there is no master plan that indicates such. He provided several other ideas. John Brown addressed Mr. Rebaleati's concern about fire access. Mr. Brown said that fire access had been addressed by those who were working on extending Ridgetop Road to drop a road into the proposed parking lot. There are also plans to add more classrooms to each school to provide for future growth. President Bacon-Bowling expressed her desire to have a master plan document created, similar to the master plan that the county prepares. In response to Mike Rebaleati's desire to postpone the project for a few months, John Brown said that the construction schedule had been scheduled so that concrete was not done during the winter months, and that a delay would put the construction schedule at risk for having to do critical construction during the winter. Additional classroom construction plans at the high school was discussed. Superintendent Zunino said that there were about forty students in the junior high right now. Relocating those junior high students out of the high school would prevent them from access to taking high school credits from high school teachers. Then, when those students are in high school the junior high students can take college classes at the high school.

Motion made by John Brown to accept the current conceptual drawing, seconded by Darla Baumann. (Vote not taken at this time).

Further discussion occurred amongst the board members about voting. The floor was turned over to Owner's Representative Mike Mitchell. He discussed the stage idea that had been introduced and suggested a portable stage as a solution. He said that the drawings were past the "conceptual" stage, and were much more detailed than conceptual stage - they are at 95% finished. However, a stage could be added at this

point. If there were some "minor" goals that could be incorporated into the facility, then that is possible. Tomorrow, Core Construction is conducting a contractors/vendors meeting in contractors who are interested in bidding on the job. If there are major changes, we would not want to move forward with this bidding process because the bids are based on the current drawings. Change orders to already established bids are usually expensive. The board would probably not want to make substantial changes after the bidding process. Mr. Mitchell referenced Mike Rebaleati's suggestions, which may cause problems with contractual relationships. If the board decided to put the project schedule off for two months, and if during that time, changes to the plan were identified and it takes more time to accomplish those changes, then the established construction deadline would be changed and may not be "weathered in" before next November or December. The delay suggested by Mr. Rebaleati, would prevent the district from being able to adhere to the "roughed-in" schedule prior to the onset of winter. Mike Mitchell asked what would be accomplished by this two month period delay. If it is just some "minor tweaking" then the "minor tweaking" could be accomplished anyway, without the suggested delay. Jim Miller of Core Construction had advised Mitchell that construction costs are rising by three to eight per cent, depending on the material (fuel, steel, etc.). Mr. Mitchell said that in regard to the request for a "Master Plan", that a drawing does exist that the prior board approved. This drawing does illustrate how each school would be added on to. Mr. Mitchell said that this was presented to the school board two or three times. In the next two months, Core Construction will have bid the drawings (110 sheets) which Mr. Mitchell stated had been available for the board to review over a period of probably five board meetings. In this time period, a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) would be obtained according to the Construction Manager at Risk's obligations. John Brown stated that if the district does not go forward with this project now (on schedule) and proceed, the district will lose a tremendous amount of credibility with contractors, who may not wish to bid the project in the future. Jim Miller, Core Construction and the district's Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR), agreed with John Brown. Mr. Miller said that he had been meeting on this project since January 7th with the pre-construction team. They have solicited interest from over 450 subcontractors to date. There may be as many as 120 subcontractors attend the meeting tomorrow in Eureka. Presentations to explain the project have been prepared and a lot of work has been undertaken. The subcontractors are in the process of qualifying for the CMAR process and this requires them to do a lot of work. If the project is delayed, they may lose faith in the school district and may not be interested in bidding on the jobs in the future because of the delay. He fears that the district may not get the best pricing in the future, if subcontractors lose faith with the district.

Mr. Rebaleati had additional questions about the parking lot and the total cost. Mr. Mitchell explained that the parking lot costs were not incorporated into the construction costs that Core Construction has been working with. Mr. Rebaleati feels that the district was "putting the cart before the horse", because the road that goes North from the high school had not been negotiated with the County. Mr. Mitchell said that this portion hasn't been fully engineered. Mr. Rebaleati expressed concern that the parking lot and the road leading to the road going north from the high school could be very expensive. He also wondered why the parking lot would be finalized well into the project and not addressed first. Mrs. Bacon-Bowling said that she agreed with Mr. Rebaleati, and that the parking situation was very important and should be addressed first. Jim Miller shared his concerns with putting the parking lot in first, as he thinks that the construction equipment that he plans to use to erect the gym, may damage the new parking lot if it were put in first. He feels that the utility development may disturb a new parking lot. Mrs. Bacon-Bowling stated that a lot of construction has to occur and she isn't sure that Barrick will be able to perform that work that they have indicated that they would do to remove a portion of the hill. She indicated that there is no written contract with them, and the same people at Barrick that said that the mining company would assist with the hill removal, may not even be there in a two years. She feels that some of the parking lot construction may need to be done first. Superintendent Zunino asked Ron Damele about the county's role in developing Hill Top Road. Mr. Damele said that it wasn't his understanding that the county would put the road in (from Homestake Housing to the County Shop). He envisioned that this would be a partnership between the district and the county. John Brown stated that Mr. Rebaleati was correct that an arrangement had not been reached with the County Commissioner's. Mr. Rebaleati re-iterated that he thinks that the parking lot should be part of the total project and completed all at once. Robin Hicks suggested that there should be written agreements (with the County and Barrick) that would be firm commitments. She said that everyone in town agrees that a facility is needed. John Brown asked Mr. Mitchell what the impact would be if a decision were made several days for now in another board meeting. That would allow the school board to approach the County Commissioners and then see whether Barrick would issue a letter of intent. Mr.

Mitchell did not think that would be a deal breaker. Mr. Brown then addressed the board members by asking them if the district can get resolution on the items aforementioned (the dirt work for the parking lot and road, and some involvement with the county), then were they interested in going forward with this. Kathy Bacon-Bowling said that she personally wants to go forward with just revising the current plan, with what they have talked about - just making some slight changes, not accepting it as it is now, but it still needs to be worked on by reducing some of the seating, adding the kitchen. She paraphrased by saying that it is the same building, but just needs to be revised. Perhaps even some more classrooms could be added, she stated for an emergency situation. Darla Baumann stated that other than the kitchen, the changes Mrs. Bacon-Bowling mentioned were "major". Mr. Mitchell said that going to a full kitchen is now incorporated into the bid set as an "added/alternative". Mr. Mitchell elaborated on the full kitchen concept added to the plans as an alternative to the reduced kitchen that was initially incorporated into the design. Mrs. Bacon-Bowling commented that if the school board approached the Board of County Commissioners and they say that they don't want any part in this facility at all and they don't want to provide any financial support, does the school board really want to keep it as a community facility? In a facility of this size, and the community is allowed to use the facility, then it is going to require more than just someone handing out keys to trusted people. She said that it will require extra staffing and even a manager, and someone to operate it. John Brown interjected that discussions have occurred in the past with county officials and he realized that more staff will be required. Mr. Brown feels like the board needs to have more discussion with the commissioners. Darla Baumann said that the community would be second, the facility is for the students first. Kathy Bacon-Bowling said that it hasn't been advertised as such, and that the community has been told that there would be community use. Mrs. Bacon-Bowling said that board needs to decide what they want and if it is just for the students, then does the district need certain things in this facility? Mrs. Baumann explained that the classrooms could be used by many different groups, not just students and the building was supposed to be for a lot of uses. Mrs. Baumann asked Mrs. Bacon-Bowling why she would want to make the facility smaller? Mrs. Bacon-Bowling said that at the meeting (Opera House), it had been discussed to remove some of the seating, because it was overkill. That space could be used for something else. Mr. Miller of Core Construction answered Kathy Bacon-Bowling's question about the seating by stating that he had been told by a lot of attendees at the Opera House, that the current gymnasium seating was inadequate for graduation ceremonies, senior night, etc. and he thinks that the current seating resulted from input provided by citizen requests in the three year's of planning. The previous board had been listening to the citizen's who complained that the existing gym is inadequate. Mr. Miller shared some of his experiences in Fallon with adding on to their school. John Brown asked Ron Damele if the school board could meet with the County Commissioners to come up with agreement so that the school board members could be more confident with the plan. Mr. Damele thinks that a consensus may be possible that a place holder could be placed in the budget for Ridgetop Road, but it needs to happen quickly. Mike Rebaleati said that the County Commissioners would be discussing the budget tomorrow and a school board member could attend and the discussion could start. There will also be a meeting on February 20th, and perhaps another meeting after that. Mr. Rebaleati thinks that this could all happen in a couple of weeks (joint discussion with the county). He also asked Mike Mitchell what the total seating capacity of the gym design is, with Mr. Mitchell stated that the total seating is approximately 940. He had additional suggestions for stage placement and asked Mr. Mitchell about the stage. The value of having a stage was discussed by several members of the board. Terrilynn Brown commented that she thinks that the gym is too big, unless it is some sort of a combination with the county. She feels that it is too big for just a school building. John Brown asked Mike Mitchell to get some preliminary costs to take some of the hill down. He will have Core Construction work on this question. John Brown stated to President Bacon-Bowling that he thinks that the lengthy discussion has addressed agenda item #2, #3, and #4.

Request for a break in the meeting from John Brown, with President Bacon-Bowling agreeing.

The board returns from the break. President Bacon-Bowling calls the meeting back to order.

President Bacon-Bowling addressed the board by stating that there was a motion made on Agenda Item #2 a) "Accepting the current proposed conceptual drawing" and a second to that motion. She asked Clerk John Brown if he wanted to rescind his motion, and move on to choice number 'b'? Mr. Brown said that with the discussion that the board has had, he thinks that the agenda item should be tabled, and have another special meeting in about a week. In the meantime, they could meet with the commissioner's and get their input. Mrs. Bacon-Bowling again asked Mr. Brown if he was going to table agenda item #2.

Darla Baumann asked the board members if they like the drawings. She said that they were not revising except for maybe the kitchen then the board is okay with the drawings except for the kitchen? She asked if this was correct. Terrilynn Brown said that this was correct for the other members, but not for her. Then, Mrs. Baumann inquired if the board could make a motion on that one? Mr. Brown stated that the motion has been made and seconded, and the board had received a lot of public comment. Mrs. Bacon-Bowling called for a vote on agenda item #2 a) "Accepting the current proposed conceptual drawing" with some "revisional changes". John Brown and Darla Baumann voted "Aye". Mrs. Bacon-Bowling called for any opposed, with Terrilynn Brown voted opposed. President Bacon-Bowling stated that the motion carries.

Agenda Item #3 – Discuss, approve or deny approaching the Board of County Commissioner's about proposed involvement in Gymnasium/Recreation Facility Project. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. Public Comment

Clerk John Brown advised the audience that this item had been discussed already during the course of the previous gymnasium discussions. President Bacon-Bowling asked for a motion. Terrilynn Brown made the motion that the Board of Trustees approach the County Commissioner's about proposed involvement in the Gymnasium/Recreation Facility Project, with John Brown seconding the motion. Motion carries.

Agenda Item #4 - Discuss, approve, or deny changing, modifying, or altering the current parking situation at Eureka High School. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. Public Comment

President Bacon-Bowling stated that this was an item that would be tabled for now. Terrilynn Brown seconded the motion. Motion carries

Agenda Item #5 - Discuss, approve, or deny cost sharing proposal from Eureka County Public Works for offsite and roadway improvements associated with new gymnasium facility. Approximate costs are anticipated to be \$600,000. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. Public Comment

Ron Damele was invited to address the board by Mike Mitchell. He stated that the road department had been working with the school consultants for about six to eight months on upgrading water, sewage, storm drains, curb, gutters, and road in back of the current firehouse up past the pool to the high school. Mr. Damele referred to a map as visual reference. He explained that utilities need to be upgraded, so that the new facility doesn't shed water into the street as there are no storm drains there now. A cost estimate has been developed for the entire project. He estimates that the entire project will cost 1.2 million. This is part of an entire project that the county is going to undertake. The portion assigned to the school board, with the cost share with the county. The school's portion has been assigned at a little more than \$600,000. The County is underwriting the cost of the engineering, bidding assistance, testing, construction management is the financial responsibility of the County. The District will not be asked to pay any more than the \$600,000 figure, even if the project costs more than is projected. It is planned that all of the infrastructure will be in place prior to the gym being occupied. It needs to be done right away. Mr. Mitchell reminded the board that the school district does own several pieces of property the whole length of Matthew Street, and Vandal Way. Right of way was discussed, and the need for right of way from the school district would be important to this project. This project will include sidewalks. Terrilynn Brown moved to approve the cost sharing proposal, seconded by Darla Baumann. Motion carries

Agenda Item #6 - Discuss, approve, or deny acceptance of "Annual Report of Claims Made per NRS 41.0385" summary provided by Mike Pavlakis, school district's attorney. NRS 41.0385(2) requires that the attorney for each local government shall compile and file with the clerk of its governing body a summary of all claims made against that government for tortuous conduct. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. Public Comment

President Bacon-Bowling introduced the agenda item. No claims were included in the report provided by Mr. Pavlakis. Motion made by Darla Baumann, seconded by John Brown. Motion carries

Agenda Item #7- Budget Discussion will consist of future board budget workshop dates and preliminary discussion of revenue sources and other general budget topics. DISCUSSION ONLY. Public Comment

Finance Officer Lisa Jones provided the board members with a synopsis of the district's revenue sources, along with a calendar of future budget deadlines and workshops. The process of budget presentations was discussed and the two scheduled budget workshops was explained. The budget deadlines for the tentative and the final budget were presented. Board members were advised that the public budget hearing is required by law to be held on May 15th. Next, the revenue sources in the general fund were explained to the board.

Agenda Item #8 - Nevada School Performance Framework Presentation by Superintendent Zunino and District Administrator Mark Martinsen. DISCUSSION ONLY. Public Comment

Superintendent Zunino introduced the topic of the Nevada School Performance Framework as the process in which schools will be evaluated, administrators will be evaluated, and teachers will be evaluated. Mr. Martinsen further elaborated on the framework. Currently, the evaluation process is AYP (annual yearly progress) and this is reached by students taking the criterion referenced testing (CRT's). Mr. Martinsen provided a comprehensive overview of the framework and the anticipated problems with the growth model. Superintendent Zunino shared some of his experiences in meetings with the Department of Education, and his attempts to explain how the framework would be a problem to small district's like Eureka. A lengthy discussion ensued. An audience member asked if the testing had gone up with the four day school week. Mr. Martinsen said that the initial effect of the four day school week had been positive, but in some cases writing has had its ups and downs. Mr. Martinsen said that there is always room for growth. Reading has been good, and the district has had 100% proficiency in 5th and 6th grade math. Superintendent Zunino said that more and more schools are looking at a four day school week. A survey was performed with the students, parents, and the teachers. The results of the survey were in the 90th percentile in favor of the four day school week.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of minutes from January 8th, 2013 Regular Meeting.
- B. Approve adding new employee(s) to district's authorized employee and substitute list. Deseri Marshall, Substitute Teacher, Sara Shoda, Emergency Substitute Teacher.
- C. Accept letter of resignation from Crescent Valley teacher Hallie Starr.
- D. Accept letter of resignation from Eureka Elementary teacher Patricia Etter.
- E. Accept letter of resignation from Educational Aide Clint Tognotti.
- F. Payroll and Warrants: Payroll check #054082 to #054164 for \$217,963.81. #054165 to #054167 for \$599.76, #054168 to #054265 for \$185,093.59, #054266 to #054266 for \$61.23. Account's Payable check #'s 020100 to #020162 for \$196,106.93, #020163 to #020202 for \$231,074.73, #020203 to #020224 for \$226,366.00

Terrilynn Brown recommended a change to the minutes. John Brown moved that the consent agenda be approved with one change to the minutes, seconded by Darla Baumann. Motion carries

Reports - Information Only/No Action

Reports were postponed due to the late hour by general consensus. Superintendent Zunino did mention the lead level remediation that would occur in a few limited areas on school property.

Next regular meeting will be held on March 12th, 2013.

Motion made by John Brown, seconded by Terrilynn Brown to adjourn meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED