

EUREKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
September 11, 2012

Board Room, Eureka Elementary School, Nevada
Room 8, Crescent Valley Elementary School, Nevada
Meeting sites were connected by interactive video.

5:35 P.M. – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Burnham.

Roll Call

Present:

Bob Burnham, President
John Brown, Clerk
Darla Baumann, Member - Absent
Benita Jones, Member
Pete Edera, Member

Ken Fujii, Principal - Late
Ben Zunino, Superintendent/Principal
Mark Martinsen, District Administrator
Student Advisory Member – Alyissa Williams

Ken Fujii arrived 6:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Action to Adopt the Agenda for September 11, 2012 Regular Board Meeting.

Action: It was moved by John Brown and seconded by Benita Jones to **approve the agenda as presented.**
Motion carried unanimously.

President Burnham asked for any public comment at this time. NONE

Student Advisory Report-Information Only/No Action

A. Student Advisory Member's Report: Brief updates to the Board regarding school activities/events.

- FFA Banquet at fairgrounds September 18th
- Juvenile probation slogan/ logo contest; ends September 15th
- Drug awareness week – October 23rd – 31st
- Homecoming Week – October 22nd – 25th – play Jackpot

Discussion/Information/Action Items

Agenda Item 1 - Discuss, approve, or deny request for out of state travel for the Diamond Mountain FFA Chapter FFA officers and American FFA Degree recipients to attend and participate in the 2012 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 23rd -27th. Total approximate cost is \$9,735.00. \$10,000.00 was included in the Ag FY13 budget to offset travel costs. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Tanner Colby, Dexter Luby and Ethan Marshall presented information as to what they were hoping to learn and experience at the National FFA Convention and some of the workshops events that they will be attending.

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: It was moved by John Brown to **approve the out-of-state travel for the Diamond Mountain FFA Chapter FFA officers and American FFA Degree recipients to attend and participate in the 2012 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 23rd- 27th and** seconded by Benita Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 - New Method for Funding Public Schools – DISCUSSION ONLY

Mr. Burnham stated that this came out of a study funded by Clark County to change the way money would be distributed throughout the state. If Eureka was on the DSA, it would be \$6,411 per student that we would lose. Every county would lose money except Clark, who would gain. It would be a hundred million dollar transfer to Clark County. The superintendent from Clark has stated that he doesn't want anyone to lose money, so it would be phased in. They are looking at how to reallocate special education money. All of the counties are affected by this.

Bob Burnham stated that last legislative session NASB did not support it. He stated that if the state wants to do it, they should have to fund it. The NASB will oppose any state efforts to take revenue streams away from individual districts for revenue resources.

Mr. Zunino was interviewed by KNPR radio regarding this. He gave an overview of the interview and the information given.

Mr. Burnham stated that the executive committee meets at the beginning of October and he hopes to get the NASB to take that stand.

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: DISCUSSION ONLY

Agenda Item 3- Presentation on Speculated Growth – Jake Tibbetts, Natural Resources Manager-Eureka County – Presenter. DISCUSSION ONLY

Jake Tibbetts, Natural Resources Manager, passed out information regarding all the projects that could affect Eureka County in the future. He then gave an overview of the affect each of the projects would have on growth for the Eureka community and school age children. The range is anywhere from 55-543. Mr. Zunino stated that this would depend on housing and asked when the housing project would be complete. Mr. Tibbetts stated that the housing area is available for lot purchase now. The apartments will hopefully be available this fall. Mr. Tibbetts really believes the low end will be 54 students, depending on housing, and that is over the next 3-12 years. He noted that the numbers are based on direct employment from the mines. With the Mt. Hope project, the number is 1000 people, including secondary employment, BUT it all depends on the housing situation. 3000-5000 people total in the next 10 years is feasible if there is housing available.

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: DISCUSSION ONLY

Agenda Item 4 - Discuss, approve, or deny construction delivery system on Phase II of the gymnasium. Mike Mitchell presenting. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Mike Mitchell, Project Manager, gave an overview of the gymnasium project status to date. The due date for the contract on Phase I is November 1. The design process for Phase II is in progress. We hope to go to bid late January and award contract in February, to start work mid to late spring. It will be one full year of construction.

Mr. Mitchell then gave information regarding the 'delivery system' on how the project will be done. There are numerous ways to do this: bid and select low bidder; design build; or construction manager at risk. It needs to be decided on how we want to proceed with this part of the project.

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: Item tabled until September 25th special meeting to make decision.

Agenda Item 5 - Update on Property Line Adjustment – High School Campus. Mike Mitchell presenting. DISCUSSION ONLY

Mike Mitchell, Project Manager, gave information regarding the consolidation of the property at the gymnasium site as well as the proposed property line adjustments. Mr. Mitchell presented similar information to the County Commissioners. They requested more details, so Mr. Mitchell created this presentation and will be going to the Commissioner's Meeting in October to go over the same information with them as well.

Mr. Mitchell then pointed out that there are two portions of property within the larger property that will be converted to acreage so that there will be only one property and well defined property lines.

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: DISCUSSION ONLY

Agenda Item 6 – Discuss, approve, or deny adopting changes to Eureka High School Handbook 2012-2013. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. Fujii went over the changes proposed in the handbook.

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: It was moved by John Brown to **approve adopting changes to Eureka High School Handbook 2012-2013 with changes noted during meeting (no parking by anyone, not just students, during night hrs. for overnight trips across Vandal Way; include Graduation Participation Agreement to handbook) and** seconded by Benita Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 7 - Discuss, approve, or deny increasing contribution to Contango Investment Account of additional \$5,000,000.00 (five million dollars) or other amount that the Board determines acceptable. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Lisa Jones, Finance Officer, gave information she received by Roy Grimes, Financial Advisor, regarding contribution options. Mr. Grimes said municipal bonds are only a good idea if you need a tax break, and the school district does not. There are no penalties in taking funds out early with the Contango investment. Pete Edera said he would like to compare this to Vanguard funds because he feels it would outdo this fund. Mrs. Jones stated that she wasn't aware of the Vanguard investments.

John Brown made a motion to increase the Contango Investment by \$5,000,000.00. Benita Jones said she wouldn't agree with this as she doesn't agree with putting money in bonds. Lisa Jones stated that all of these investments were backed by Federal and not local municipalities. Benita Jones said she still wasn't comfortable with this and she doesn't believe we need to change the money around. Lisa Jones stated that she didn't want to be scrutinized by people for not trying to do due diligence and earn more money with the public funds.

President Burnham asked for public comment. NONE

Action: It was moved by John Brown to **approve increasing the contribution to Contango Investment Account in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 and** seconded by Pete Edera. John Brown, Pete Edera and Bob Burnham voted aye. Benita Jones voted nay.

Action Item 8 - Approval of Consent Agenda - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon by the Eureka County Board of School Trustees with one action and without extensive hearing. Information concerning the consent items has been forwarded to each Board member for study prior to this meeting. Any member of the Board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda, discussed and acted upon separately during this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Policy Consideration – 2nd Reading – ADMINISTRATION – 2240 – Test Administration: Policies and Procedures
- B. In-Lieu of Transportation requests for 2012-13 school year.
- C. Approval of minutes from August 14, 2012 Regular Board Meeting.
- D. Approve adding new employee(s) to district's authorized employee and substitute list. ***Pursuant to NRS 391.100: Each applicant for employment must submit to the school district a full set of fingerprints for a report on criminal history and if negative results are received, the offer of employment may be withdrawn.***
- E. Payroll and Warrants: Payroll checks #'s 053048 through #053113 for \$154,570.29, #'s 053114 through 053115 for \$14,320.72, #'s 053116 through #053119 for \$7,204.32 and #'s 053120 through 053207 for \$210,669.10. Accounts payable check #'s 019415 through # 019484 for \$160,102.79, #'s 019485 through # 019550 for \$337,587.18 and #'s 019551.

Action: It was moved by John Brown to **approve Consent Agenda Items A-E** and seconded by Benita Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports-Information Only/No Action

- B. Clerk of the Works Report: Brief update on District projects.
 - Crescent Valley mechanical system is waiting on one last unit duct heater. Once it is here, we will be able to complete.
 - Rebate for the 1st half of the solar for \$234,000.00 is in progress. We are still waiting on the 2nd half of the rebate, whether it will happen or not. 20/80 odds in favor, but not looking good.
 - Mr. Mitchell would like to put out a community survey to see how the people feel they would like to use the gymnasium; Mr. Mitchell would create and work with staff to distribute to the community.
- C. Superintendent's Report: Brief updates to the Board from the Superintendent regarding District activities/events/correspondence.
 - 277 students total
 - 119 at High School
 - 36 in Crescent Valley
 - 122 Eureka Elementary
 - Red Ribbon Week – bring in national speaker to talk about bullying
 - 9/11 – Met at flagpole; raised the flag – said the pledge and Mr. Cuda played taps
 - Picture day today
 - 9/14 Dr. Guthrie will be here to see the school and meet with staff and Bob Burnham
 - The school menus being required by the government are not being well received by the students
 - Superintendent's training next week in Phoenix
 - NIAA board of control meeting first of next month
- D. High School Principal's Report: Brief updates to the Board regarding school activities/events.
 - 9/11 remembrance at High School; Mr. Cuda played taps
 - No admission for athletics this year
 - Lepsy meeting – ok'd mutual aide response agreement
 - Another gentleman from Texas called regarding the industrial arts position
 - 3 days of registration and pre-concussion testing
 - 3 days of in-service and professional development
 - New counselor's secretary – Misty Rowley
 - Opening day assembly – presented Errol Porter a plaque for perfect attendance last year
 - Cleanness, caring, manners and respect is motto
 - Meeting with teachers regarding incoming 7th graders
 - Construction meetings
 - Travel bus had a malfunction on lowest step when door opens; options
 - Handbook information

- Teacher out with emergency; teachers need to have complete lesson plans so subs can do work
- Volleyball and football games
- Created a new guitar class; 10 students
- 17 juniors and seniors who haven't passed high school proficiency exam in reading and writing
- 119 students; 11 new students but count is right where we've been

E. Crescent Valley Report: Brief updates to the Board regarding school activities/events.

- First day of school was two days earlier than Eureka
- Open house last Wednesday
- Went to the Superintendent's meeting
 - School funding – already in place in 22 states
 - Teacher licensure
 - Wages
 - Teachers allocated to each district
 - Dr. Guthrie prides himself on being a reformer, so there are a lot of things he wants to see in Nevada

F. Board Reports (Information Only/No Action): Brief updates and notices from the Board regarding District activities/events.

- NONE

G. Finance Officer's Report: Brief update on District finances.

- Nothing more

H. Public Comment: Comments from the public are invited at this time on any matters within the authority of the Board. Although members of the Board may respond to questions and discuss issues raised, no action may be taken on such matters until the matter is placed on an agenda for action by the Board.

Dan Norris stated that it's important to fight for that funding because it's a slippery slope. What's to keep them from going after the next revenue stream?

Announcement of Meetings

- A. September 25, 2012 Special Meeting
- B. October 9, 2012 Regular Meeting

Executive Session

- A. Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to NRS 288.220(4) to discuss with the District's Management Representatives, matters relative to labor contract negotiations with ECTA/ESCA; **DISCUSSION ONLY; NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

It was determined that it was not necessary to adjourn to executive session.

B. **Reconvene to Public Session.**

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment

Action: It was moved by John Brown and seconded by Benita Jones to **adjourn the meeting**. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

BOB BURNHAM, PRESIDENT

JOHN BROWN, CLERK