

EUREKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF  
January 10, 2012

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

1:00 P.M. – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President John Brown.

**Roll Call**

***Present:***

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| John Brown, President         | Student Advisory Member – Celina Bailey - Absent |
| Bob Burnham, Clerk            | Ken Fujii, Principal                             |
| Darla Baumann, Member         | Ben Zunino, Superintendent/Principal             |
| Benita Jones, Member - Absent | Mark Martinsen, District Administrator           |
| Pete Edera, Member - Absent   |  |

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Benita Jones absent for Work Session – Present for Board Meeting**  
**Darla Baumann late for Board Meeting – 5:42**

**Action to Adopt the Agenda for January 10, 2012 Work Session and Regular Board Meeting.**

**Action:** It was moved by Bob Burnham and seconded by Darla Baumann to **approve the agenda as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

**President Brown asked for any public comment at this time.**

Jackie Bullard stated that she would like to say that she would like to support Hallie Starr in her request to retire.

Karen DeYoung stated she was here to support Hallie Starr in her retirement request.

Trudy Petroff read a letter from a family that wanted to support Hallie Starr in her retirement request.

Annesa Ashcroft stated she was here to support Hallie Starr in her wish to retire.

Casey Williams stated she was a former student of Hallie Starr's and she would like to show her support in her wish to retire.

Johnathan Bullard stated that Hallie Starr was one of his favorite teachers and thinks the district should support her in her request for retirement.

Mike Williams stated that three of his students went through Hallie Starr's class. He praised her for her teaching and stated that if her wish is to retire, then he supports her.

Angie Black stated that she was going to homeschool her students this year, but because of the way the classes were split up, she decided to keep her children in school and thinks it would be a mistake to let her go.

Cindy LaRochelle stated that she is a teacher at Crescent Valley Elementary and wanted to show her support for Hallie Starr's request for retirement.

**Discussion / Work Session – 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

1. *The Board of School Trustees has scheduled a work session to discuss, approve, or deny the final schematic drawings for the proposed Eureka County High School Recreation Complex and the five year capital improvement plan. Discussion may include, but will not be limited to all proposed plans for the recreation complex as well as current and future construction projects for the district.*

Mr. Zunino gave the history of the gymnasium project. He noted that there were public meetings with the county as well as at the Opera House. Mr. Zunino noted that there was a concern about future expansion at the high school. He discussed this concern with Mike Mitchell, Project Manager, and Mr. Mitchell has prepared plans for possible expansion if needed. Mr. Zunino then spoke of future growth and how many classes would be needed for optimum capacity. Mr. Zunino turned the meeting over to Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell showed a drawing of the site plan that showed the overall master plan thinking for the high school to accommodate future growth at the high school. The plan showed approximately 11 new classrooms, support area, bathrooms, hallways, etc. at the back of the building near the portables. The approximate cost would be around \$4 million at today's cost. The original talk was to add 6 classrooms at the approximate cost of \$2 million. Bob Burnham stated that his concern is that General Moly isn't the only mining project going on here and we need to have the ability to provide for that. Talk continued regarding building the shell of the addition and leaving it that way until needed. Mr. Mitchell stated that you could continue out towards the portables and conceivably add more than 20 classrooms in that area.

Talks then turned to parking and how the hill will be partially taken down to accommodate that. Discussion continued on parking and where the expansion of the building could also take place.

Darla Baumann stated that this would take care of the high school, but are we thinking of a middle school? As we share teachers, how would a new school work? Mr. Zunino stated that this expansion would work as a middle school and keep the shared teachers. This model would provide for the students keeping access to shop classes, accelerated classes, etc. Mrs. Baumann stated that maybe we need to step back and make a list of things that we need to have in the future and take into consideration more students coming in.

Bob Burnham stated that if the space is needed in the elementary school, where would the functions here go? Mr. Zunino stated we have the existing old district office. Mr. Zunino asked the opinion of those who had been in that building before. Lisa Jones stated that we should take into consideration our upcoming tenant and her plans. Mr. Zunino then noted that Elmer Porter had been in that building as well and asked his opinion. Mr. Porter stated that he felt we shouldn't go back in there as the new tenant was planning a business and will be making changes and that we should plan according to that. Mrs. Jones stated that there is sufficient room in the old building, if that is the question. Mr. Zunino stated that is ultimately the board's decision if we move back into the building; he just wants to know if it would fill the need. Mr. Burnham noted that the lower parking lot here at the elementary school could easily support a building and still has plenty of parking and that may be what we should look at for the functions that move out of this building into a building installed at the lower parking lot. Mr. Burnham requested a tentative plan and the funding for another half dozen classrooms in the elementary building and where the district office would move to and the cost. Mr. Burnham then asked the present staff if they felt 6 more classrooms here would be enough. Mr. Zunino stated that moving out the district office and the board room, there would still be a need for 3 new classrooms here. Mr. Porter then asked if we are going to a 'middle school', you could move the 6<sup>th</sup> graders out and open up another classroom here. Mrs. Dyer stated that moving the 6<sup>th</sup> graders would ruin the rotation schedule. She stated that is a very good thing going on here. Mr. Zunino stated that moving the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to the high school is a whole different animal than having the 7<sup>th</sup> graders with the high school.

Mr. Mitchell stated that he ran some rough numbers while the discussion was going on. He stated that if we went in '6 classrooms' increments, you can easily get 30,000 sq. ft. of addition at the high school. You could get a full service middle school annex at the back of the high school. The average cost is about \$2 million per 6 classrooms which would accommodate 120 students.

Mr. Burnham asked if the lunch facilities at the elementary school and high school can accommodate that amount of students. Mr. Zunino stated that the elementary school prepares the food for both the elementary school and high school at this time.

Mrs. Baumann stated that we may want to do those things first, before we start with the community part of the gym. The students need to come first. The community can use the Opera House right now. Mr. Burnham stated that he didn't think we need to build those things first, but he wants to make sure we have the ability to take care of it. Mrs. Baumann stated that if we have students coming in next year and we're building a gym, that wouldn't be good. Mr. Zunino pointed out that during the first phase of production for General Moly, the student count is not supposed to increase, which would be the first few years. Mr. Burnham stated that the construction crews would probably not bring their families, but the full time workers would. They don't anticipate the record of decision for General Moly until late next year, then approximately 18 months of construction. The school growth wouldn't be for a while. Mr. Zunino stated that our buildings as they are will accommodate student growth through the year 2021. Mary Jane Hodson stated that there will be a 200 person man camp at the JD Ranch by the end of April and projected to be at 1000 by the next year. Once Wild Horse Canyon is in operation, we may get people who will be living out of Eureka to work there.

Mr. Zunino stated that we need to run some numbers with Mrs. Jones to get projected revenue and costs. Mr. Burnham stated that we need to never assume we're guaranteed net proceeds beyond the next legislature.

Mr. Zunino stated that he will get a plan for a district office, getting a total of 6 available classrooms for the elementary and at least 6 classrooms for the high school. Mr. Mitchell stated that he was figuring costs, timeframes, etc. for each of these requests and he can create a matrix of this for the board to view all at once.

Mrs. Jones asked if she could state her peace. She stated that the district office doesn't need a new building. We are perfectly content to go back to that building and we would rather have the money spent on the children. With good conscience, we couldn't expect to move in there where our tenant is planning remodeling. She would need to be made aware of that before she starts the remodeling.

**BREAK: 3:15**  
**RESUME: 3:25**

Mr. Burnham asked how we are going to pay for what we plan on doing. Lisa Jones, Finance Director, provided information regarding the budget. She noted that we will be preparing the FY13 budget, so there will be fund information available sometime in February.

Mr. Burnham asked Mr. Zunino if he felt comfortable that we could cover all the plans we discussed at this meeting. Mr. Zunino stated that with the numbers Mrs. Jones shared, absolutely. He stated that he feels we're in good shape. The greatest limiting factor that we have in this community is housing. Once the housing issue is addressed, we should see more families. He stated that our plans meet our needs and probably overstates our needs.

Mrs. Baumann asked if the site for the gymnasium will work for the building and parking. Mr. Mitchell stated that the building fits perfectly in that hole. The parking is relying on taking the hill down. If there is no mine participation, the hill to be taken down and parking created would cost \$1.2 million. There is no leftover space with this building. It's tight, but it works. Mr. Mitchell then proceeded to go over other gyms and how they are being designed. He stated that he feels we have right site for the right use.

Mr. Burnham asked how long to get a set of plans. Mr. Mitchell stated that it would be approximately May and then getting bids out. Construction would be late summer. The construction time would be 12-14 months. Discussion ensued regarding construction. Kevin Monsey stated that you would want to get the site work done this year so construction could begin in the spring. Discussion continued regarding bidding out as two different bids; site work and actual construction. Mr. Monsey gave a projection on timeframes for construction.

**RECESS UNTIL 5:30 P.M. – Meeting started 5:38**

**Student Advisory Report-Information Only/No Action**

- Basketball teams win/loss update
- Wrestling team doing well
- Student Council sponsoring a Sadie Hawkins dance and having an assembly before the home games
- FFA – preparing for state

**Discussion/Information/Action Items**

***Agenda Item 1- Presentation by Diamond Mountain FFA Chapter FFA officers regarding participation in the 2011 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 17-22, 2011.***

Kasey Plaskett, Ethan Marshall, Benjamin Link, Kathryn Starr, Morgan Bailey, Deanna Damele, Melissa Damele and Kelsey Mears gave a presentation regarding their trip to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 17-22, 2011. Each student gave their overview and impression of the convention and the workshops they attended and the competitions they competed in. Kathryn Starr received a bronze emblem in her competition. Deanna Damele competed in the job interview competition. The Clog Stars wanted to thank the board for letting them attend. They had to audition before they learned where they would perform. They performed in the Arts and Garden Theater and on the Big Stage that was broadcast on television. Kasey Plaskett thanked the board one more time and stated that she feels all FFA students should attend. Mr. Zunino thanked them for representing our school. Mr. Fujii thanked Mrs. Zimmerman for her work and dedication with the FFA students.

President Brown asked for public comment. NONE

**Action: DISCUSSION ONLY**

***Agenda Item 2 - Discuss, approve, or deny the purchase of three years retirement and purchase of two years of unused sick leave days for Hallie Starr. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***

Mr. Burnham stated that he is in complete agreement that Mrs. Starr is an excellent teacher, however in the 7 years he has been on the board, there has been no one that has received more than 3 years total. To add two more than anyone else in that time frame doesn't seem right. Mr. Zunino wanted to clarify that Mr. Burnham stated two years retirement and one year of sick leave. Mr. Brown stated that after hearing testimony that it would be a mistake to let her leave. Good teachers are hard to find. Mrs. Baumann asked for clarification that if she doesn't get her full request, that she'll continue to work.

President Brown asked for public comment. NONE

**Action:** It was moved by Benita Jones to **approve the purchase of two years of retirement and one year of sick leave for Hallie Starr and** seconded by Bob Burnham. Motion passed unanimously.

***Agenda Item 3 - Discuss, approve, or deny the purchase of two years retirement and purchase unused sick leave days for Susan Gallagher, Eureka Elementary School teacher at the end of the 2011-12 school year. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***

Bob Burnham asked for clarification that her request for sick leave was less than one year. Lisa Jones, Finance Officer, stated that is was less than one year.

President Brown asked for public comment. NONE

**Action:** It was moved by Bob Burnham to **approve the purchase of two years retirement and purchase of unused sick leave for Susan Gallagher and** seconded by Darla Baumann. Motion passed unanimously.

***Agenda Item 4 - Discuss, approve, or deny changes to policy 8130 – BOARD OFFICERS. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION***

Mr. Zunino stated that this was brought back from last meeting to be put on as an action item. Benita Jones asked for clarification as she wasn't at the board meeting in December. Mr. Zunino stated that the current policy has limitations on how many terms an officer can serve. It was discussed and decided to be brought back.

President Brown asked for public comment. NONE

**Action:** Discussion only. NO CHANGES TO CURRENT POLICY

*Agenda Item 5 - Board of School Trustees: Election of Officers and Appointments for President, Clerk, NIAA Representative, NASB Director, Investment Committee Representative and Legislative Representative. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

President Brown asked for public comment. NONE

**Action:** It was moved by Benita Jones to **nominate Bob Burnham as president and** seconded by Darla Baumann. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** It was moved by Benita Jones to **nominate John Brown as clerk and** seconded by Bob Burnham. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** It was moved by Bob Burnham to **nominate Darla Baumann as NIAA Representative and** seconded by Benita Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** It was moved by Bob Burnham to **nominate John Brown as NASB Director and** seconded by Darla Baumann. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** It was moved by Bob Burnham to **nominate Bob Burnham and Darla Baumann as Investment Committee Representatives and** seconded Benita Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** It was moved by Darla Baumann to **nominate Bob Burnham as Legislative Representative and** seconded by Benita Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item 6 - Discussion and possible action on final schematic drawings for the proposed Eureka County High School Recreation Complex. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Discussed during board work session

President Brown asked for public comment. NONE

**Action:** It was moved by Darla Baumann to **move forward with final schematic drawings for the proposed Eureka County High School Recreation Complex and** seconded by Benita Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item 7 - Discuss, approve, or deny donating two surplus buses to Lander County that were going to auction. One (1) 1995 Thomas travel bus #870, license #14870; mileage 154855. One (1) 1992 Bluebird route bus #889 license #14889; mileage 173098. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Mr. Zunino stated that he had been contacted by Lander County regarding two buses that we had scheduled to go to auction. They were requesting donation of the two buses to their district.

President Brown asked for public comment. NONE

**Action:** It was moved by Benita Jones to **approve donating two surplus buses to Lander County and** seconded by Bob Burnham. Motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item 8 - Policy Consideration – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – INSTRUCTION: 6112 – Graduation Requirements for Eureka County High School*

Mark Martinsen stated that there is a need for a policy for an adult diploma. Mr. Martinsen explained the process of getting an adult diploma as well as for those students who are enrolled in our online school.

President Brown asked for public comment. NONE

**Action:** Discussion only.

***Action Item 9 - Approval of Consent Agenda***

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon by the Eureka County Board of School Trustees with one action and without extensive hearing.

Information concerning the consent items has been forwarded to each Board member for study prior to this meeting. Any member of the Board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda, discussed and acted upon separately during this meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of minutes from December 6, 2011 Regular Meeting.
- B. Approve adding new substitute employee(s) to district's authorized substitute list.
- C. Payroll and Warrants: Payroll checks #'s 051091 through # 051184 for \$185,715.88, #'s 051185 through 051189 for \$12,179.84, #'s 051190 through # 051221 VOID and #'s 051222 through #051313 for \$226,939.77. Accounts payable check #'s 018303 through # 018360 for \$431,400.75, #'s 018361 through #018387 for \$68,039.13 and #'s 018388 through #018435 for \$80,174.83.

**Action:** It was moved by Benita Jones to **approve the Consent Agenda** and seconded by Bob Burnham. Motion passed unanimously. John Brown abstained.

**Reports-Information Only/No Action**

- A. Clerk of the Works Report: Brief update on District projects.  
Covered during the work session.

Mr. Zunino stated that there is an issue with one of the steam tables at the high school. The Contractor sent the wrong one. It will be corrected at the contractor's expense. The roll down door will be here within a week and will be installed.

The window in Crescent Valley's office will be installed tomorrow. The handicap doors will be installed within the next couple of weeks.

- B. Superintendent's Report: Brief updates to the Board from the Superintendent regarding District activities/events/correspondence.
  - 28<sup>th</sup> – governance board meeting – application of waiver is the 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Growth model
    - Mr. Zunino gave an overview of the growth model criteria and how the state is planning on rating students.
- C. High School Principal's Report: Brief updates to the Board regarding school activities/events.
  - Seniors went on a Christmas tree hunt and got a smaller tree this year
  - FFA Banquet was very well attended
  - Honor Society assisted at the Elementary School's Christmas Concert
  - Kitchen remodel in process
  - Staff Christmas Party – Thanks to Jim Izzolo and Mary Jane Hodson
  - Minimum day on December 21 and Christmas Break
  - High school has shown great improvement in attendance
  - Low tardy rate

- Instituted new detention room procedure
  - Eligibility has improved
  - Finals week this week – going well – finish this Thursday
  - High School Musical - Choir and Band
  - Parent/Student meetings for 4-year plan for high school
  - Enrollment maintains around 115-120
  - Special ed teacher submitted letter of resignation
    - Advertised and have 5 applicants – selection committee was created
    - Interviews taking place this week
- D. Crescent Valley Report: Brief updates to the Board regarding school activities/events.
- Teachers are reporting on each class and sometimes each student
  - Christmas program on December 14<sup>th</sup>
  - School was out on the 15<sup>th</sup> for Christmas break
  - Mid-term is next week
- E. Board Reports (Information Only/No Action): Brief updates and notices from the Board regarding District activities/events.
- Bob Burnham and John Brown will be attending meeting next week.
- Bob Burnham is president elect of NASB. Mr. Burnham said he hopes to make it worthwhile for small counties in general and the challenges for urban counties as well.
- F. Finance Officer's Report: Brief update on District finances.
- Lisa Jones, Finance Officer, stated she is interested in hearing the preferences for the mid-year budgeting process and how they would like to approach it this year.
- 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.

### **Announcement of Meetings**

- A. February 7, 2012 Special Board Meeting

### **Executive Session**

- A. Pursuant to NRS 288.220: Discuss matters relative to labor contract negotiations with ECTA/ESCA. (No action will be taken.)

**Action: It was determined that adjourning to executive session was not necessary.**

### ***Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment***

**Action:** It was moved by Benita Jones and seconded by Bob Burnham to **adjourn the meeting**. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

John Brown / 02/07/12 ep  
**JOHN BROWN, ACTING PRESIDENT**

Darla Baumann /02/07/12 ep  
**DARLA BAUMANN, CLERK**