

EUREKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Special Board Meeting
Of
October 21, 2013

Board Room, Eureka Elementary School, Nevada
Room 8, Crescent Valley Elementary School, Nevada
Meeting sites connected by Interactive Video

5:30 p.m. – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Bacon-Bowling

Roll Call

Present:

Kathy Bacon-Bowling, President

John Brown, Clerk

Darla Baumann, Member

Terrilynn Brown, Member

Sara Simmons, Member

Ben Zunino, Superintendent/Principal

Ken Fujii, High School Principal

Mark Martinsen, District Administrator

Student Advisory Member (Absent)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Action to Adopt the Agenda for October 21, 2013 Special Meeting – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.
Darla Baumann made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Terrilynn Brown. Motion carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Kathy Bacon-Bowling read the following: Comments may be made by members of the public on any matters within the authority of the Board. Please note that Public Comment will be taken on any item on the Agenda marked “For Possible Action” before action is taken on such items, and members of the public are encouraged to comment on such items at the time they are being considered. Although members of the Board may respond to questions and discuss issues raised during the period reserved for Public Comment, no action may be taken on such a matter until the matter is placed on an agenda for action at a meeting of the Board. IN making Public Comment, speakers are asked to identify themselves for the record and to limit their comments to no more than three (3) minutes. Members of the public who desire to have an item placed on an agenda of the Board are asked to submit their request and any supporting information to the Superintendent for review five (5) days prior to the date of a Regular Meeting of the Board.

Juvenile Probation Officer Steve Zimmerman asked the board to proclaim October 21st through the 31st as “Red Ribbon Week”. Red Ribbon Week is designed for alcohol and drug prevention. He discussed the Red Ribbon Week activities that are planned, including assemblies for students

at all three schools. He asked the Board to ratify the Proclamation at the board meeting next week, when it can be listed as an action items.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

1. *Discuss, approve, or deny the authority for the School Board to accept Mike Mitchell's update on the Gymnasium Facility Project and possibly giving Mr. Mitchell any new directives concerning this project. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. Public Comment will be taken prior to action.*

Mr. Mitchell addressed the board and reported on the schedule of the tasks and jobs being completed at the new gymnasium facility. He reported on the jobs that were upcoming and those that had been completed. By the end of November, the building should be closed in, with all of the glazing being completed by then. President Bacon-Bowling asked the board if they had any comments on the project. No motion made by board.

2. *Discuss, approve, or deny a contract with Mike Mitchell Management (MMM) as the School Board representative to coordinate the design, bidding and procurement of the capital projects for the parking area north of the existing High School and north of the existing football/track complex. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. Public Comment will be taken prior to action.*

Mr. Mitchell described the formulation of an additional contract as being tailored for improvements of parking lot areas. As a scope of work, he used the topic that had been discussed at the last board meeting where the board talked about improvements behind the high school, taking down a portion of the hill behind the high school and grade it down to subgrade and put down base only for that area of parking behind the high school. He also included in his scope of work taking the dirt off the hill and moving it by the parking area by the football field. Also included is the removal of the old transportation building and grading that for parking lot area. The old storage building would be removed and a new one built for buses and covering school vehicles, and a separate building for the maintenance needs that is currently encompassed in the bus storage building. Mr. Mitchell provided a proposed contract with compensation of \$48,500 for his services on the parking lot improvements, along with an additional \$13,000 for an additional employee in his company to be a clerk of the works. The agreement shall be in effect from October, 2013 to July, 2014. Due to questions about some of the jobs listed on the proposal, a suggestion was made for Mr. Mitchell to re-work his proposal because the Board is not yet sure how many of the parking lot options they will end up committing too. President Bacon-Bowling said that in the last meeting, the motion to approve the parking lot options became confused. Darla Baumann suggested that the parking projects be done in smaller pieces so that all of the options don't become so confusing. John Brown suggested that the Board doesn't move so quickly as they have plenty of time to discuss it before the work has to be done. Superintendent Zunino suggested that the Board wait until the Environmental Protection Agency is able to determine if the school district can partner with them with soil removable. Board members spent more time in discussion regarding other parking scenarios, the master plan, parent drop-off areas, etc. Motion made by John Brown, seconded by Sara Simmons to pursue the north high school parking lot design and the area north of the existing football-track complex,

with Mike Mitchell revising his contract for price reduction. No Public Comment. Motion carries

3a. Discuss, approve, or deny the direction on how the School Board wants to proceed with the possible removal of the existing old bus storage area. The removal of the existing old bus storage building would consist of the construction of a new storage building and determine the use of the existing area. One of the uses of the existing area may be additional parking of approximately 27 or 28 vehicles. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. Public Comment will be taken prior to action.

Motion for Agenda item #3a died (No motion made)

3b. Discuss, approve, or deny formally committing the Board's intention to allow community use of the new gymnasium facility. The actual usage policy will be determined by the School Board and administered by the designated School staff. Also incorporated in this action is a formal commitment to hire a designated "scheduler" to schedule groups and activities in facility. The Board is committed to student use first, but also to community use when facility is available. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. Public Comment will be taken prior to action.

Superintendent Zunino said that he checked with other school district's to see how they work with the public in sharing the facility with the community. Most other districts use a scheduling with a separation approach when the students are in the facility, the public is not. The Superintendent talked about the many groups that already utilize school facilities and this "group" use is done through an application process. However, the new gym facility here will also be used for "individual" use for interested community members that may not belong to an organized group. Community members with small children who may want to bring them to their exercise session were discussed and how this would be handled as far as adequate supervision is concerned. Terrilynn Brown said that she doesn't understand why the board is discussing this topic, when it appears to her that a policy is already in place to address community use of facilities. President Bacon-Bowling explained that if the school district doesn't address the unique circumstances of the new building, then the county may not want to participate in sharing the cost of people to open it for the communities use. Motion made by John Brown to approve committing the board's intention of permitting community use of the new gym facility and to direct staff to go over the ground rules. Darla Baumann asked about the liability insurance in the facility. Mrs. Baumann feels like the board needs more discussion on hiring a scheduler for the facility, along with more clarification. She feels like the community use issue is being blown out of proportion. Mrs. Baumann and Mrs. Brown do not feel that the school district should have the county assist with funding to hire someone to facilitate community usage. Superintendent Zunino suggested that he would come up with the cost of someone to open the facility for the public and this should be a budgeted item. An audience member said that a lot of people in the community want to be able to use the facility in the morning and after school and that the county and the school district should work together. Additional comments and discussion occurred by staff and community members to encourage the board to make sure that the public can use the facility. Motion made earlier by John Brown was seconded by Terrilynn Brown. Motion carries

4. *Discuss, approve, or deny pursuing plans to move two district housing units from district property by either sale or relocation to other properties and convert old football field/park area to parking lot and to direct School Administration to pursue design and cost estimates. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. Public Comment will be taken prior to action.*

President Bacon-Bowling advised the board that this item was placed on the agenda because this idea was brought up at the last meeting and there seemed to be some interest in the idea. Darla Baumann said that she thinks the board should hold off on this idea and keep the parking lot plans simple. She thinks that the parking lot at this location would just result in more swimming pool parking anyway. Mrs. Baumann further mentioned that if the board wanted to pursue this later, then a budget could be formulated and they could make this decision later after doing the north parking lot. Motion made by Darla Baumann, seconded by Terrilynn Brown to table this motion. Motion carries. Superintendent Zunino advised the board that the district would continue to need the housing units it has, due to teachers retiring in the future. New teachers typically need to be placed in teacher housing when they accept employment.

REPORTS-

President Bacon-Bowling asked that the reports be delivered at the meeting next week and that they not be presented at this meeting in the interest of time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Bacon-Bowling called for Public Comment. No comments made

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by John Brown, seconded by Darla Baumann to adjourn meeting. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.