



Nevada Joint Union High School District

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# Board Meeting Summary

March 13, 2024



Highlights from the Board Meeting

## Staff Reports/Presentations

Daughters of the American Revolution, Good Citizen's Chair, Joanne Sweeny, introduced NJUHSD student Walter Helvin (GHS) as a recipient of the Good Citizens Award. Charlie Harwood (BR), and Aria Conte (NU) were not present but also received the Award.

NJUHSTA Vice President, Lily Gickler acknowledged that the uncertainty of the March layoff process is demoralizing to the unit members. She felt it is short-sighted and sacrifices students' quality of education and teachers' morale for financial safety. She urged the Board to pay attention to what continues to be funded and what is cut in the coming months.

Heather Quiggle, CSEA President, submitted a letter read by Superintendent Frisella that shared their negotiating team has been meeting with district staff and have completed negotiating all of their Articles in record time and that they appreciate the collaborative nature of the meetings. She also noted the layoff list on the agenda and that they value all of their staff.

Superintendent Frisella congratulated the BRHS girls basketball team and coach, Jenn Krill for their impressive championship season. He thanked NJUHSTA and CSEA leadership for the positive work at the negotiations table so far this Spring and acknowledged that March is a difficult month. He shared that he remains committed to spending at least one day a week on campuses and thanked the teachers for opening their classrooms and Board members for joining him on campus walks to witness the great work happening on our district campuses.

Many students, staff, parents, and community members attended the meeting. The Board agreed to hear everyone who asked to participate during Public Comment portions of the agenda and waived the 20 minute time limit per item so all voices could be heard. Over 30 members of the public (students, parents, staff, and community members) participated in the meeting!

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## The Board Reports



Trustee Shaun Chilton (Student Representative)

Trustee Chilton's report included appreciation for so many attendees supporting their interests, an invitation to students to join the Student Advisory Board meetings on the first Wednesday of each month and a nod to more than 2,000 responses to the LCAP survey.



President DuWaine Ganskie (Area 4)

Trustee Ganskie acknowledged the difficulty in the pink slip process but clarified that the district and the Board want to retain staff as quality education is taking place. He shared that they are hoping to fully employ everybody that is teaching but these are tough decisions.



Vice President Wendy Willoughby (Area 2)

Trustee Willoughby reported she had visited several campuses and has been enjoying her time. She praised the choreography showcase as one of the highlights of the year for her and encouraged community members to volunteer to witness the students' Senior Project presentations by contacting their school of choice.



Clerk Olivia Pritchett (Area 1)

Trustee Pritchett acknowledged the passion the community has for our students and programs. She shared that her heart is heavy but that the administration and Board will do their best to get every student what they need.



Trustee Ken Johnson (Area 5)

Trustee Johnson was impressed by the senior students that he interviewed during the mock job interviews at Bear River, sharing they were articulate, focused and ready to go out and work.



Trustee Geoffrey Nelson (Area 3)

Trustee Nelson was amazed at the talent witnessed during the FFA interview day as well as the student dance choreography showcase at Nevada Union. He spent time at GHS and enjoyed multiple conversations with students and staff there.

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Discussion Items & Action Taken

- ❖ Nevada Union High School District schools received many generous donations.
- ❖ The Second Interim Budget was approved.
- ❖ Preliminary reductions of Classified and Certificated services were presented and approved.
- ❖ Resolutions regarding district elections were approved.
- ❖ A Land Acknowledgement Policy/Statement was approved.
- ❖ The School Plans for Student Achievement were approved.
- ❖ An update and discussion took place surrounding the future of Nevada County Adult Education - no action was taken.

**For details or additional information, please see the full meeting agenda [HERE](#).**

**The recording of the meeting can be found [HERE](#) when published.**

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