

EUREKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
March 13, 2012

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

5:35 P.M. – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Burnham.

Roll Call

Present:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Action to Adopt the Agenda for March 13, 2012 Regular Board Meeting.

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

President Burnham asked for any public comment at this time.

Darla Baumann arrived 5:40
Pete Edera arrived 6:08

Student Advisory Report-Information Only/No Action

- NONE

Discussion/Information/Action Items

Agenda Item 1- Discuss, approve or deny acceptance of contracts for contractors hired by Mike Mitchell Management for the gymnasium complex per board approval December board meeting. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Mr. Zunino stated that the contracts are in the board packet, however there were some revisions suggested by the district's attorney that were not included. It was decided to table until next board meeting for Mike Mitchell to attend and explain.

Acting President Brown asked for public comment. NONE

Action: ITEM TABLED until Mike Mitchell can attend at the March 27th workshop.

Agenda Item 2 - Discuss, approve or deny acceptance of contract for solar power contractor hired by Mike Mitchell Management for the solar project in Crescent Valley. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Benita Jones asked if this finished taking the school off the grid. Mr. Zunino stated it would.

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: It was moved by Benita Jones to **approve the contract for solar power contractor by Mike Mitchell Management for the solar project in Crescent Valley and** seconded by John Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 - Discuss, approve, or deny out of state travel request to Phoenix, Arizona for Ryan Moss to attend the Southwest Conference on Language Teaching – April 12-15 2012. - **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

President Brown asked for public comment. Mr. Moss stated that he would not be missing any school to attend this conference as it is during spring break.

Action: It was moved by Benita Jones to **approve out of state travel request to Phoenix, Arizona for Ryan Moss to attend the Southwest Conference on Language Teaching and** seconded John Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 - Discuss, approve, or deny out of state travel request to Chicago, Illinois for Duane Baughman to attend the IRA (International Reading Association) 57th Annual Conference - April 29 – May 2, 2012. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: It was moved by Benita Jones to **approve out of state travel request for Duane Baughman to attend the IRA Annual Conference and** seconded by John Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 - Discuss, approve, or deny Eureka County's Health Fair Donation request. - **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Mr. Zunino stated that this was the same donation as we have given in the past to help out with the cost for our employees to attend.

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: It was moved by John Brown to **approve Eureka County's Health Fair donation request and** seconded Benita Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 - Discuss, approve, or deny *Juvenile Probation Grad Night request – The School District has historically donated a computer.* **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Steve Zimmerman, Juvenile Probation officer, stated that this is the 20th year grad night has taken place. Last year was the first year hosted by Juvenile Donation. Discussion took place about the donation of a computer as typically given by the school district. Elmer Porter, Technology Director, will be notified to order a computer.

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: It was moved by Benita Jones to **approve Juvenile Probation Grad Night request and** seconded by John Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 7 - Discuss, approve, or deny *revision of school mission and belief statement for accreditation.* **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Ken Fujii, High School Principal, gave an overview of the changes suggested for the school mission and belief statement for accreditation.

Mr. Burnham stated that #1 is how you address it, not evidence of it, and would like to see it rewritten. The intent is fine, but the flow of the sentence needs reworked. Mr. Burnham asked if there was a deadline. Mr. Fujii said there is, and it is very short, but he can't remember deadline.

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: Item will be brought back at next meeting on March 27th.

Agenda Item 8 - Approve the employment contract between Eureka County School District and Elmer Porter, the Systems Engineer for the 2012-13 fiscal year. In accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes 391, specific contracts require notification of renewal to applicable employees. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Action: It was moved by John Brown to **approve the employment contract for Elmer Porter for the 2012-13 fiscal year and** seconded Benita Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 9- Approve the employment contract between Eureka County School District and Sandy Green, 21st Century Coordinator for the 2012-13 fiscal year. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Action: It was moved by John Brown to **approve the employment contract for Sandy Green as the 21st Century Coordinator for the 2012-13 fiscal year and** seconded Benita Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 10 - Policy Consideration – 1st Reading – INSTRUCTION: 6152 - Alternative School Attendance – Home Study - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Mark Martinsen suggested that the title be changed to Home School instead of Home Study.

Action: Discussion only.

Action Item 11 - 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 February 7, 2012 Work Session and Regular Meeting.
- B. Policy Consideration – New Policy 2nd Reading – BUSINESS AND FINANCE: 3301 – Policy and Guidelines for Company Credit Cards.
- C. Policy Consideration – New Policy 2nd Reading – BUSINESS AND FINANCE: 3301 AR – User Agreement for Eureka County School District-Issued Credit Card.
- D. Approve adding new substitute employee(s) to district's authorized substitute list.
- E. Payroll and Warrants: Payroll checks #'s 051681 through # 051780 for \$230,562.74, #'s 051781 through #062899 for \$24,611.4, #'s 051789 through 051879 for \$182,708.68 and #'s 051880 through #051983 for \$237,980.16. Accounts payable check #'s 018643 through # 018726 for \$284,646.34 and #'s 018727 through #018789 for \$98,436.52.

Action: It was moved by Benita Jones to **approve the Consent Agenda A-E** and seconded by Darla Baumann. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports-Information Only/No Action

- A. Clerk of the Works Report: Brief update on District projects.

Mr. Zunino read the letter from Mike Mitchell regarding the projects currently being worked on.

- B. Superintendent's Report: Brief updates to the Board from the Superintendent regarding District activities/events/correspondence.
- Bullying committee - Mr. Martinsen, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Etter – reviewed current law and current policy – in compliance with the law
 - 100th day of school March 7th
 - Meeting with Mike Iannacchione, Moly Mine Supervisor; reviewed their timeframe and timeline; asked when they start hiring, to keep a tally of how many children and ages the employees have
 - Department Head workshop
 - College board conference – Talked a lot about quality education and instruction
 - Superintendent's Conference in Phoenix; Discovery Education people spoke of E-textbooks.
 - \$40.00 would buy a license for 6 years; update immediately
 - Biology, physics and online in April
 - NIAA meeting – issue with Gorman
 - Associate memberships – choose their opponents
 - Interviewed substitute teacher
 - Talent Show on March 14th – 7pm at the Opera House
 - Bobbi Sestanovich will be moving to 2nd grade and we will be advertising for a Special Ed position for the Elementary School

Mr. Burnham asked if there was an opinion among the staff if there is an opinion regarding e-textbooks versus the printed page. Mr. Zunino stated that the staff would be involved in the decision whether we would like to pursue that direction. The online learning is something that is not going to go away, so with the budgets, he feels there will be a push for that. Benita Jones stated that it will be a way of life for our students in the future. Darla Baumann stated that even the few years she has been out of vet school, they have moved to more online involvement. Pete Edera asked about the cost. Mr. Zunino stated that he asked that question as well, and it is \$40 per license. Mr. Edera asked about the cost of extra machines as the machines will break and we'll have to have them on hand.

Clark County School District got a grant to have online courses that are free to students in Nevada. The lady is supposed to send him the information. The classes are Health and Driver's Education. The state requires a Driver's Education course. They can start it in high school or 15 years of age and the health class is eligible for 9th graders. Free of charge to the student or school district. Idaho is requiring 2 online classes to graduate from High School.

- C. High School Principal's Report: Brief updates to the Board regarding school activities/events.
- New special ed teacher has been transitioned in really well and is doing a great job
 - ASVAB interpretation – no surprises
 - FFA and Music departments
 - 8th grade writing tests
 - Construction meetings
 - Preliminary phase of budget workshop
 - School accreditation – presentation teams coming in; going over school strengths and weaknesses
 - Regional honor band went to Elko
 - Career Fair scheduled for March 1 was canceled and rescheduled for April 5
 - Jr. High and High School ski trip to Utah
 - Proficiency tests held last week
 - Annual History Day Contest
 - Winter Sports Awards
 - Interviewed substitute teachers
 - Kathy Hill speaker at JPO Assembly
 - Baseball and softball teams gotten underway; 1st games and haven't been on a field yet
 - Staff meeting – discussed anticipation for growth and needs for future – feel they need 1 ½ new teachers

- D. Crescent Valley Report: Brief updates to the Board regarding school activities/events.
- Power outage last week
 - Teachers and staff are doing a great job

Pete Edera stated that he thinks the Crescent Valley School is getting ready to grow due to the man camps coming in. Benita Jones stated that won't affect the school at all because families aren't allowed at the man camp. She stated there has been a fluctuation of people coming to town, but that it won't affect the school. She stated that there are other things that are happening that will possibly expand.

Mr. Zunino stated that he received a phone call from Kevin with Patzer (correct name) and they want to extend lease to 5 years and he will be bringing that back at the next meeting. Mrs. Jones stated that the property has been cleaned up and it is nice, tidy and clean. It is very impressive.

Larry Jones stated that he works out at Cortez and that both comments are right. The bus is an hour and 45 minute ride one way. Crescent Valley could grow, yes, but it can't grow because there is no place to live. If there were more facilities to live in, it would bring in the families. Right now there is no place to live.

- E. Board Reports (Information Only/No Action): Brief updates and notices from the Board regarding District activities/events.
- The executive committee and board of directors meetings as well as classes
 - K-8 is primarily based on growth
 - 9-12 is primarily achievement

Teachers and Leaders Conference set up to analyze changes in the state. Addressing some of the accountability formulas for state, whether to make a standard format or by district.

Mr. Zunino stated that the governor announced the new state superintendent, Mr. Guthrie from Texas.

Directive from the state regarding sharing expenses, so even things that don't work, to look at it. Mr. Zunino stated that we are starting on our list of some of the activities that we've done.

- F. Finance Officer's Report: Brief update on District finances.
- Lisa Jones, Finance Officer, gave an overview of the budget schedule and planned budget meetings. She handed out the FY13 budget and taxations preliminary assessed value. By the meeting on the 27th, we should have the valuation numbers. The total county assessed value has reached \$2 billion.
 - Lisa Jones is on the board for Pool Pact and has been selected to travel to Lloyd's of London to help negotiate the underwriting of our insurance.

Bob Burnham asked for a hard copy of the budget prior to the meeting on the 27th.

- 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. March 27, 2012 Board Budget Workshop – 11:30 a.m.
- B. April 2, 2012 Executive Session – 1:00 p.m.
- C. April 17, 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 necessary.

Break – 7:04 p.m.

Adjourn to Executive Session – 7:12 p.m.

Adjourn back to Regular Session –7:45 p.m.

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment

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

Meeting Adjourned

Bob Burnham / 04/17/12 ep
BOB BURNHAM, PRESIDENT

John Brown /04/17/12 ep
JOHN BROWN, CLERK