

**LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.
LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE
1191 EDWARDS STREET, PANACA, NV 89042

Members Present: Peggy Rowe, Wade Poulsen, Carolyn Harr, Ty Mizer, Patrick Kelley
Superintendent: Pam Teel
Principals: Cherry Florence – Caliente Ele., Cody Christensen –C.O. Bastian, Mike Strong- PVHS, Raymond Wadsworth-MVMS, Brian Higbee – PVES, Stephanie Vincent – Pioche Ele., Marty Soderborg - LCHS

Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance

President Mizer called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. and President Mizer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

None

Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Kelley made a motion to approve the agenda, motion seconded by Trustee Harr; motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held January 12, 2017

Trustee Poulsen made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting Held January 12, 2017, motion seconded by Trustee Rowe; motion carried.

Letters

President Mizer read two letters –

White Pine School District Thank You Letter – **Donation** of four school buses to White Pine.

Dr. Babcock Resignation Letter - Effective at the end of this school year as school psychologist.

School Reports

Mr. Christensen – On Feb. 21, we will be having a graduation for two students. We would love to have you. Mrs. Teel and I met with people in Reno to discuss getting more money for COB because of our low enrollment numbers. We are hoping that it pans out and they adjust our contract.

Mr. Strong – A group of students went down to the contractor's board in Las Vegas. They showed some of the needs we have for our auto shop. The next day I had a check for \$20,000 for a new lift.

Mr. Higbee – Jessica Jones Special Ed Teacher – In January, we held our second round of parent teacher conferences and had very high attendance rates. Only one parent was unable to attend. We have been doing Professional Development as a staff. I attended a dyslexia meeting in Las Vegas. We are going to be doing a Bring the Change Event. It is a coin drive for children with blood disorders. It will help our students to build empathy for children with serious illnesses. We have one to one technology in our building. Students are using technology for standards every single day. Beau Jones –Presentation on Technology in his classroom.

Mrs. Florence – We had parent compacts. We had a large percentage of parents that came to meet with teachers. Students lead compacts. It is about the goals they are making, what tiers that they are on, and RTI's that teachers are using with students. This builds the bridge with the parent and child. Our goal this year is to increase attendance percentage. Classes that had 85% attendance received a reward at the end of the quarter. We elected to bring them up to the Mathews Center for a movie and popcorn. Every class made that goal. I have had mid-year teacher conferences with every teacher.

Mr. Wadsworth – Things are going good. Annual Brian Head pride trip is coming up. No small task to plan and prepare for that trip. Kudos to Mrs. Cumming for getting it together. Out of 74 students we have, 58 are going on this trip. It will be on Feb 28th. Several parents have volunteered to be chaperones.

Mrs. Vincent – Pioche has had some interesting snow. We had 10 feet of snow out the back from our roof. Thank goodness for our janitor, Mike, Mark, and NDF and the local people helped clear it out. We were able to avoid the flooding issues we have had in the past. I really appreciate all who came to help us. We finished our NWEA testing. We were very excited after winter testing, 9% more in math and 11% more in reading have now reached grade level. Everyone is working hard to move these kids along. Trout in the Classroom Program - We are getting our trout eggs next week. They hatch and then we take them out to the reservoir. They will be there on Valentine's Day.

Mr. Soderborg – We are going to miss Jeremy Derkovitz. He has done a lot of great things. At the start of the school year, he got the seniors what they needed. With his health issues, he has felt bad about not being there. It has created an issue for us. It has been a difficult transition, but we will make it work. Mr. Hunt is helping with emotional issues. We did an emergency fill with two teachers helping with juniors and seniors getting the kids all they need academically.

Payment of Bills – For Possible Action

Trustee Poulsen made a motion to approve the payment of the bills, motion seconded by Trustee Rowe; motion carried.

Hire District Secretary I Position

Superintendent Teel –We had three applicants. It was advertised in-house and all were very good applicants. The name I bring before you is RaChyl Cameron.

Trustee Poulsen made a motion to approve the hiring of RaChyl Cameron for the District Secretary I position, motion seconded by Trustee Rowe; motion carried.

Hire Alternative School Para-Professional

Mr. Christensen – We had four applicants. One really stood out - Bonnie Cooper. I would recommend we hire her. She is everything she claims. She wants to work with these kind of kids.

Trustee Harr made a motion to approve the hiring of Bonnie Cooper as the Alternative School Para-Professional, motion seconded by Trustee Poulsen; motion carried.

Approve LCHS Request for Student to take the Hi-Set Exam

Mr. Soderborg – Student is far enough behind that even if they sat in class for this year and next year they would not graduate on time. The student has an IEP. Dad wants to look into it to make sure it is best for the student. Student has not done any work. Once they take the Hi-Set Test they cannot come back to high school if they pass. Table for right now and it will be on the agenda next month. It gives them credit towards graduation. The student does not have any English credits and is halfway through their junior year. We want to make sure dad is onboard and have a commitment from him as well. There are other programs to finish their education
Tabled at this time.

Approve the Spring Sports Schedules for LCHS and PVHS

Superintendent Teel – They were in the drive.

Trustee Poulsen made a motion to approve the Spring Sports Schedules for LCHS and PVHS, motion seconded by Trustee Rowe; motion carried.

Approval to Apply for Alternative Schedule for 2017-2018 School Year

Superintendent Teel – We can apply for the 4-day alternative schedule. We will have a schedule for you in April.

Trustee Poulsen made a motion to approve the approval to Apply for Alternative Schedule for 2017-2018 School Year, motion seconded by Trustee Harr; motion carried.

Adoption of a Resolution in Support of iNVEST 2017

Superintendent Teel - Resolution read by Caroline Harr

Trustee Poulsen made a motion to approve the adoption of a Resolution in Support of iNVEST 2017, motion seconded by Trustee Kelley; motion carried.

Discussion/Approval of Time Change of School Board Meetings

Superintendent Teel – This was brought up by one of you. We now start at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Rowe would like to move it to six. It would affect the public trying to attend if before 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Kelley made a motion to Change the Time of Board Meetings to 6:00 p.m., motion seconded by Trustee Rowe; motion carried.

Approve Transportation Contract for Ashlee Crosby

Superintendent Teel – This meets all the conditions that we require for a transportation contract.

Trustee Kelley made a motion to approve the Transportation Contract for Ashlee Crosby, motion seconded by Trustee Poulsen; motion carried.

Board Business – Policy Reading – Second Reading

Second Reading of the Policy – Service Animals – JHE

There were no changes, so it does not have to be read. Brings us up to ADA code.

NASB Report

Trustee Mizer – I attended the training – Part 2 of the Orientation. We went over the Formula for the Nevada Plan (funding) - how districts get their allotments. There was a good presentation on Cyber Ransomware – Mr. Lamb thinks the District is in a good spot with security. He is diligent in keeping up with things. We had a joint training with the superintendents. It was informative also. The next one coming up is April 7&8 - Board Orientation Part 3 in Reno.

Trustee Poulsen – The Legislature started on Monday. Already two bills have been presented. The first one sponsored by CCSD (SB20) - to eliminate the tests that teachers and substitute teachers have to take on the Nevada and US Constitution. This will make the hiring process easier and timelier. They lose many teachers through the process. Today – Discussion of the ESA – the vouchers. It came up in the finance committee. The Supreme Court said the ESA's were unconstitutional to take out of the education budget. They have to put in a line item in the budget for ESA's. There is lots of contention surrounding that. The Democratic Whip has suspended the rules of the Nevada Legislature. This is the 1st time in 150 years. It has never been done before in the State of Nevada. They can go through and pass a bill with no public input. They have already made historical marks.

Board Member's Comments

President Mizer – I attended wrestling at PVHS. I had to take a second trip down. I had a chance to sit and visit with Mr. Strong about the NIAA. There is always a learning opportunity when I go and visit. It is candid and open. They can tell me things, which is great. That shows to our cultural that we have here in the District. One of the best things, I was able to announce the student of the day at Caliente Elementary. That was awesome.

Trustee Kelley – I attended the Panaca Elementary School Assembly– it was on motivation and the presenter did a lot with the basketballs. Teachers had more fun than the kids did. It was good. It got the kids all excited. It was a good afternoon. Middle school boys, this year in basketball won the Milford Tournament. They did a great job. Trophy is on display at the middle school. John Anderson is the coach. Millie Anderson has been doing the organizing. We got beat by six by the top Enterprise team. They had a great season. Four of our wrestlers won at zone and will be going to the state tournament this week. The coaches have done a great job with them. I want to wish our basketball teams in Lincoln and Alamo good luck at zone next weekend. It has been a fun year. I went to visit with Mrs. Vincent to look at the ice situation. We appreciate each one of you

Trustee Harr –I have been impressed with the atmosphere among the kids with the wrestling program. Coach Jim Bourne - the kids really like him. Basketball, the changes there, and learning to deal with a new coach. Parents have to learn how to do that. I am going to help with the spelling bee next week. Feb. 13th at 1:00 pm. I would like to make a request to change the board meeting from April 19th. Can we change to the 18th? Thank you to everyone who does extra. We have a good group that way. We all appreciate that.

Trustee Rowe – no comment

Trustee Poulsen – Gave report earlier.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Teel – We have a flexible and generous staff. When needs come up, people go I can do that, or I can help with that. We have a well working and generous staff. We have people doing 6 or 7 things. Mrs. Frehner is shared throughout the valley. Circumstances that have come up the last couple of months with some dire needs with families and staff that were not anticipated. Things happen. We have come together well to help students. Legislative session- I am on my 23rd BDR. I received five more today. They are bill drafts asking what if's – how they will impact education. Some will have a physical impact if that bill goes through. Monthly NASS meetings - We all discuss what is going on and how we can help each other. Good meetings there. NASB combined with Superintendents Meeting in January is always beneficial. January was a long and busy month. I am looking forward to the rest of February. I need your ideas for the next workshop in July.

Trustee Kelley - Thank you for the workshop - very educational

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Trustee Poulsen made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Trustee Harr; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Board President

Date

Board Clerk

Date