

EUREKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
August 14, 2012

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 Bob Burnham.

Roll Call

Present:

Bob Burnham, President
John Brown, Clerk
Darla Baumann, Member - Late
Benita Jones, Member
Pete Edera, Member – Late

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

Pete Edera arrived 5:32 p.m.
Darla Baumann arrived 3:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Action to Adopt the Agenda for August 14, 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. NONE

Bob Burnham introduced Carolyn Edwards, NSBA President and noted her visit to each school district. He then commended Mr. Zunino for his efforts in getting the physicals for student athletes' price reduced to \$50.00 per student instead of the proposed \$300.00 that was presented by the clinic.

Student Advisory Report-Information Only/No Action

A. Student Advisory Member's Report: Brief updates to the Board regarding school activities/events.

NONE

Discussion/Information/Action Items

Agenda Item 1 - Update regarding proposed property line adjustment. DISCUSSION ONLY

Mike Mitchell, Project Manager, stated that this item was for due diligence regarding the property lines involved with the gymnasium project. Mr. Mitchell then went over the map with the property lines marked for information and possible resolution to the property line discrepancy. The school district would deed over 2568 sq. ft. of property and 441 sq. ft. for the Russell's. If everyone is in agreement, Summit Engineering will prepare the legal documents. John Brown stated that he toured the property with Mr. Mitchell and agrees that it is a good idea to do as suggested. Mr. Mitchell stated that the Russell's are in the audience and he has gone over this with them. Mr. Burnham asked if it interfered with anything we had already planned. Mr. Mitchell stated that it did not.

President Burnham asked for public comment. Mr. Russell stated that Mr. Mitchell has been very gracious and has explained everything clearly.

Action: DISCUSSION ONLY

Agenda Item 2 - Discuss community use of future gymnasium – DISCUSSION ONLY

Mr. Burnham stated that he asked Mr. Zunino to put this on the agenda as there is a mistaken belief in the community that this gym will not be available for community use. He wants to clear this up and let people know that we would like to maximize the gym's use. Benita Jones stated that we should clear it up and make it known. She felt that the community had been involvement was included all along. Darla Baumann stated that we have always talked about that, that within reason when the students are using it, that it is available. Mr. Burnham stated that even parts of that building should be accessible even during practice where the students aren't using it. Mr. Mitchell went over some of the options for use. He stated that the design is consistent with a 24-hr use philosophy. Mr. Mitchell then went over the estimated operational costs. Mr. Brown noted that during the early meetings with the County Commissioners that the County had indicated a willingness to cover the cost of community use. Mr. Burnham stated again that we want to maximize use of the facility. Mr. Brown asked if we should put something in the Eureka Sentinel regarding the estimated cost. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Zunino will get together to discuss and create something to present to the community.

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: DISCUSSION ONLY

Agenda Item 3 - Policy Consideration – 1st Reading – ADMINISTRATION – 2240 – Test Administration: Policies and Procedures

Mark Martinsen, Administrator, went over the changes required by the state. We are updating prior to the required testing.

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: DISCUSSION ONLY

Agenda Item 4 - Presentation on Student Achievement – Mark Martinsen – PRESENTATION ONLY

Mark Martinsen gave the presentation on student achievement for the prior year.

Mr. Burnham asked if we have a class that has particular issues, that we can have some kind of intervention. Mr. Martinsen stated that generally, yes, and we could and do. We just need to make sure that the students are in the remedial classes if needed. Mr. Zunino stated that is the reason we do MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) testing; so we know where they are and if they are improving. Mr. Martinsen has a graph for cohorts showing how each class progresses. He stated he could bring it to the next meeting.

Pete Edera asked if there online students are included in the totals; i.e. graduation rates. Mr. Martinsen said they are not. Mr. Zunino stated that those students are ones that would normally have dropped out and we are providing an education for them.

Mr. Burnham asked if we have looked into the Khan Academy to see if could be utilized for remedial purposes. Mr. Martinsen stated that we have not and that we could look into it. Mr. Martinsen stated that it is something new and that people aren't ready to try 'something new'. He stated that he knows of at least one student, however, that is already using it.

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: DISCUSSION ONLY

Agenda Item 5 - Discuss, approve, or deny Independent Contract for Ann Marie Merritt, 21st Century After-School Program Site Coordinator. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. Zunino stated that Ann Marie Merritt has been doing this position and this is just a continuation of her work and commended her work and dedication.

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: It was moved by Benita Jones to **approve the Independent Contract for Ann Marie Merritt, 21st Century After-School Program Site Coordinator** and seconded by Darla Baumann. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 - Approval of Consent Agenda - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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. Authorize Superintendent Zunino to file the following grant applications for FY 2012-2013: Special Education Aides; Early Childhood; Local Plan; National School Lunch Program; School Breakfast (SBP) Program; District Improvement Grant; 21st Century Community Schools Grant; IDEA Part B Special Education Grant
- B. Approval of certified teacher contracts including placement on salary scale for the 2012-13 SY.
- C. In-Lieu of Transportation requests for 2012-13 school year.
- D. Policy Consideration – 2nd Reading – ADMINISTRATION – 2220 – District Network, Internet and Electronic Mail Rules Acceptable Use Policy
- E. Policy Consideration – 2nd Reading – STUDENTS – 5699 – Athletic Team Participation Numbers
- F. Policy Consideration – 2nd Reading – BUSINESS AND FINANCE – 3633 - Housing
- G. Approval of minutes from July 24, 2012 Special Board Meeting.
- H. 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.*
- I. Payroll and Warrants: Payroll checks #'s 052892 through #052921 for \$44,458.89, #'s 052922 through 052968 for \$106,573.06 and #'s 052969 through #053047 for \$192,872.54. Accounts payable check #'s 019349 through # 019376 for \$53,103.10, #'s 019377 through # 019389 for \$207,043.93 and #'s 019390 through #019414 for \$476,435.87.

Action: It was moved by John Brown to **approve Consent Agenda Items A-I** and seconded by Benita Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports-Information Only/No Action

- B. Clerk of the Works Report: Brief update on District projects.
 - Crescent Valley should be completed next week
 - High School project is ahead of schedule
 - August 19th doing carpet in Eureka Elementary hallways
- C. Mr. Zunino stated that we are getting daily updates on the work at Crescent Valley on the Superintendent's Report: Brief updates to the Board from the Superintendent regarding District activities/events/correspondence.
 - Superintendents Meeting last week in Reno
 - Waiver that was approved – temporary permission
 - Legislative issues that have to be resolved
 - Dropout rate that was just published
 - Gearing up for the upcoming session

- Looking at changing the 5th and 8th grade writing exam
 - Looking for input
- Getting new students at both town schools

D. High School Principal's Report: Brief updates to the Board regarding school activities/events.

- New students; a couple of football players
- New high school secretary, Kathy Porter, began; Robin Hicks will finish at the end of this week
- NIAA Meeting; realignment and scheduling
- Football practice started early – August 4th
- Volleyball practice started yesterday
- Counselor's Secretary position – filled with Misty Rowley
- Industrial Arts teacher position is still not filled – 12 applications, but only 4 interviews

Mr. Brown asked if the class could be separated out wood from metals to fill the position. Mr. Fujii stated that we could change the requirement from industrial education to industrial ag. Discussion continued regarding a possible automotive class. Mr. Zunino stated that if you did 'auto' then there are certain requirements. Mr. Burnham asked if there was a place to put auto. Discussion continued regarding different options.

The High School will not have sign up for woodshop and welding at this time. Students will be channeled into other classes.

- Yearbook signing
- Athletic packets mailed out
- Student registration next week
- New teacher orientation 23rd
- In-service 24th, 27th, 28th
- School starts August 29th

E. Crescent Valley Report: Brief updates to the Board regarding school activities/events.

- In-service next week
- School starts August 27th

F. Board Reports (Information Only/No Action): Brief updates and notices from the Board regarding District activities/events.

- Mr. Burnham attended the state executive committee retreat and John Brown was there for the last session
 - Money is a major issue
 - Legislative priorities
 - Association is trying to gain autonomy for districts
 - Tour of Barrick Goldstrike Mine
 - Got a sentence added to the legislative agenda
 - Association opposes the state coming after individual districts revenue streams or resources
- Dues will be raised back to where they were
- Mr. Brown stated that it was requested that the board president and superintendent write a letter to the editor to educate people as to what we're doing and why we're doing it as a district. Mr. Burnham stated that they would.
- There is a mixed review of the new state superintendent

G. Finance Officer's Report: Brief update on District finances.

- We are finishing up the last budget year and preparing for the next year
- Preparing for the audit
- Mr. Burnham asked for a breakdown the budget report that was handed out
 - Mrs. Jones gave an overview of how the budget is broken down and reported.

Pete Edera stated that there are better ways of investing the monies we have; i.e. municipal bonds. Mr.

Zunino stated that we're limited by statute on the kinds of investments we are allowed and that if Mr. Edera

would tell Mrs. Jones what he was referring to, we would look into it and see if it is possible for the school to do or not. Discussion continued regarding municipal bonds. Mrs. Jones then discussed our Contango account and stated that she is going to ask our investment committee for permission, then perhaps the whole board, to put more funds into this account.

Mr. Burnham asked Lisa to come back to discuss with a little more preparation regarding liquidity, etc. Lisa stated that she would come back with information from Mr. Grimes. Mr. Burnham stated that we need to also be prepared for growth and have adequate liquidity. Mr. Burnham would like to have it come back with an extended facilities plan for growth.

H. 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. September 11, 2012 Regular Meeting

Executive Session

A. Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to NRS 288.220(4) to discuss with the District's Management Representatives, matters relative to labor contract negotiations with ECTA/ESCA; **DISCUSSION ONLY; NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

It was determined that it was not necessary to adjourn to executive session.

B. **Reconvene to Public Session.**

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment

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

Meeting Adjourned

Bob Burnham / 09/11/12 ep
BOB BURNHAM, PRESIDENT

John Brown /09/11/12 ep
JOHN BROWN, CLERK