

EUREKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

OF
April 16th, 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
Terrilynn Brown, Member
Sara Simmons, Member

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Action to Adopt the Agenda for April 16th, 2013 Special Meeting.

--**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**. Motion made by Terrilyn Brown, seconded by John Brown to adopt the agenda as posted. Motion carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Kathy Bacon-Bowling read the following: 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.

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.

No Public Comment

AGENDA

- A. *Student Advisory Report – Information Only/No Action – No Report Given (member absent)*
- B. *Diamond Mountain FFA: The FFA will provide an update to the board on their recent attendance at the State FFA Convention. Information Only/No Action*

Members of the Diamond Mountain FFA reported on their trip to the State competition. Morgan Bailey, President introduced the chapter members. Ethan Marshall, Vice-President, Crystal Hubbard, Historian, Dexter Luby, Treasurer, and Ashley Ketzenberg. They took 38 people to the

State competition. The chapter prepared a National Chapter Award, which consisted of activities that the chapter had participated in. The Diamond Mountain FFA won the State award, and they won the Superior Chapter Award. They will continue to the National competition. The group and individual members achieved many awards and won several of the competitions. Ethan Marshall was elected as the State President during this competition.

1. Discuss, approve, or deny allowing Senior Class of 2013 to travel out-of-state to Utah on senior trip during the end of May, on a convenient date between the dates of May 28th through May 30th, depending on school scheduling. The Senior Class is requesting use of a school bus and the fuel for an approximate cost of \$500. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION. Public Comment

High School Principal Ken Fujii explained the request on behalf of the Senior Class. The students will only miss one day of school for this trip. The Senior Class will find volunteer bus driver's for the trip. The students will sign a commitment that they will abide by certain rules if they go on the trip. Sara Simmons asked why they are limited to only one day and why they can't go overnight. She thought that it may be too long of a day to try to fit the trip into a single day. Principal Fujii said that there was too much liability involved in an overnight stay, and it was difficult to find chaperones that would make the overnight trip. Motion made by Darla Baumann, seconded by John Brown to authorize the senior class to use the school bus and for the district to pay for the fuel. President Bacon-Bowling called for public comment before the vote is taken. Rosie Bliss, Senior Class Advisor said that the students were okay with the one day trip and the class doesn't have enough money to spend the night. Motion carries, with Sara Simmons abstaining from the vote because her son will be involved in the trip.

2. Update on gymnasium facility - Presentation by Mike Mitchell of MM Management. DISCUSSION ONLY. Public Comment

Mike Mitchell, Owner's Representative, provided the board members an update on the gymnasium project. He talked about the concern that the last time it was on the agenda, the guaranteed maximum price was not listed on the agenda. Because of this concern, the board would be having a special board meeting on April 19th. On the April 19th agenda, the guaranteed maximum price will be listed on the agenda to allay any of the concerns that had been expressed. No Public Comment

3. Discussion of formulating Memo of Understanding with Eureka County regarding use of gymnasium facility. DISCUSSION ONLY. Public Comment

Superintendent Zunino said that he is working on the Memo of Understanding with Mike Mitchell and it is not ready yet.

4. Discuss, approve, or deny authorizing adding Junior High Wrestling program as a sport that the School District sponsors. Activities Director Elmer Porter will provide presentation. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION. Public Comment

Activities Director Elmer Porter addressed the board and audience regarding the junior high wrestling program. He reminded the board that he had given a presentation to the board two meetings ago, so he wasn't going to repeat all of the previous information that he has already provided. However, he did prepare cost information for the board to add this program. Several cost estimates were provided to the board. One of the complications of adding this program, Mr. Porter explained, is that there may not be enough buses to send a bus out at the same time that the high school buses are transporting other athletic teams at the same time. For this reason, he had provided the board with the cost of a new bus in case it is necessary in order to be able to add additional junior high programs in the future. Mr. Porter raised the issue of complying with Title IX if an additional sport is added for female athletes, due to another sport being added for male athletes. Audience members expressed support for adding the junior high wrestling program.

Board members discussed the problem with adding the junior high wrestling program because it is set up as a league program, and if they added it they would also be asked to sponsor other leagues like Little League and Pop Warner football, which are typically supported by parents and volunteers. Mr. Porter reminded the group that the enrollment is declining at the high school and that adding another program will have an impact on the existing programs by making them less competitive if the students are spread too thin with too many sports. Title IX implications were discussed at length. In conclusion, the board members determined that if they said yes to the junior high wrestling, then they would have to sponsor all of the other youth sports that are typically parent sponsored. Motion made by John Brown, seconded to add junior high wrestling. Motion was not seconded and motion dies.

5. Discuss, approve, or deny adding an additional policy regarding student athletes or activity members who are using or in possession of an illegal controlled substance(s) at Eureka County High School. Activities Director Elmer Porter will provide presentation. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION. Public Comment

Mr. Porter stated that he was requested by the school board at a prior meeting to add additional language to the high school policy regarding use or possession of an illegal controlled substance. The policy was changed to reflect that the student would be punished for four consecutive weeks either by not participating in games at home or away games. Previously, the policy had just been to prevent students from participating in away games. The current NIAA policy was also discussed. Mr. Porter discussed scenarios to explain the future impacts of the changes for the board. Motion made by John Brown, seconded by Terrilynn Brown to add the additional proposed policy to the policy (high school handbook) as written. Motion carries

President Bacon-Bowling called for a fifteen minute break.
Meeting reconvenes at 6:55 p.m.

6. Discuss, approve, or deny adopting proposed policy #4126, "Code of Ethical Standards – All Employees". 2nd Reading. Presentation by Elmer Porter, Activities Director. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION. Public Comment

Elmer Porter stated that this policy was presented at the last meeting for the first reading. This policy has been reviewed by legal counsel, and some revisions were made from the first reading pursuant to legal review. Sara Simmons asked about the change that was indicated in the last meetings minutes. She asked Mr. Porter what the change was that he had suggested. Mr. Porter replied that the changes was to add independent contractor's and volunteers should be included, not just employees. Mike Rebaleati requested an explanation of why the attorney had not included independent contractor's and volunteers in the revised version. He received an explanation that the attorney had performed revisions for legal purposes, but the board needed to make the determination if those groups would be added to the policy, not the attorney. President Bacon-Bowling stated that the board can have additional readings of the policy if they wished. The board discussed whether to add independent contractor's and volunteers, and determined that the policy was sufficient in its present form to be inclusive. Motion made by Darla Baumann, seconded by Sara Simmons, to adopt the policy #4126 "Code of Ethical Standards". Motion carries

7. Presentation by Mark Martinsen on school calendar for 2013-2014 school year. Application for alternative calendar schedule to be submitted to the Department of Education by May 1st, 2013. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

Mark Martinsen described the calendar approval process with the calendar committee. The school calendar's had been created with parental and staff input. They had created school calendar's in advance for five years in advance. The school board at the time did not want to adopt calendars for a five year period, but adopted the calendars for three years. Mr. Martinsen explained that the application needed to be filed with the Nevada Department of Education, and was considered to be an alternative schedule because of the four day per week schedule. The Crescent Valley school

calendar was developed to be similar to the Lander County school calendar because of the high school students. No public comment

8. *Discuss, deny, or accept request from Clarisse Herrera, Elementary School Secretary to purchase two years of Public Employment Retirement Service in the approximate amount of \$36,000. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. Public Comment*

Superintendent Zunino explained the request from Clarisse Herrera for the board to purchase two years of retirement service, due to her upcoming resignation. Superintendent Zunino and the board members expressed their thanks to Mrs. Herrera for her outstanding service to the students and staff over many years. Motion made by John Brown, seconded by Darla Baumann, to approve the purchase of two years of retirement service for Clarisse Herrera. Public Comment: Audience members expressed their thanks and appreciation for Mrs. Herrera and Mrs. Herrera thanked the board. Vote was taken and motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of minutes from February 12th 2013 Regular Meeting.*
- B. Approval of Minutes from March 12th, 2013 Regular Meeting.*
- C. Approval of Minutes from March 28th, 2013 Board Budget Workshop and Special Meeting.*
- D. Approve adding new employee(s) to district's authorized employee and substitute list. Pursuant to NRS 391.100: Each applicant for employment must submit to the school district a full set of fingerprints for a report on criminal history and if negative results are received, the offer of employment may be withdrawn.*
- E. Approve Home School Application from parent Larry Hardin for student Andrew Hardin.*
- F. Accept resignation from classified employee, Clarisse Herrera effective June 30, 2013.*
- G. Payroll and Warrants: Payroll check #054570 to #054662 for \$\$190,399.03, #054663 to #054666 for \$8,393.66, #054667 to #054770 for \$231,555.91. Account's Payable check #'s 020328 to #020377 for \$119,285.05, #020378 to #020436 for \$207,877.27, #020437 to #020482 for \$58,174.93.*

Motion made by Sara Simmons, seconded by Terrilynn Brown to approve the consent agenda. Motion carries

(tape #3 did not record, there is no additional recorded material for the "Report" section of the meeting)

Reports – Information Only/No Action

- A. Clerk of the Works Report: Brief update on District projects.
- B. Superintendent's Report: Brief updates to the Board regarding school activities/events.
- C. High School Principal's Report: Brief updates to the Board regarding school activities/events.
- D. Crescent Valley Report: Brief updates to the Board regarding school activities/events.
- E. Board Reports (Information Only/No Action): Brief updates and notices from the Board Regarding District activities/events.
- F. Finance Officer's Report: Brief update on District finances.
- G. Public Comment: Comments from the public are invited at this time on any matters within the authority of the Board. Although members of the Board may respond to questions and discuss Issues raised, no action may be taken on such matters until the matter is placed on an agenda for action by the Board.

Meeting adjourned after reports presented.

Adjournment