

EUREKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE BOARD WORKSHOP
OF

September 19th, 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 (Absent)
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 September 19th, 2013 Board Workshop.

--**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**. Motion made by Terrilynn Brown, seconded by Sara Simmons 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.

Public Comment: Donna Moyer addressed the board by asking how the basketball coaches are selected. Her comments included a complaint regarding the number of junior high football games in comparison to the number of basketball games that have been scheduled. She mentioned that over 20 basketball games were on the schedule and not all of them were necessary league games. She also commented on Principal Fujii's serving as a basketball coach for his final year. She feels that he should focus on being a principal and not take away from his duties by being a basketball coach because he is gone too much. She also commented on games being scheduled during the school week, which she believes should not happen. She is also concerned why the board is not

talking about the Principal's Search at this meeting. In conclusion, Mrs. Moyer stated that the school district needs to focus on scholastics and less on sports. In response to Mrs. Moyer's comments, Sara Simmons advised her that the principal search is slated to be on the next board agenda. Also, Ms. Simmons doesn't feel that the scholastic program is being neglected by the school district. She stated that her son, who was a top athlete while he was at the high school, graduated with twenty-five college credits so she doesn't think that there is a problem.

AGENDA

DISCUSSION ITEM

The Board will discuss community use of the new gymnasium facility in a workshop setting. Discussion will include planning and scheduling to determine facets of student use and community, use, and how both groups can utilize the facility. Discussion will also likely include whether additional school staff are required, or a reassignment of current staff can provide for a process to admit community members to the facility. DISCUSSION ONLY. Public Comment.

President Bacon-Bowling asked for comments from the audience at the beginning of the discussion. Donna Moyer asked if the Board planned on hiring an employee for the gym so that the public could use the facility. Sharlene Smith asked the board to consider several things. One of the things was whether the board planned for students to use at the same time that students may be using the facility. Also, she is concerned about weight-lifters using the equipment if they are just there by themselves, due to accidents that can happen. Overall, she asked the board to think about student safety, and the safety of the public because of some of the weight-lifting equipment may be dangerous.

Mrs. Moyer asked for clarification on whether the Board still planned to appoint a committee to discuss community use of the facility. President Bacon-Bowling said that the Board was going to discuss the use during this workshop, and also with the County Commissioner's tomorrow at their regular meeting.

Mrs. Bacon-Bowling passed out a handout with some of her thoughts on community use. John Brown said that he fully supports community use of this building but reminded the Board that it is still a school building and the school comes first. He feels that they need schedules to determine when the public can use the building. He noted that Mike Mitchell, Owner's Representative, speculated that the public can probably use the building about 30% of the time. Mr. Mitchell explained how the dual-use between the school district and the city recreation programs worked in Carson City. In respect to the weight-lifting situation, Mr. Mitchell explained that the public was not allowed to use the free weights unless an employee was present. He also feels that another custodian will probably be necessary, due to the size of the building. President Bacon-Bowling feels that the gym will be a school building first and foremost, but should also be available for public use due to the expense of the building and the downtime when the students won't be using it. Terrilynn Brown thinks that there should be a scheduled time frame when there won't be practices scheduled. She thinks that an employee should probably be hired so that there is someone there to oversee the building when the public is using it. She also feels that the County should share some of the expense if the building will be used for public recreation. Clerk John Brown thinks that the administration should come up with a written policy for shared use. Superintendent Zunino said that other school districts should have policies that could be used to model our policy after. John Brown said that it would be unfair to put the job of scheduling on a school administrator that already has all that they can do. President Bacon-Bowling thinks that a lot of groups will want to be using the facility for various activities. She would like to see an employee in the role of a scheduler from the start so that scheduling problems will be avoided. John Brown said that he would like to see administration be in charge of planning the protocols for use. Superintendent Zunino read a letter from absent member, Darla Baumann regarding her thoughts on public use of the facility. Mrs. Baumann's letter indicated that she didn't think that

the board needed to get in a big rush to plan this, and she thought that the commissioners should share their position before the board made any decisions. She is concerned about building security and that the students come first. She is also concerned about “anybody” coming in to the facility. In her letter, she asked that the board not make any decisions at the commissioners meeting. Terrilynn Brown said that she doesn’t know what the board’s plan is and the board needs to talk about it and President Bacon-Bowling said that is why she has asked the board to talk about it, so that decisions can be made and not be delayed any longer. Mrs. Brown said that she is concerned about having the public have access to the property while students are in the facility. John Brown asked the rest of the board members were comfortable with going to the commissioner’s the next day with the ideas presented tonight. President Bacon-Bowling said that she thought that they could develop more concrete ideas because the commissioners will want to hear more finalized information. Superintendent Zunino elaborated on the scheduling challenges that the school district will face. The Superintendent also discussed that unexpected events and delays may occur and the public will need to be flexible. Terrilynn Brown feels that the board may be rushing in to making decisions when there is plenty of time in the future to do this. Kathy Bacon-Bowling suggested that this is a plan that needs to be deliberated now so that the plan is in place when the building is open.

Several audience members shared thoughts about how the public could use the facility.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.