

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017 - 6:00 P.M.
LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE
1191 EDWARDS STREET, PANACA, NV 89042

Members Present: Carolyn Harr, Pat Kelley, Peggy Rowe
Superintendent: Pam Teel
Principals: Cherry Florence – Caliente Elementary, Marty Soderborg – LCHS, Mike Strong- PVHS, Raymond Wadsworth-MVMS, Stephanie Vincent – Pioche Elementary

Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance

President Pro-Tem Harr called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

None

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes for the Special Meeting Held November 8, 2017

Trustee Rowe made a motion to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting Held November 8, 2017, motion seconded by Trustee Kelley; motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held November 9, 2017

President Pro-Tem Harr – Requested a change on page 7 on her comments. There was a word that was not heard on the audio. It should say not. Otherwise, it changes the complete meaning of what was said. It should read, “We are not in charge of guilt or not guilt.” Otherwise, it does not make sense.

Trustee Rowe abstains from full approval of the minutes. She was not there for items 3B and 3C. But, I can approve the rest.

Trustee Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting Held November 9, 2017 with the change requested, motion seconded by Trustee Rowe; motion carried.

Letters

None

School Reports

LCHS – Tyler Heaton & FFA Members– Tyler Thompson, Jaydon Heaton, Guy Heaton–We would like to thank you for letting us go to the National Convention. It was a super fun experience for all of us and very different from what we are used to. Slide show of trip and local activities they have been involved with. We recently did a potato fundraiser. We went to Atlanta Farms. They had an acre they were not going to harvest. We picked over 22,000 lbs. of potatoes and are selling them. Mr. Heaton –This was a neat experience for many of the kids. I asked the English teachers to have their students define hard work and then ask them last time they had done hard work. Read a few of the student’s responses. We were able to pull off a unique event that affected many students. In Indianapolis, we visited memorials, flourishing local business, and met new people from all over the country. We went on career success tours to Indiana Veneer, Vine and Branch, Reynolds Farm Equipment, Salisbury Landscaping. We saw the Lucas Oil Stadium, Bakersfield Stadium, Memorials, WW1 Memorial, and the Indy 500 Course. Park to Park Pedal –The Farm Bureau did a dinner for this and asked the FFA to help. It was a super good fundraiser. We had our FFA dinner at the LC Fair and Rodeo. Thank you for letting us be able to go and do these things. We are grateful you would allow us to do this.

PVHS – We have our Student body President and Vice-President - Maddie Taylor and Richard Lewis. We had a great fall season, our football team and our volleyball team both took state. We got a State Academic Championship for the football team. Our Academic Olympics also took 2nd at state. Joint student council meeting here at our school. It was really good to get together and have both student councils. We went over the dress code and talked about that for a while. We got leggings approved. It was fun and nice to have everyone together. For our homecoming dance, our Floriculture team made all the boutonnieres and corsages. We are really proud of them for that. Last night our choir put on a great Christmas Concert. They worked really hard on that. We have our Brian Head trip planned for next week. Most of the students will be going on it. We are excited for that. Our middle school does a Panther Pride where students have to have all passing grades and no getting in trouble to go on a trip each quarter. Their first trip was to Flippin Out and over 90% of our middle school students were able to go on that. That was really awesome.

Mr.Strong – Our Academic Olympic team took 2nd place in the state.

PVES – Adam Lytle – 4th grade teacher – We have been working all year on our writing. After the blackout a couple of weeks ago, the students were all talking about it. We decided to write about it. These two stories stood out to me, so I asked them to come and read them. Camryn Cannon and Kason Aiello read their stores.

MVMS – Raymond Wadsworth– It has been a good couple of weeks, we are gearing up for Christmas break. I want to invite all of you to come to the Neldon C. Mathews Auditorium on January 9th at 10:00 am. We are going to have a motivational speaker. I am going to submit a proposal to Mrs. Teel. We will have a half day on January 8th for the middle and high school. Clint Pulver is a motivational speaker who talks to youth. He is renowned. I have done a lot of research on him. He will do a teacher in-service for high school and middle school staff on the afternoon of the 8th and then a parent night at 7:00 pm. Students will submit questions to Mr. Pulver, and he will take those questions and discuss them with the parents. On the 9th, there will be the keynote presentations to all the students and then a student leader's breakout session in the afternoon. Mr. Soderborg and Mr. Wadsworth will select the students for the breakout session. It will be an amazing opportunity for these kids. Please put this on your calendars to come.

Panaca Elementary – Jennifer Severns – Our Christmas Play was December 6th. We had two performances. Our sixth graders and Mr. Peterson are in Washington D.C. They are there December 13-18th. The Ellis's dropped off shoes and toys on December 8th. The kids will get their shoes on Tuesday and toys on Thursday. Our annual hayride is on Thursday at 8:00 a.m., and board members are welcome to come.

Caliente Elementary - Cherry Florence–I wanted to share with you the highlight of our month. Tristan and Rynn Plunkett - sang "Just One Candle." They lost a candle this year, and I think their grandmother would be proud of them.

Pioche Elementary – Stephanie Vincent – The Masonic Lodge came. They visit every year and bring Santa and Mrs. Claus. They give all the kids a stocking. Each student gets a picture with Santa and then a class picture as well. It was really fun. We had our Christmas Program on Tuesday. Everyone worked hard, and it turned out fabulous. Really fun things happening next week. We will sing at the hospital and hopefully bless some of the residents with some of the songs from our program.

Payment of Bills – For Possible Action

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

Approve Retirement Request from Charleen Bowman – For Possible Action

Superintendent Teel – Read her letter last month. I need approval so we can act on her resignation, and it is the contractual things that she asked for.

Trustee Rowe made a motion to approve the Retirement request from Charleen Bowman, motion seconded by Trustee Kelley; motion carried.

Approval of 2018 Amended Budget – For Possible Action

Ginger Shumway – I need to explain a couple of things. We have never had to advertise the December budget because it was the audited figures going into it. After talking to Dan McArthur, we now have to advertise December's budget. By the time we learned this, we did not have time to advertise the changes that had to be made in the budget. A budget still has to go to the Department of Taxation by Jan 2nd. So, our enrollment was high when I built the budget at 1,054. I had to change the enrollment as we are now at 959. I changed the enrollment and changed the ending fund balance to get a legal budget to the Department of Taxation. Our next plan is to advertise and in next month's board meeting, I will bring all the augmentations to you. You will be able to see a better picture of where we really are.

Trustee Kelley made a motion to approve the 2018 Amended Budget, motion seconded by Trustee Rowe; motion carried.

Approve District Performance Plan – For Possible Action

Superintendent Teel – It is the plan that you worked on in July with me, and then my parent advisory board met in August. We reworked the goals and the wording. This is the official plan that is put into the plan format for the state. It is required to be sent into the state by January. It needs board approval.

Trustee Kelley made a motion to approve the District Performance Plan, motion seconded by Trustee Rowe; motion carried.

Approve School Performance Plans – For Possible Action

Superintendent Teel - Each school has their own performance plan. They have the same requirements. I need approval for those as well.

Trustee Rowe made a motion to approve the Schools Performance Plans, motion seconded by Trustee Kelley; motion carried.

NASB Report

Trustee Kelley – I would like to congratulate Wade for being the president of the Nevada Association of School Boards this year. He did a good job. The conference was very good. They had great speakers, a lot of great food. I really enjoyed myself. It was very nice. He needs a pat on the back. That is a real plus for Lincoln County. I thought he did a very good job.

Trustee Rowe – I enjoyed the conference. I learned a lot. I thought the workshops were very good and very informative. It would be nice if the public heard more of the workshops on a few of the items so they might know where we as the board stand at all times. Wade has done a really good job representing Lincoln County this year. The food was great. The whole conference was very nice and very informing.

President Pro-Tem Harr – The Cyber Security was very interesting to me. I thought this comment was interesting – unfunded mandates are a part of what hurts school budgets. I don't know how much that is true in our district. Interesting topic that maybe we can discuss in a workshop. We had 100 percent representation for our district.

Board Member's Comments

Trustee Kelley – I wanted to bring up that Wylee Mitchell qualified today for the top twenty in the barrel racing in the junior division today out of 200 contestants from all over the United States. She rides again on Saturday. That is really something. She is in 8th grade this year. Boy, she can ride that horse, and is a sweet and really smart girl. Representing Lincoln County School District, the middle school and Lincoln County itself. If you get a chance, go on Facebook and wish her well. She is going to get some good scholarship money. It is really exciting. Some went down today. Before we went to Reno, we went to see Annie. The students at the high school did fabulous. It was awesome. Students, Mr. Lester, Mr. Peterson, the lady helpers, they do an awesome job. It was really fun to watch. Basketball season – we have been having fun with basketball. The boys and girls have been exciting. Almost like a playoff night last Friday. The atmosphere was rocking. Kids picked up on it and did an outstanding job. They have been struggling. They put it all together and showed everybody what they can do. It is going to be a fun year. Wrestling – I haven't heard much about them yet. I would like to congratulate Mr. Strong on their football and volleyball state championships. They do such an outstanding job representing their community and the county. I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas. Appreciate you all. I went to the Pioche and Caliente Elementary plays. They did a great job.

Trustee Rowe – I went to the Caliente Christmas Play, their rehearsal. They did a wonderful job. Merry Christmas to everyone.

President Pro-Tem Harr - I went to all the same things Pat did. I went to the Panaca Elementary Play. I saw Annie. It was awesome to see a freshman pull that off. It was a big role for her – Ginger Culverwell. NASB was awesome. Basketball the same thing. There was so much energy in that gym. It was awesome to be there.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Teel – Food Service – We got information today that all the hard work Teri put into a grant application came through. \$28,000 for equipment upgrades and will be dispensed here shortly which is fabulous. We will be able to upgrade ovens, warmers, things to enhance our food service. Food service is still serving kids, and we went over and ate with the elementary today. Kids seemed happy, and food is being eaten. If you ask them what is your favorite, and they finally have favorite items. One little girl - I like them all. Kids are coming back and eating the food. We do have an increase in numbers. That was our goal. The Nevada School Performance Framework is the star ratings, the ESSA rules changed over the summer of how the state was going to roll out the rankings. We are in a progression of phasing the star system back in, so we can get information out to people, our schools, our principals and our teachers. Yesterday the rankings for this school year that are not going to be official, but it gives us a glimmer of what they look like, so we can prepare for next year. All the schools have been progressively working hopefully with the superintendents understanding the progression of the star ranking. It looks different with the S-Back. It is helping everyone understand the new measures that are coming forth. Good stuff, just different targets. It is understanding the different targets and what we need to do to continue improvement. Just making you aware publically, those rankings were official as of yesterday. Everybody is where do I report that? We don't this year. This is so you know where you are headed. Caliente Elementary received money as they landed a lower ranking and qualified for money. It will hopefully help them to look at their data differently and their rankings to come up,

Trustee Kelley – We should have the star ranking as a workshop item.

Superintendent Teel – I will also show how it can potentially impact teachers.

Mr. Wadsworth –We went to the Department of Education Conference on Data. It was wildly entertaining. When the presenters started talking about star rankings, there was a lot of tension in the room. A lot of educators are not thrilled with the legislation and how it is being rolled out. It will be interesting to see what happens in the next couple of meetings.

President Pro-Tem Harr - Can there be discipline if people do not meet the measures?

Mr. Wadsworth – That was the golden question. The presenters did not have answers. Some people walked out.

Superintendent Teel - Maybe a workshop informing you on the full ramifications would be a good idea. It does impact certain things. Informing you what the criteria would be good too. I am making it to all the dress rehearsals. Pahrnagat Elementary dress rehearsal is on the 19th in the afternoon. Going for lunch that day as well. Good stuff.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Trustee Rowe made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Trustee Kelley; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Board President

Date

Board Clerk

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