Date & Time  
February 5, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Place  
District Office  
11645 Ridge Road  
Grass Valley, CA. 95945

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was brought to order by the Board President Schwarz at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The Board President called the roll of members present:  
Katy Schwarz, President: Present  
Richard Baker, Vice President: Present  
Wayne Klauser, Clerk: Present  
Jim Adams, Trustee: Absent  
Georgie Coulter, Trustee: Absent

ADMIN PRESENT
Suenram, Dellis, Johnson, Mathiesen, Blake, Nieto, Ruiz, Lyons, Bagwell, Madigan, Palmer

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. On a motion by Baker, seconded by Klauser, the Board voted to approve the agenda items (3-0).

D. BOARD WORKSHOP

1. Conflict of Interest Reporting Requirements  
Superintendent Johnson introduced Bryan Martin from Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, the District’s legal counsel, who was present to review the conflict of interest requirements. Dr. Johnson noted there has been a lot of attention lately to conflict of interest laws, primarily filers who are not reporting items that should be reported.

Mr. Martin distributed a handout of his PowerPoint presentation, an overview of conflict of interest laws, and a forms packet. He noted that in 1974 the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) was put in place to oversee the laws related to conflict of interest for elected officials and code filers. Mr. Martin primarily reviewed the laws related to gifts, however the conflict of interest code requires more than disclosing just gifts (property interests, business interests, investments, salaries, etc.). He noted there has been a lot more scrutiny on all staff in the last few years, given issues such as the City of Bell.

Mr. Martin explained that the general rule, Government Code section 87100 et seq, allows a government body to vote on an item even though a member of the body has a conflict, while a 1090 conflict of a member related to a contract prohibits the body from adopting the contract at all. There is an 8-step process/analysis to determine if the interest is a conflate. The FPPC also has a technical/confidential hotline to help (1-866-ASK-FPPC).
Mr. Martin reviewed the requirements related to gifts. The receipt of gifts of more than $440 from a single donor will disqualify the filer from participation in decisions. Gift of more than $50 (FMV) from a single source must be reported. Gifts to a family members are included.

Trustee Coulter entered the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mr. Martin noted that there is also a requirement for the agency (NJUHSD) to report the receipt of gifts. He stated he will check on the scope of agency reporting as Suenram state we have never filled out forms as an agency.

Several members asked clarifying questions related to gifts they had received and whether they were reportable. Mr. Martin noted you should keep receipts to document your situation, as people may assume things. He also noted that you can amend your past forms. The FPPC recommends going back 7 years.

2. Review of Draft Strategic Plan
Superintendent Johnson reviewed the current draft of the strategic plan for the Nevada Joint Union High School District.

E. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to closed session at 7:25 pm. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m. There was no mandatory reporting as a result of the session.

F. ADJOURNMENT

1. On a motion by Baker, seconded by Coulter, the Board vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. (4-0).

D. Pencik
Administrative Assistant

Louise Johnson
Secretary, Governing Board

Kelly
President, Governing Board