Board of Trustees
Organizational & Regular Meeting

Date & Time
December 10, 2014

Meeting Place
5:15 p.m. – Closed Session
6:00 p.m. – Organizational/Regular Meeting
Bear River High School
11130 Magnolia Road
Grass Valley, CA. 95949

A. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was brought to order by the Board President Schwarz at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL
The Board Secretary took roll of members present:
Katy Schwarz, President: Present
Linda Campbell, Trustee: Present
Marty Mortensen, Trustee: Present
Georgie Coulter, Trustee: Present
Jim Adams, Trustee: Present

ADMIN PRESENT
Johnson, Dillis

B. PUBLIC COMMENT
None

C. CLOSED SESSION
The Board convened to closed session at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m. There was no mandatory reporting as a result of the session.

D. RECONVENE

ROLL CALL
The Board Secretary will take roll of members present:
Katy Schwarz, President: Present
Marty Mortensen, Trustee: Present
Linda Campbell, Trustee: Present
Jim Adams, Trustee: Present
Georgie Coulter, Trustee: Present

ADMIN PRESENT
Johnson, Dillis, Suenram, Madigan, Nieto, Mathiesen, Frisella

E. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. President Schwarz administered the oath of office to the new board members.

2. Selection of Officers
a. **President**
Administrative Assistant Pencik asked each board member for a nomination for the office of President. Trustee Adams nominated Katy Schwarz for the office of President. There were no other nominations. Ms. Schwarz was elected to the office of President by a roll call vote of:

Ayes – Adams, Coulter, Mortensen, Campbell, Schwarz  
Noes- 0  
MOTION PASSED 5-0

b. **Vice President**
Administrative Assistant Pencik asked each board member for a nomination for the office of Vice President. Trustee Mortensen nominated Jim Adams for the office of Vice President. There were no other nominations.  
Mr. Adams was elected to the office of Vice President by a roll call vote of:

Ayes – Adams, Mortensen, Campbell, Schwarz  
Noes- Coulter  
MOTION PASSED 4-1

c. **Clerk**
Administrative Assistant Pencik asked each board member for a nomination for the office of Clerk. Trustee Adams nominated Marty Mortensen for the office of Clerk. There were no other nominations.  
Mr. Mortensen was elected to the office of Clerk by a roll call vote of:

Ayes – Adams, Coulter, Mortensen, Campbell, Schwarz  
Noes- 0  
MOTION PASSED 5-0

d. **Joint Powers Agency Representative**
Administrative Assistant Pencik asked each board member for a nomination for the office of Joint Powers Agency Representative. Trustee Adams nominated Linda Campbell for the office of JPA Representative. There were no other nominations. Ms. Campbell was elected to the office of Joint Powers Agency Representative by a roll call vote of:

Ayes – Adams, Coulter, Mortensen, Campbell, Schwarz  
Noes- 0  
MOTION PASSED 5-0

e. **Trustee Representative to Nevada County School Boards Association/ Represents the District on the Committee to elect members of the Nevada County Committee on School District Reorganization**
Administrative Assistant Pencik asked each board member for a nomination for the office of Joint Powers Agency Representative. Trustee Adams nominated Linda Campbell for the office of Representative to the NCSBA and Committee on School District Reorganization. There were no other nominations. Ms. Campbell was elected to the office of Representative to the NCSBA and Committee on School District Reorganization by a roll call vote of:

Ayes – Adams, Coulter, Mortensen, Campbell, Schwarz  
Noes- 0  
MOTION PASSED 5-0

f. **Board Representative to Sierra Academy of Expeditionary Learning (SAEL) charter school**
Superintendent Johnson provided some background on the position which in the recent past had been a NJUHSD board member. It was discovered this was a violation of the conflict of interest rules and therefore the Board requested the position be advertised to NJUHSD staff and candidates were interviewed by an ad hoc committee. Ms. Johnson stated Michael Hughes, one of the District’s Teachers on
Special Assignment as Common Core Coach, was recommended as a voting representative of the SAEL Board.

Mr. Michael Hughes was approved by the Board as the Board Representative to the Sierra Academy of Expeditionary Learning by the following roll call vote:

Ayes-Coulter, Adams, Mortensen, Campbell, Schwarz
Noes- 0
MOTION PASSED 5-0

3. Secretary of the Board

On a motion by Adams, seconded by Coulter, the Board voted to appoint Superintendent Louise Bennicoff Johnson as the Secretary of the Board (5-0).

4. Setting TIME, PLACE and DATE of Regular Board Meetings

On a motion by Adams, seconded by Mortensen, the Board voted to approve the setting of regular board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at rotating school sites (NU, BR & SS) at 5:15 p.m. for closed session and 6 p.m. for open session (4-1, with Coulter opposing).

F. REGULAR MEETING

1. Student Expulsion

a. On a motion by Adams, seconded by Mortensen, the Board approve the expulsion of Student #1 from the Nevada Joint Union High School District for the remainder of the 2014/15 school year and the student may enroll in the County Community School, Earle Jamieson Educational Options (5-0).

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Adams, seconded by Coulter, the Board voted to approve the agenda items (5-0).

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

H. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. On a motion by Adams, seconded by Coulter, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014 Regular Board meeting (5-0).

I. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Bear River High School Choral Presentation

Choir Director David Ahrens informed the Board that the choir will be performing for the next two evenings at 7 p.m. in the BR Theater.

2. Bear River High School Marquee

BRHS ASB Officers, President Garrett Ramsour, Vice President Ian Armstrong, Treasurer Scott Jensen, and Secretary Maddy Bachus were present to request the Board's approval of their procurement of a digital marquee for the front of the school. They reviewed a PowerPoint presentation explaining the many reasons how this would benefit the school and students and noted that they had received an estimate of the cost at $19,500. They suggested solar power for the lighting which will increase the cost - possibly to $25K. Vice President Adams asked if they had raised any money yet. Ms. Backus stated they were told to get approval from the Board first and request possible funding before moving forward. President Schwarz stated the issue would have to be put on the next agenda for formal action. Superintendent Johnson stated
she wanted to publicly recognize and thank the BRHS student body as they had a great 8th grade Preview Day.

3. **Reports Student Board Representatives**
   a. Nevada Union High School
   b. Bear River High School
   c. Ghidotti High School

4. **Reports from School Principals**
   a. Bear River High School – Principal Jim Nieto
   b. Nevada Union High School – Principal Dan Frisella
   c. Silver Springs High School – Principal Marty Mathiesen
   d. Ghidotti High School – Principal Melissa Madigan
   e. North Point Academy – Principal Melissa Madigan

5. **Reports from Collective Bargaining Units**
   a. Nevada Joint Union High School Teachers Association (NJUHSTA) Representative
      No report.
   b. California School Employees Association (CSEA) Representative
      President Kevin Atkins welcomed the two new board members. He reported they have an updated contract and are now working through all the classified job description to update them. He also stated that he, NJUHSTA President Cassel and Superintendent Johnson were on KNCO’s Talk of the Town.

**J. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. On a motion by Adams, seconded by Coulter, the Board voted to approve following Consent Agenda items (* with items #j(1)(a) and (g)(4-5) removed by President Schwarz, by the following roll call vote:

   Ayes-Schwarz, Coulter, Adams, Mortensen, Campbell
   Noes -0
   MOTION PASSED 5-0

   *b. Personnel
   The Board approved the following personnel items: (All employee final hires are contingent upon fingerprint clearance by Superintendent/Designee)

   1) **Certificated Personnel**
      A) Resignation of Mac Bate, NUHS Counselor, effective 12/19/2014;
      B) Resignation of Rebecca "Joy" Davis, NUHS Special Education teacher, effective 12/12/2014;

   2) **Classified Personnel**
      A) Promotion for Neal Adams, to BRHS Custodian Night Supervisor, effective 10/27/2014;
      B) Change in position for Lisa Thacker, to Instructional Aide II – Special Education, 6.5 hours/day, 9 months/year;
      C) Hire of Kristyn McFarlane, as NUHS Food Service Worker, effective 11/14/2014;
      D) Resignation of Jessica Lime, NUHS Partnership Secretary/Textbook Clerk, effective December 3, 2014;
      E) Hire of Kayla Everett, Instructional Aide II – Special Education, 6.5 hours/day, 9 months/year, effective 12/1/2014;

   3) **Temporary/Extra Duty/Short-Term Personnel**
      A) Hire of Kimberly Musilani, Substitute Instructional Aide – Special Education, hours vary as needed;
      B) Hire of Megan Spindler, Substitute Instructional Aide – Special Education, hours vary as needed;
      C) Hire of Catherine Buckman, Substitute Instructional Aide – Special Education, hours vary as needed;
      D) Hire of Tessa Chartock, Substitute Instructional Aide – Special Education, hours vary as needed;
      E) Hire of Kristina McLean, Substitute Instructional Aide – Special Education, hours vary as needed;
      F) Hire of Bob Kittle, Substitute Instructional Aide – Special Education, hours vary as needed;
*c. Donations
The Board accepted the donation from Robert Hollister of $500.00 for the Bear River High School Softball program;

*d. Surplus
The Board declared the out of date and unusable HP Printer (Serial #CNB9070935) from Nevada Union High School as surplus;

*e. CTE Vet Science Agreements
The Board approved the joint venture agreements with the District Veterinary Science Program and Grass Valley Veterinary Hospital, Bear River Mobile Vet Services, Alta Sierra Veterinary Clinic, and Pine Creek Veterinary Clinic to place students in on-site training programs;

*f. CSEA Agreements
The Board approved the Side Letter of Agreement dated 11/25/2014 regarding an increase to the stipend amount for the Wellness Coordinator;

*g. Notice of Completion
The Board approved the Notice of Completion for the Energy Management & Control System Project at Bear River High School;

*h. Contracts
The Board approved the following contracts:
1) Agreement with Sutter County Superintendent of Schools to act as the administrative agency for the Medi-Cal Administrative Claiming Program for the 2014/15 school year (with an automatic one year renewal) for a fee equivalent to 9% of the paid invoices;
2) Non-Public School Agreement with Behavioral Consultants International to provide services to special education students for $10,080.00 for the period 12/1/2014 to 6/30/2015;
3) Lease Agreement (No. 810-6436106-004) with Dell Computers for 36 months for $43,875.00 for 150 Chrome Books;

*i. Budget Calendar
The Board approved the 2015/16 Nevada Joint Union High School District budget calendar;

*j. CAHSEE Waiver
The Board approved the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) Waiver request for a special education student at Silver Springs High School.

K. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **A/P Warrants & Contracts** *(removed by consent agenda)*
On a motion by Schwarz, seconded by Coulter, the Board voted to approve the following accounts payable warrants: November 7, 2014, November 14, 2014, and November 21, 2014 and award the contract for managed printer services and the contract for fleet copier leases and maintenance services to Inland Business Systems and authorize administrative staff to execute the contracts by the following roll call vote:

Ayes - Schwarz, Mortensen, Coulter, Campbell
Noes - 0
Abstain - Adams
MOTION PASSED 4-0-1

2. **Board Policy and Administrative Regulations**
On a motion by Adams, seconded by Coulter, the Board voted to approve the policies and administrative regulations in CSBA's August 2014 Updates (5-0).

3. **First Interim Financial Statements**
Assistant Superintendent Suenram reviewed the First Interim Budget Report noting the differences in the Governor’s may Revision and the State Adopted Budget. She reported on the future budget consequences related to increases in the STRS and PERS employer contributions. STRS will increase from 8.89% this year to 19.1% by 2020/21 and PERS will increase from 11.77% this year to 20.4% by 2020/21. She also reported on the LCAP funding formula and projections. The general fund summary at 1st interim included a beginning balance of $3.9M, revenues of $30.4M, expenses of $31.2M for a net balance of a negative $0.8M and a fund balance of $3.1M. She noted $0.75M is a carryover of one time restricted categoricals.

She also noted that the current general fund encroachment from special education is $710,050 for the program and $430,681 for transportation. There is also an encroachment from food services of $113,840.

She stated that the 2014/15 CBEDS enrollment is 2906 which is a 237 student decline from the prior year (7.54%). This is seventy-nine (79) more students than originally projected. It is the largest decline we have seen to date. She continues to project declines in FY 2016 and 2017.

The multi-year projections outlines continued deficit spending (-$0.1M in FY16 and -$0.4M in FY17) and a decrease in the fund balance to $2.6M in 2016/17.

On a motion by Adams, seconded by Mortensen the Board voted to approve the 2014/15 First Interim Financial Statements for the Nevada Joint Union High School District (5-0).

3. **Resolution #10-14/15**  
On a motion by Adams, seconded by Coulter, the Board voted to approve Resolution #10-14/15, To Amend the Budget in Accordance with the First Interim Financial Statements (5-0).

4. **Developer Fee Appeal**  
On a motion by Coulter, seconded by Mortensen, the Board voted to approve the developer fee appeal from Christine Hayman (2-3, with Adams, Campbell, and Schwarz opposing). *MOTION DID NOT PASS.*

5. **BSR Waiver**  
On a motion by Adams, seconded by Coulter, the Board voted to approve the submission of an Initial Basic Skills Requirement (BSR) waiver application for Carlos Caruncho Bear River High School Teacher, grades 9-12, for the 2014/15 school year, which will satisfy the requirements to apply for an extension on his preliminary credential (5-0).

**L. POLICY MANUAL REVIEW**

1. First Reading of CSBA’s October 2014 Updates

**M. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Johnson reported she attended the Madrigal Dinner and will be attending the CSBA conference in San Francisco with the entire Board.

**N. REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Vice President Adams welcomed the new board trustees as did President Schwarz. Ms. Schwarz also noted that the KNCO Talk of the Town today with Dr. Johnson with the union presidents (Cassel and Atkins) was very good.

**O. FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at Nevada Union High School at 6 p.m. on January 14, 2015. The Board’s closed session will begin at 5:15 p.m.
P. ADJOURNMENT

1. On a motion by Adams, seconded by Mortensen, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. (5-0).

D. Peccik
Administrative Assistant

Laurie Johnson
Secretary, Governing Board

Kathy O'Neill
President, Governing Board