



Nevada Joint Union High School District

Board Meeting Summary

May 8, 2024



Highlights from the Board Meeting

Staff Reports/Presentations

The Board celebrated the NJUHSD 2024 Retirees including Marty Mathiesen (20 years), Silver Springs Principal Gayne Nakano (31 years), Kenneth Buck (18 years), Rod Baggett (28 years), Janet Duffy-Gillespie (17 years), Janet Mason (33 years), Alex McDowell (34 years), Tom Kirwan (15 years), Tamara Haas (17 years), Shelley Root (18 years), Lorita Riedel (17 years), Cathy Ojea (9 years), and Kim Owens (4 years). We congratulate these dedicated educators and wish them luck in their future endeavors!



(Pictured left to right: Janet Mason, Tom Kirwin Rod Baggett, President Ganskie, Alex McDowell, Superintendent Frisella)

Assistant Superintendent, Aurora Thompson provided a preview of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Noah Levinson, Director of CTE, provided the Board with an update on the Career Technical Education Program that included public comment from members of the Nevada County Contractors' Association, local business owners, and students expressing appreciation for CTE and Ag pathways.

Andrew Langdon, Director of Technology provided the Board with an update on all things technology related in the district, including staffing, cost savings measures

NJUHSTA President, Eric Mayer shared that their bargaining team is very pleased with the progress made in rebuilding the relationship with the district team, noting they are feeling heard and respected. Their members recognized Principal Ganskie for his positive contribution to the district as a balanced and insightful leader.

Heather Quiggle, CSEA President, submitted a letter read by Superintendent Frisella that thanked the Board for considering approval of their Tentative Agreements.

Superintendent Frisella reported that May is Staff Appreciation Week and the district will be sponsoring a coffee cart again, next T/W/TH to honor all staff. He congratulated the retirees and thanked all staff for their dedication to the students. He reported that FCMAT spent two days interviewing staff and that a report would be made available to the district in the next four weeks which will offer recommendations for corrective action to adjust the budget.

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The Board Reports



Trustee Shaun Chilton (Student Representative)

Trustee Chilton noted that May is a busy month with AP tests, college admissions, and end of the year activities. He reported students overall are happy with school lunches and expressed appreciation for teachers.



President DuWaine Ganskie (Area 4)

Trustee Ganskie reported that the district scholarship night was the highlight of his month and thanked Brandy Sanders for the celebration of students. He shared pride in our district's ability to facilitate the scholarship program.



Vice President Wendy Willoughby (Area 2)

Trustee Willoughby reported attending the scholarship night, the Nevada County Reads event with poet, Ross Gay, and continued site visits.



Clerk Olivia Pritchett (Area 1)

Trustee Pritchett shared that she had enjoyed the scholarship night and the format which is more personal and creates community between the students and the organizations offering scholarships. She noted that we should be celebrating teachers and staff all year long and congratulated the graduates of 2024.



Trustee Ken Johnson (Area 5)

Trustee Johnson was not in attendance.



Trustee Geoffrey Nelson (Area 3)

In honor of Teacher Appreciation week, Trustee Nelson thanked teachers and shared gratitude for several teachers who had inspired him throughout his years as a student.

Discussion Items & Action Taken

- ❖ The district school sites received many generous donations.
- ❖ Resolutions #15-23/24 and #16-23/24 Final Reduction in force were passed.
- ❖ The following new courses were approved:
 - Foundations in Personal Finance (14-0)
 - Music for All (14-0)

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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