

EUREKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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

5:30 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, Late

Benita Jones, Member

Pete Edera, Member, Absent

Ken Fujii, Principal

Ben Zunino, Superintendent/Principal

Mark Martinsen, District Administrator

Student Advisory Member – Alyissa Williams

Action to Adopt the Agenda for December 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 Bob Burnham asked for any public comment. No public comment was made.

Student Advisory Report – Information Only/No Action

A. Student Alyissa Williams gave an update to the Board regarding school activities/events.

- FFA Animal Science class had an activity where they worked with cattle
- FFA Banquet scheduled for December 18th
- Ms. Williams apprised the board of the winning and loss records of all of the basketball teams
- Academic Olympics team won three meets, participated in State competition and came in 7th place
- Wrestling team had first match in Carlin
- Student Council scheduled a Winter Dance for December 20th
- Student Council organized community improvement activities such as a donation of canned food items, obtaining winter jackets for Senior Center members, and requesting items for the animal shelter

Discussion/Information/Action Items

Agenda Item 1 –Discuss, approve or deny out-of-state travel request for Margaret Dyer to attend California Kindergarten Association conference in Santa Clara, California from January 17th to January 21, 2013. Approximate cost of the conference and travel is \$1,800. For possible Action.. Public Comment

Superintendent Zunino provided information on the conference to the board. Mrs. Dyer has attended this conference for a number of years and bring the information back and utilizes it in her classroom. She develops contacts at the conference for future questions on different techniques being used.

President Burnham asked for public comment. None

Action: It was moved by John Brown and seconded by Benita Jones to authorize Mrs. Dyer's attendance at the conference. Motion approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 –Discuss, approve or deny allowing Eureka County to connect fiber line to school district fiber at Bus Barn. Eureka County will use school district fiber line to County Annex for radio connectivity. Elmer Porter, Computer Systems Technician will make this presentation. Public Comment

Due to scheduling conflicts, Mr. Porter was unable to make the presentation. Superintendent Zunino read the letter that Mr. Porter had written. This action was completed to enhance the county radio system. Mr. Porter supported the action and recommended that it completed. Superintendent Zunino explained that this agenda item was formalizing actions that had already been accomplished.

Action: It was moved by John Brown to allow the fiber line connection and seconded by Benita Jones. Motion approved unanimously.

Board Member Darla Baumann is now present.

President Burnham asked for public comment. None

Agenda Item 3 – Discuss, approve or deny recommendation of Construction Manager at Risk (CMar) firm for Pre-Construction Services for construction of new gymnasium/recreation facility. For Possible Action. Public Comment

Mike Mitchell of Mike Mitchell Management was present to discuss the results of the interviews that had been conducted by the committee. Mr. Mitchell explained that the interviews were held for the pre-construction phase of the gymnasium/recreation facility. Several weeks ago, proposals were solicited from construction management firms interested companies. Mr. Mitchell explained that they had received qualified packages from five or six companies. These were "short-listed" down to three companies, and the company representatives were interviewed today by the seven committee members. The company representatives that were interviewed were from Core Construction, Miles Brothers Construction and Q & D. The interviews resulted in Core Construction being selected as the most qualified candidate for the Construction Manager at Risk. Mr. Mitchell presented the board members with the scoring sheets. The scores ranged from 80 points to 89 points, out of possible 100 points. The documents that were required to be submitted was a cost proposal, including the fees that they would charge, including not only the pre-construction phase, but also the construction phase. Mr. Mitchell discussed the cost proposals, indicating that Core proposed a preconstruction fee of 20,000. The committee recommends that Core be selected for the \$20,000 fee for only the preconstruction services. This will take the project through January. The CMar will work with the architects and the school district to value-engineer the project. Mr. Mitchell asked the board to authorize the superintendent to enter into the contract, after the contract is reviewed by legal counsel. Mr. Mitchell asked Mike Protani, a member of the CMar committee to give the board his comments about the selection. Mr. Protani thanked the board for giving him the opportunity to serve on the committee and further elaborated about the selection process. He explained that the committee members reviewed a lot of material in the proposals.

President Burnham asked for public comment. None

Action: It was moved by John Brown to approve the proposal from Core Construction for preconstruction services and seconded by Darla Baumann. Motion passed unanimously.

President Burnham thanked the committee members for the long hours of service by serving on the committee. A representative from Core Construction also thanked the board.

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion regarding “Cost-Sharing” between the County Public Works Department and the Eureka County School District for Roadway and Utility Improvements to Vandal Way and Mathews Street associated with and/or affecting the new gymnasium/recreation facility. Discussion Only, Public Comment

President Burnham called for public comment. None

Owner’s Representative Mike Mitchell explained that this agenda item is an update for work that is associated with the new gymnasium. The County Public Works Department also proposes to do work on Vandal Way, as it goes around the hill in front of the high school. This topic had been presented before and discussed how their planning impacts the gymnasium project, and vice versa. The county and the school district is in “quasi-negotiations” to determine how costs are shared when a construction project is affecting two public agencies. Mr. Mitchell showed the board maps to describe the roadways that will be affected. The county has hired a civil engineer, Lumos and Associates, who has done preliminary work on the concept which includes new paving, new gutters, new curb, sewer, water, storm drains, etc. Their estimated construction costs right now are in the 1.4 million dollar range for this work. There are additional engineering costs, but they are not anticipating sharing the engineering costs. Mr. Mitchell has met with Ron Damele to discuss this cost sharing project, and initially a share ratio of fifty percent was discussed. Mr. Mitchell said that the improvements that are connected with the building itself for the connecting of the building to sewer, water. However, the budget was not prepared with many of these other costs. Negotiations are still going on regarding roadway costs, and the other costs as well. Mr. Mitchell will come back to the board with a cost proposal probably in the 40 to 50 per cent range. John Brown said that when the elementary school was built in Eureka, that no attempts were made to address the storm drainage, and other issues and he is in favor of the county getting the new building done correctly by addressing these issues.

President Burnham called for public comment. None

Consent Agenda:

President Burnham asked if any of the members wanted to discuss any of the consent agenda items individually. None of the consent items were removed from the consent agenda for individual discussion.

President Burnham called for public comment. None

Action: Motion made by Benita Jones, seconded by John Brown to approve the consent agenda.

Approval of Consent Agenda – For possible Action

President Burnham asked if any of the board members wanted to discuss any of the consent agenda items individually. No items were pulled from the consent agenda section for individual discussion by the Board

- A. Approval of minutes from November 13th Regular Meeting and November 27th Special Meeting of the Board.
- B. 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.
- C. Non-budgeted transfer request: Transfer \$2,906.46 from technology supplies to supplies in H.S. Library function.
- D. Payroll and Warrants: Payroll check #053635 to #053725 for \$180,425.29, #053726 to #053803 for \$181,148.61. Account’s Payable check #’s 019948 to #019987 for \$101,733.68, #019988 to #20014 for \$378,793.33.

President Burnham called for public comment. None

Action: It was moved by Pete Edera, seconded by Darla Baumann to approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.

Reports-Information Only/No Action

A. Clerk of the Works Report – Brief update on District projects.

Superintendent Zunino reported that this Friday the final tests on the Crescent Valley generator would be performed, and then all the projects in Crescent Valley would be finalized. There are currently no other projects in the district to report on that had not already been addressed by Mike Mitchell previously in the meeting.

B. Superintendent's Report – Brief update to the Board from the Superintendent regarding District activities/events/correspondence.

- On November 9th, some parent-teacher conferences were scheduled and again on November 16th for parents that couldn't make it at any other time.
- On November 14th, Superintendent Zunino headed a NIAA budget meeting in Reno. Discussion occurred on how to address the shortfall with using local venues instead of rented ones.
- All through the Academic Olympics, the Superintendent was present and read questions for the participants. The students did very well.
- On November 20th, the CMar selected started..
- No December 3rd and 4th, Nevada superintendents were invited to an assessment summit in Las Vegas. Mr. Mark Martinsen attended along with Superintendent Zunino in which testing issues were discussed including high-stakes testing. Other topics were also discussed at the summit.
- The elementary Christmas concert will be held tomorrow night. Mr. Cuda, music teacher, made a CD for each of the board members containing the students musical numbers.
- December 20th is the last day of school before Christmas break.

C. High School Principal's Report – Brief update to the Board regarding school activities/events.

- Principal Fujii reported that Mr. Cuda, and Mr. Minoletti teamed up with the Veterans of Foreign Wars for Veteran's Day, downtown and also at the high school.
- Mr. Martinsen conducted an after-school reading and math program.
- Parent teacher conferences were held on an in-service day. Professional development focused on teaching and instruction.
- A teacher from California is interested in our industrial arts position. He and his family came to Eureka to visit and he will be applying for the position. President Burnham asked if he would be available to apply for the next school semester, and Principal Fujii said that he has a current teaching position, and would not be available until next year.
- Reported on Academic Olympics team and their success.
- Interviewed a new activity bus driver candidate.
- Staff training update: Two trainers trained staff on writing across the curriculum at a staff meeting after school. The emphasis is for all teachers not to teach reading and writing woven into their curriculum.
- New route bus is here and the other bus will be sent to Crescent Valley.
- Senior pictures were taken last week.
- Special education department meeting was held and the aide services were rearranged pursuant to that meeting.
- Staff was congratulated for High Achieving status at the Eureka High School. There were only 48 schools in the State of Nevada that received this status, and this includes both elementary, middle schools and secondary schools.

- Congratulations were given to Rosie Bliss, Barbara Todd and Gary Link for the one hundred per cent pass grade on their 8th grade writing proficiency.
- Mrs. Leavitt was congratulated as well for six out of 9 students passing the proficiency.
- In English, Mrs. Eversgerd and Norcutt, 8 of their 14 kids in their writing proficiency class passed the proficiency test.
- Other upcoming tests were discussed.

D. Crescent Valley Report – Brief update to the Board regarding school activities/events.

- Classroom activities were discussed with the three teachers at the school.
- Tomorrow night is the Christmas program at the school
- Barrick Gold presented a beautiful Christmas tree to the school, which can be used for many years
- Superintendent Zunino discussed Singapore Math and the instruction at the Battle Mountain School. Discussions were held with the principal at that school in response to concerns that had occurred in the election campaign candidate's nights.

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

- President Burnham discussed the issues that will be state-wide issue for the next legislative session and may be a concern for Eureka County. He voiced his concerns for Clark County determining all of the decisions in the future. Darla Baumann talked about the school district needing a good voice state-wide, and our need for representation on a state level.
- President Burnham discussed the state mandate to create an accountability protocol for teachers. President Burnham feels like this project will end up being a multi-year process and will not be ready for this session of the legislature. Additional discussion occurred.
- January training for board members was discussed by President Burnham. He encouraged the new board members to get all of the training that they can. Mrs. Baumann also encouraged the new board members to attend the Nevada Association of School Boards training because she had learned a lot from her attendance.

F. Finance Officer's Report: Brief update on District Finances

- Lisa Jones discussed the changes that would be made to the Amended Budget before the filing deadline by updating the final budget with the audited fund balances and indexing the grant funds that have recently been approved into the Amended budget.
- Update was provided to the board members regarding the NRS 387 report that was filed with the Department of Education and is an annual reporting requirement.
- Update was provided to the board members regarding the annual filing of the In\$ite report, also required by the Department of Education and used by the state legislature.
- Mrs. Jones provided an update on the annual health insurance renewal and how fortunate the district is that there was no increase for the January renewal schedule. Credit was given to our insurance broker, Maggie Loyan, on her hard work to work with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield to keep the premium the same as the current year.

G. 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.

None

Announcement of Meetings

A. January 8, 2013 Regular Meeting at 5:30

No Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by John Brown, seconded by Darla Baumann. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

BOB BURNHAM, PRESIDENT

JOHN BROWN, CLERK

