

NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
-M-I-N-U-T-E-S-
July 30, 2013

Present: Tracie Ward, President; Tim Sutton, Vice-President; Harold Tokerud, Clerk; Edna Forsgren, Mike Floyd, Pam Lewis and Robert Mobley, Members; Dale Norton, Superintendent; Dr. Kim Friel, Assistant Superintendent; Ray Ritchie, Chief Operating Officer; Sheena Barnes, Human Resources Director; Sam Simatos, Special Education Director; Cameron McRae, Transportation/Maintenance and Operations Supervisor; Karen Holley, Grants Coordinator; Janelle Veloz, Administrative Assistant; and Kerry Paniagua, Executive Secretary.

Absent: None.

Guests: Dave Wonderly, Maintenance and Operations; Linda Reed, District Office; Patricia Dannenberger, Tina Mann, Tricia Beane and Frank Alatorre, Transportation; Tom Waters, Pahrump Town Board; Andrea Sposato and Melanie Lawdensky, Pahrump Youth Advisory Board; Paul Fresques, Youth United; Don McDermott, Mirror; Kathleen McKeivitt, Pahrump Valley Times; and Donald Rust, Diane Southworth and Susan Davenport, Pahrump.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Pahrump boardroom with a videoconference link to the Tonopah boardroom and phone connection to Mrs. Forsgren. Board members, administrators and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called; Mrs. Forsgren was absent. She connected at 7:40 p.m. The clerk read the mission statement and goals.

PUBLIC INPUT

None offered.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Sutton moved adoption of the agenda, and Mrs. Lewis seconded. Those voting aye: Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Mobley, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Tokerud and Mrs. Ward. Those voting nay: none. Mrs. Forsgren was absent for this vote. The motion passed with a majority vote.

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. McRae recognized Tricia Beane for placing second and Frank Alatorre for placing third in the 2013 Nevada Safety Road-eo.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Tokerud made the motion to approve the consent calendar with a correction to the June 25 regular meeting minutes, item "Approval of 2013-14 Amended Final Budget." The wording "one percent step increase" should have been "one step increase." Mr. Floyd seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Mr.

Floyd, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Mobley, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Tokerud and Mrs. Ward. Those voting nay: none. Mrs. Forsgren was absent for this vote. The motion passed with a majority vote. The consent calendar consisted of the June 25 minutes and three immunization exemptions.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Mr. Sutton made the motion to approve check registers dated 6/19/13 in the amount of \$240,017.30, 6/24/13 in the amount of \$416,082.77, 7/10/13 in the amount of \$42,446.96, 7/11/13 in the amount of \$218,110.76, 7/15/13 in the amount of \$104,595.12, 7/18/13 in the amount of \$120,100.64 and 7/19/13 in the amount of \$33,629.74. Mr. Mobley seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Mobley, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Tokerud and Mrs. Ward. Those voting nay: none. Mrs. Forsgren was absent for this vote. The motion passed with a majority vote.

REPORTS

Mr. Norton congratulated the bus drivers on their awards. He announced EV Visser as the new Intervention Director and promised to announce her replacement soon. He reminded everyone of the Health Fair on August 10 at Desert View Hospital and Valley Electric's "Fill the Bucket" on August 17 at Wal-Mart, Smith's and Albertson's. He will travel on Wednesday to Reno for State Superintendents' meeting on Thursday. The Leadership Team spent the entire day planning for the new year.

Dr. Friel said employees of the Department of Student Achievement have been at conferences and training all summer preparing for staff development. They have been working on aligning curriculum with Common Core. There were no board reports. All Amargosa positions have been filled except for one. There will be a conference call with West Ed on Friday.

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Wonderly announced that Pahrump High goes off warranty on September 8. Recent projects completed at the Tonopah gym include pouring the new handicap sidewalk and patching existing concrete; pouring flumes from downspouts to existing gutter; installing new fence from auto shop to music room; cleaning and punching music and change rooms; installing concession counter; and installing corner guards and signage. They are currently installing stage lights and the sound system. Bleachers are scheduled to arrive August 2, and the completion date is August 15. The tentative date for re-opening is August 20. He said there was a little water to deal with at Pahrump High's new addition and renovation from the recent storm, as well as some downed trees and landscape cleanup.

APPROVAL OF GRANTS

Mrs. Holley requested approval of three grants. The first was NCCAT-D (Nevada Comprehensive Curriculum Audit Tool) in the amount of \$20,495. The second was an SB 504 grant in the amount of \$121,494 to create another preK in Pahrump. The third was a JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) grant for Tonopah High. Mr. Tokerud made the motion to approve grant application, and Mr. Mobley seconded. Those voting aye: Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Mobley, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Tokerud and Mrs. Ward. Those voting nay: none. Mrs. Forsgren was absent for this vote. The motion passed with a majority vote.

PRESENTATION BY PAHRUMP YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD—STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVE ON EDUCATION

Dr. Tom Waters of the Pahrump Town Board introduced Andrea Sposato and Melanie Lawdensky of the Pahrump Youth Advisory Board who read from their white paper on their perspective on education. They feel the AYP system under NCLB is not an accurate assessment. The teacher evaluation system seems flawed. They feel the District should advertise when Count Day is. There should be enough computers for each student. There is a lack of textbooks. They need more help from counselors. They understand not enough money is collected to cover the cost of lunches so they suggest conserving leftover food,

contracting with local restaurants and having culinary students prepare meals a few times a week. There is a need for more dual credit and Odyssey courses.

DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST BY PAUL FRESQUES TO PROVIDE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN PAHRUMP & AMARGOSA

Mr. Fresques said the Youth United Fundamental Sports Academy's mission statement is focused on service. He asked the board's support for a three year after-school program. The pilot year would be establishing the program in Pahrump and Amargosa elementary schools for grades 1 through 5. Parents would pay \$50 annually for each child, and he hoped costs would be offset by grants. He would do full background checks on employees, and he carries liability insurance. His organization is local and not affiliated with any other program. He implemented the program first in Ogden and Layton, Utah. His son and Al Biancani, former strength and conditioning coach with the Sacramento Kings, would help him set up the program.

Mr. Tokerud said this would be asking quite a commitment of the District in giving over three hours a day for 50 weeks. Mr. Fresques said he's very flexible. He hoped to start at Hafen and Amargosa and then roll out to other schools. He would advertise for employees; it wouldn't be totally run by volunteers. His corporate sponsors include Jostens, Wilson and Pepsi. Mr. Mobley said he'd prefer seeing the total list of sponsors before voting to turn over facilities. He asked if District staff would have to stay until parents picked up their children and if parents would expect the District to pay their annual fee if they couldn't afford it. He said his own staff would be responsible for both. He said waiting 12 months to implement it would be fine. He expected to see kids enroll as it's presented at each school.

Mrs. Lewis said she could see the program for grades 4 to 6 but was unsure about primary grades. Mr. Tokerud expressed concern about young kids being in school for seven hours and then having a rigorous sports program for another three hours. Mr. Fresques said there are a lot more programs they offer. Mr. Tokerud said transportation was a big problem at the Boys and Girls Club, and there wasn't much interest. Mrs. Ward asked how he would train the staff. He said it's more a conditioning and strengthening program. They would probably only do sports fundamentals a couple times a week.

Mr. Tokerud said his concern is not the money—it's who will be working with the kids. The District has trouble even getting coaches to commit. He preferred seeing something solid before voting. He couldn't imagine the board giving him authority in the schools without knowing him. Mr. Mobley said it should have been brought to the board months ago. Mr. Fresques offered to have the board involved in the interviews, but he can't advertise until he has approval. Mrs. Lewis said he has a good idea with loose ends. She thought the board needed to see the program outlined. Mr. Fresques said the booklet explains three graduation levels. A brochure explains the point system used for kids to earn rewards. Mrs. Lewis pointed out he's explained what he wants to do but not how he's going to do it; it's not specific enough. She suggested he start with one school; if it worked well there, he could expand to other schools. Mr. Sutton was more concerned about liability. Mr. Tokerud made the motion to deny the request at this time, and Mr. Mobley seconded. Mr. Floyd said it appears to be a good idea, but there's a lot of information the board needs. He asked if the schools would have to open up their computer labs. Mr. Fresques said he would supply the computers. Those voting nay: Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Mobley, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Tokerud and Mrs. Ward. Mrs. Forsgren was absent for this vote. The motion passed with a majority vote.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. Norton read the press release on all-day kindergarten, the Kick Start program that sets up a \$50 college savings account for every kindergarten student, and immunization requirements. The college savings account can be used for any institution of higher learning. There will be posters placed in each community to make parents aware. Mrs. Ward hoped that more parents would enroll their kindergarten students now that it will be full-day.

APPROVAL OF DEBT MANAGEMENT PLAN, SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

Mr. Tokerud moved approval of the Debt Management Plan, Schedule of Indebtedness and Capital Improvements Plan. Mr. Mobley seconded, and a unanimous vote was registered.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE UPGRADE OF VIDEOCONFERENCE EQUIPMENT IN THE PAHRUMP BOARDROOM

Mr. Norton said one of the board members requested an upgrade to the videoconference equipment. Mr. Ritchie explained one option would call for one monitor each on the east and west walls, cameras would stay where they currently are, and the smart board would be wired in for a cost of approximately \$11,000. The other option would have two monitors each mounted on the north and south walls with one camera facing the front and one facing the rear in addition to a document camera. Tonopah's boardroom would be upgraded also, for a total cost of approximately \$52,900. Mr. Tokerud said it's very difficult to watch the board meeting in Tonopah, but he didn't like the high cost of that version. However, he would like to see some changes made. Mr. Mobley said he'd rather see the money spent on heat pumps. Mr. Ritchie said the smart board isn't tied into the system now. Most of the cost is in labor. Mr. Mobley suggested one monitor each on the front and back walls since the room isn't that big.

DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST TO USE OF RETREAD TIRES

Mr. McRae said \$40,000 to \$60,000 is spent each year on tires. Clark County just awarded a contract that costs them \$442 per tire. Eight out of ten tire failures were due to road hazard issues. There were five catastrophic failures last year, and four of them were identified as road hazard initiated. He has a stock of casings, and there would be a considerable savings if he could use those casings for retread. He estimated 50 tires each year could be recapped. By law, they cannot be used on the front. Recapped tires would have more rubber. Casings would have to be adequately inspected. Mr. Sutton made the motion to approve the request to use retread tires in the future, and Mr. Tokerud seconded. Those voting aye: Mr. Floyd, Mrs. Forsgren, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Tokerud and Mrs. Ward. Those voting nay: Mr. Mobley. The motion carried with a majority vote.

APPROVAL FOR BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE AT NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS CONFERENCE

Mrs. Ward advised board members that the fall conference would provide the mandatory bullying training. Those who do not attend the conference would have to receive training in some other way. Mr. Sutton made the motion to approve board members' attendance at the NASB conference on November 22 and 23 in Reno. Mr. Mobley seconded, and a unanimous vote was registered.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NRS 288.220 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFERRING WITH MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS; NRS 241.015(2)(b)(2) TO CONDUCT A NON-PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM THE DISTRICT'S LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POTENTIAL OR EXISTING LITIGATION; OR NRS 241.030(1)(a) TO CONSIDER THE CHARACTER, MISCONDUCT, COMPETENCE, OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF A PERSON

Discussion is reflected in Executive Session minutes.

DECISION REGARDING POSSIBLE STUDENT RIGHTS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO RESTRAINTS

Item withdrawn.

CHANGE OF DATE/ATTENDANCE AREA OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

No changes made.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

No changes made.

PUBLIC INPUT

None offered.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mobley moved to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Mr. Sutton seconded, and a unanimous vote was recorded.

SCHEDULE OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Mr. Sutton made the motion to go into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. Mr. Mobley seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast. The regular session resumed at 8:50, and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

By _____
Clerk