

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017 - 6:00 P.M.
LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE
1191 EDWARDS STREET, PANACA, NV 89042

Members Present: Ty Mizer, Patrick Kelley, Carolyn Harr, Wade Poulsen, Peggy Rowe
Superintendent: Pam Teel
Principals: Stephanie Vincent – Pioche Ele., Brian Higbee – PVES, Marty Soderborg – LCHS, Raymond Wadsworth - MVMS

Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance

President Mizer called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

None

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held September 14, 2017 and the Board Workshop Held September 14, 2017

Trustee Poulsen made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting Held September 14, 2017 and the Board Workshop Held September 14, 2017, motion seconded by Trustee Rowe; motion carried

Letters

None

School Reports

Pioche Elementary – Mrs. Vincent – We just finished Fire Safety Week. We had great support from the community. We had BLM bring Smoky the Bear, the Pioche Fire Dept. and NDF came with their trucks to show the kids. Pilot Program – Summit Learning is going phenomenally well. I would like to invite the board to come up anytime to see the work they are doing. On November 7th, we have a member of the Summit Growth Team coming. We would like to show the high school, middle school and other elementary schools what Summit is all about. When talking to a 6th grade student today about staying with this program, he said why would we go back to anything else. Come see what we are doing.

Panaca Elementary – Katherine Wheatley – We too finished Fire Safety Week. We had Smoky the Bear. They gave us lots of good stuff and the kids really enjoyed that. Our fire dept. came last week, talked to us about fire safety, and brought their trucks. That was enjoyable. We had Community Cares Day. Our kids enjoyed that a lot. They liked the power district presentation the most. It was very interesting for them. Looking ahead, we have the K-3 grades going to Staheli Farms in St. George to see a working farm and participate in the maze. Grades 4-6 are going to the Pahrnagat Wildlife Refuge to learn about the geological history and the human history there. Our PTG is going to be putting on a Fall Festival which is taking the place of the carnival on October 21st.

MVMS – Mr. Wadsworth – Things are going really well at the middle school. The 7th graders are getting adapted. We had a big to do on Constitution Day. Our student council portrayed characters who created the constitution. The kids rotated through groups and learned about those people and why they felt the constitution was so important to create. It was a fantastic activity. Coming up in November is our first annual pride trip that the kids can earn through their good behavior, attendance, and citizenship. They will be going to Laser Mania in St. George. 50 – 60 kids are eligible to go which is a pretty high percentage. All the teachers are going. We would like to invite you to our Veterans Assembly on Nov. 8th. I will let you know about the time. We have asked Ray Ferrell to come and give a presentation.

LCHS – Lori Cheeney – We are going to play pictures from homecoming week to show some of the things that we did. It was a very successful homecoming week. The best since I have worked there. We had very few if any problems. The class competitions did not end in hurt feelings this year. Bon Fire example. We had NDF and Panaca Fire Dept. there to make sure that we were all safe. The kids loved homecoming week. The teachers were tired but not emotionally stressed. The Student Council are being allowed to lead. They are being guided. They came up with the activities. A lot of the responsibility was on the Student Council. The addition of the two new staff in our building has been great - excellent attitudes. They are involved in everything and involved with the kids. Feedback from the community, they were disappointed with the game on Thursday. That was a Clark County issue. In spite of that, we had a good turnout. We had tons of good feedback on the “L” burning on Court Rock. It was the biggest gate for homecoming. Today we had a

Career Day. We got good feedback from the presenters about adjustments we can make for our next one. We might do one in the spring. It went really well. Kids responded well and were well behaved. It was a win win. Review of the Washington DC trip. We have 33 students going this year with 13 adults.

Caliente Elementary – Megan Petersen – At the end of Sept, I did a program - Take Your Parent to PE Week. This was to help our parent involvement. We had a great turnout. Fifty people showed up over three days to participate with their kids. It was awesome. Parents were able to see what their kids do on a day-to-day basis. Monday is sports day. We are working on football right now. Tuesday – we do laps. This year it is the Rising New York Road Runner Program. Wednesday – we have game day. Older class –I implemented that the student is in charge – each student has to plan what we are doing, the equipment needed and then has to explain to the class what they are doing. This helps students to take on more leadership roles. Bring a Buddy to Lunch Day – we had 34 people join their students for lunch. This month it will be on the 18th, and we are expecting a lot more to show up. Everyone likes the new lunch program. Less is being thrown away and more is being eaten. We have the Pumpkin Patch next week. On Halloween, the Pre-K and Kindergarten are going to the hospital to sing to the residents. October 28th is the Halloween Carnival. We are raising money for a new sound system. We have a Spooky Walk planned for the 27th.

PVES – Mr. Mortensen - We have the corn maze in Moapa for the 2nd – 5th grades. It has become a tradition here. We are taking the K-1st grades to the Pumpkin Patch. This past Monday, we had an emergency preparedness day. All the schools took part in various emergency drills. We had SWAT members, the sheriff's dept., and our highway patrol to teach the teachers to know what to do in an emergency. I teach 5th grade, and they think everything is stupid and dumb. I was trying to think of how I could teach the English language and how to make it more exciting. A few years ago, I had a class that really liked music, and I decided to start a song of the day. I picked music I loved growing up. There is some great lyrics and great poetry in music. We listened to the song and then talked about it and the parts of speech throughout the lyrics. The kids began to love it and it became the favorite part of the day. We do a little history on the artist and talk about them. If they have music they like, they put their suggestions in a jar. I preview before the class, print out the lyrics and talk about the different parts of speech and the different parts of the English language. It has been fun to be a part of. I have had some pretty cool moments where kids are picking out similes and metaphors. It is a fun part of the day.

Payment of Bills – For Possible Action

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

Approve Class-Sized Reduction Report

Superintendent Teel – 1st Quarter Report. This report is due four times a year. We are getting permission to submit the report. It will be uploaded on the website.

Trustee Poulsen made a motion to approve the Class-Sized Reduction Report, motion seconded by Trustee Harr; motion carried.

Approve SNRPDP Reporting Requirement Letter – NRS 391.556/NRS 389.520

Superintendent Teel – It is the flow through grant money for the professional development that Lincoln County receives for this school year. When I contacted Chellie Smith, this is the last year for approval. It was changed in legislation how that money is approved.

Trustee Poulsen made a motion to approve the SNRPDP Reporting Requirement Letter – NRS 391.556/NRS 389.520, motion seconded by Trustee Rowe; motion carried.

Approve LCHS/PVHS Winter Sport Schedules

Hydration Test for wrestling explained.

Trustee Harr made a motion to approve the LCHS/PVHS Winter Sport Schedules, motion seconded by Trustee Poulsen; motion carried.

Approve School District Discipline Plans

Superintendent Teel – This is a State NRS that once a year school discipline plans, the progressive plans are sent to the state department. In the October board meeting, I report to you that all the plans have been submitted to me. Every school has a plan. They will be loaded on the web site shortly. Most of the plans go out in the student handbooks. I have to report to the State Board of Education by November 15th, that we have the approved plans. They all have the required components. There was legislation that came out; there was an SB that changed the regs insuring that there is a transportation clause and changes in the bullying law. We needed to make sure these were in the plan as well.

Trustee Harr made a motion to approve the School District Discipline Plans, motion seconded by Trustee Poulsen; motion carried.

Approve E-Rate Application

Superintendent Teel – This is for the application for the 18 school year. We are a year behind in that cycle. We were just approved with finality of the 17-grant cycle. We are now implementing that money. E-rate gives us a portion of the money back.

Trustee Poulsen made a motion to approve the E-Rate Application, motion seconded by Trustee Rowe; motion carried.

Approve Policy Revision for GB31-Residency as a Condition of Employment

Superintendent Teel – It came up at the board workshop the suggestions for the legalities of how we could implement and insure the suggestions you were wanting in that policy were legal and made sure the definitions were in there. As we discussed last month, we were vague in what reside meant. President Mizer read the revised policy.

It is board policy and the board should be making the determination of residency. Definition of to reside – to maintain a physical presence with the intent to have continuity. If approved, it applies to anyone hired after today's date. If there is an employee in question, they will have to come before the board for determination of permanent and continuance.

Conversation with employee in a closed session and then acted upon in open meeting.

Trustee Kelley made a motion to approve the Policy Revision for GB31-Residency as a Condition of Employment, motion seconded by Trustee Poulsen; motion carried.

Approve LCHS Washington D.C. Trip – February 28 to March 6, 2018

Trustee Kelley made a motion to approve the LCHS Washington D.C. Trip – February 28 – March 6, 2018, motion seconded by Trustee Harr; motion carried.

Board Business – Policy Reading – Second Reading

Second Reading of the Policy - GBBC – Employee Bullying

NASB Report

Trustee Poulsen – NASB Conference is on November 17th and 18th. Board of Directors and Executive Committee meeting on the 16th. Information in the monthly newsletter. It looks like we have a pretty good roundup. Many different speakers. There should be a lot of good information. Awards on Saturday night. The year has gone by quick.

Board Member's Comments

Trustee Rowe – Tuesday I spent down in Mesquite with Carolyn, it was interesting. It was well worth going too. I spent the last two days at the NV League of Cities. Today I was privileged to hear Senator Heller, Secretary of State, Attorney General Laxalt, and John Porter. I had classes on open meeting law, opioids, budgets, transportation, and what elected officials do in emergencies. It was fun. Thank the lunch people Pam, Mr. Higbee, Rachel and Tracy and all their aides. It is starting to be a very good success.

Trustee Poulsen – Next week I go to Portland for the Pacific Region Fall Conference for the National School Board Association. I will be representing NASB at that. I've been going to volleyball games. That is about it. I want to give a public thanks to Bob Ellis for all that he does, visiting the schools and the shoes. He does a great service to our county. I want to give thanks to him for all that he does for us.

Trustee Harr – I attended the Cathedral Gorge Inn dinner to meet the Ellis's. Lots of football. I want to thank the secretaries from the schools for the calendars. Happy World Egg Day. I saw that on the MVMS calendar.

Trustee Kelley – I would like to second Wade's for Mr. Ellis. I got sick and could not go to the dinner. It is awesome. I like the people he brings with him, and they get to see the county, the schools and the community. It is great the more people that get to see us and the better off we will be when we need something. I appreciate the article in the paper about the Alamo shop. Mr. Soderborg needs a pat on the back for the homecoming activities. It was awesome. The most awesome thing I saw was how all the kids worked together. It was amazing to see the kids. We went to the talent assembly. There was some great talent that day. So many kids participating, they had to stop and eat lunch and come back. I really enjoyed the powder puff game. Our grandkids finally won. They were so excited they finally won a powder puff. I heard lots of comments about the band marching. Mr. Lester does a great job. That was the biggest crowd you have had in years. It was a great night. The kids did a great job. The pep club was awesome. The assembly the night before, it was a classic. Anna and her band – the kids came down on the floor like they were at a concert. The kids were so together. When you have that, you have a good school. The teachers did a skit and showed the kids that they can make a fool of themselves, and it is okay for them to do it too. I can't get over how much fun it was. If we can keep the kids working like that, we will have a great year. I stopped by and talked to Mrs. Weidman. Pioche is doing well, almost everybody is eating and some from the community. They are excited too. They think they are doing a better job. Keep that going. We thank them. We have a lot of good people working here.

President Mizer – I agree with a lot of what you said. I am getting more involved. I want to come and visit. I want to see the summit learning. I want to get down south and see the things going on. I did run a couple of miles with my kids the other day. My son said that he was the lunch leader this week and it was a big deal for him. I did have the lunch. They are improving. There is better buzz about that. The career day today at the high school, I wish I could of joined in with the other BLM guys. I heard lots of good things. A spring one is even better. Hopefully, I can get out there and see them for real. I can't wait for the NASB conference.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Teel – I have made it to half the schools for the admin part of the evaluation system(NEPF) and the remaining half at the end of the month. I dropped in on the summit learning in Pioche. I went into Mrs. Somers's classroom and asked the kids how it was going. Replies - it is work, but we love it. The energy is different. The content goes altogether, and they are doing content work in various things. They know their strengths. I had good conversation with Mrs. Somers and I was hoping she would make it tonight. We do plan to have the students come and talk about it. Parents are behind the program. Parents would rather see mastery of a content area than an A grade. Some of the right things that we need to make sure we are continuing. That is our goal. Budget wise - I have asked administrators to spend strategically until we know our ending fund. I have asked them to spend a quarter at a time. Are we really spending our money on what we intend? Are we really utilizing those programs we have purchased? Some of the programs we invest in are like \$3000 - are we really getting a return investment on those programs? Do we need to make changes with our programs? We are having everyone take a look of what are we spending on. We have also asked Mr. Anderson and Mr. Gloeckner to put a freeze on transportation and maintenance. Food Service – we do have an upcoming audit with Nevada Department of Agriculture. They will come for a whole week and do the food service audit. Two years ago we were in corrective action for a full year. It is a big deal. We are learning a lot. We do have some increased meal counts. Moving away from Clark County, we have a higher cost for products. Right now we are working on how much it costs for a month and how many we need to serve to insure we are covering our costs. We need everyone to support the food service or this is not going to work. First quarter ends the 19th.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Trustee Harr made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Trustee Kelley; motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Board President

Date

Board Clerk

Date