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, Delli, Suenram

B. PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

C. CLOSED SESSION
The Board convened to closed session at 5:16 p.m. and reconvened at 6:10 p.m. with the following mandatory reporting by the Board President as a result of the session:

1. Personnel
The Board denied the request of a certificated employee for a paid health leave by the following roll call vote:
Ayes – Schwarz, Coulter, Campbell, Adams, Mortensen
Noes-0
MOTION PASSED 5-0

The Board approved the settlement agreement with a classified employee, accepting his resignation effective April 3, 2015, by the following roll call vote:
Ayes – Schwarz, Coulter, Campbell, Adams, Mortensen
Noes-0
MOTION PASSED 5-0

2. Resolution Agreement #09-15-1011
The Board approved Resolution Agreement #09-15-1011 with the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, by the following roll call vote:
Ayes – Schwarz, Coulter, Campbell, Adams, Mortensen
D. **RECESS AND RECONVENE** (at 6:10 p.m.)

**ROLL CALL**

Administrative Assistant Pencik took 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, Suenram, Dellis, Mathiesen, Madigan, Frisella

1. **Student Expulsions**

   a. On a motion by Adams, seconded by Mortensen, the Board voted to approve the settlement agreement for Student #1 to expelling the student from the Nevada Joint Union High School District for the remainder of the 2014/15 school year and the Fall 2015 semester and allowing the student to enroll in Earle Jamieson Educational Options. A rehabilitation plan was developed and must be adhered to in order for the student to apply for readmission after the period of expulsion. The student will not be allowed on any district campus except for bus transfer purposes (5-0).

E. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

F. **PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**PRESENTATION ITEMS**

1. **Student Showcase**
Ben Beltran, U.S. Senate Youth Program for California, was present to share the highlights of his trip to Washington, D.C. with 104 students from around the country. He was very grateful to be involved and represent California and our school district.

2. **Staff Recognition**

   a. Steve Hansen, English Teacher and District TOSA-Common Core Instructional Coach
   Recipient of the Hero Award for the Poetry Out Loud Program from the California Arts Council

   b. Kelly Rhoden, Nevada Union High School Assistant Principal
   Named ACSA Region 2 Secondary Co-Administrator of the Year

**REPORTS**

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

4. **Reports from School Principals**
   a. Silver Springs High School –Principal Marty Mathiesen
b. Ghidotti High School – Principal Melissa Madigan

c. North Point Academy – Principal Melissa Madigan

d. Nevada Union High School – Principal Dan Frisella

5. Reports from Collective Bargaining Units

a. Nevada Joint Union High School Teachers Association (NJUHSTA) Representative

President Allison Cassel reported there are lots of site issues and we are still in negotiations, but making good progress. Next month is the CA Labor Initiative symposium in San Diego which she, Kevin Atkins, Dr. Johnson and President Schwarz will be attending.

b. California School Employees Association (CSEA) Representative

President Kevin Atkins reported they are going into layoffs, but there are less than we have had in a while. He is looking forward to continuing to review job descriptions. They should be done by the end of the school year.

DISCUSSION ITEM

6. Late Start

Dr. Johnson reported the district has been discussing the possibility of a later start time for students for quite a while. It started in the Education Summit when discussing schedules and there has been significant input from the parent advisory committee. It would cost our district about $145,000 per year as we will not be able to share bussing as we have in the past. We had a 10% response rate from the online parent survey, but we will need community meetings and more input from stakeholders. Dr. Johnson stated that she also had a breakout session regarding the issue as part of the LCAP group at the professional development day.

Trustee Coulter asked if the teachers and students had been surveyed. Superintendent Johnson stated they had not and that would be one of the next steps the district would need to take if the Board would like administration to proceed. Ms. Coulter also asked about start/stop times if we change and if there would be a change in the total instruction time per day. Dr. Johnson stated the total instruction time would be the same and if we change the research suggests we make the change in start time significant – to either 8:30 or 9 a.m. Administrative is recommending 8:30 am.

Trustee Mortensen asked about the 0.7% revenue increase suggested by administration based on this change. Assistant Superintendent Suemram stated the research suggests attendance rates may increase if there is a later start so there is a possibility that the money could be recouped through better attendance and retention rates.

Trustees Adams and Schwarz stated that were in favor of trying a later start.

Several members of the public and staff commented on the issue:

Bethany Wilson – stated she likes the idea, but athletics is an issue; students would miss more school (pulling out earlier).

Sonia Delgado – stated she is glad to hear there will be further input, she believes it is healthy, however $145K is a lot of money. When you put a price on it, people may feel differently. What do we have to give up now for this money to go to later start? Parent responses were polarized on the issue – either strongly for or strongly against. Also students with jobs will be an issue and we should not discount it.

June Giffitlan – stated the research is compelling. Later start helps with mental health issues too (half of our S/H students already start later at 8:30 am). Where will the money come from to pay for it? It would be good to look at it again after it is implemented, 2-3 years down the road, to see if it is really worthwhile.

Allison Cassel – stated she is also a parent and her student does not want it. An informal poll of teachers shows it is definitely not a majority in favor. She is also concerned for GVSD as their costs will increase significantly too. While the staff survey has not been done yet, she noted that in NJUHSTA’s list of priorities, late start was last.

Jeff Boswell – stated he did not know this was a possibility for next year. Stated he is a working parent with a student in middle school. That will be an issue for some parents.
Tim Reid - stated he is also a member of the steering committee. He feels the students are about 50/50 on the issue (whether they want it implemented or not). The process is important. He stated it feels like a really pushed timeframe (to implement for Fall 2015). It is important to discuss the issues in detail. A target of Fall 2016 would be better. It needs to be in the newspaper and on radio spots. Mr. Reid's only concern was that it appears the administration is pushing it through hastily. This is a big change with too many people on both sides of issue.

Emily Raymond - stated that students talked about this in Leadership class at BR. They felt 8:30 am is too late. 8 am would be a good compromise.

Trustee Coulter stated she felt we needed to delay to get more input and work out any problems for parents and students. President Schwarz stated she agreed with Tim Reid that we take our time and not rush to implement this.

Superintendent Johnson confirmed the Board's direction was to continue with the process of soliciting input, targeting Fall 2016 for implementation, so that we have enough time to flush out any issues.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sierra Academy of Expeditionary Learning (SAEL) Facility Issue

Woodrow Wilson - stated the claim that there is not enough room at Bear River (BR) for SAEL simply does not add up. The school is only at 80% capacity with both schools there. The Board has a responsibility to the taxpayers to use the facility effectively. The decline in BR enrollment is not related to SAEL, it has been going on for years. He urged the Board to nurture the creative environment of SAEL.

Bethany Wilson - stated there is room for SAEL to coexist at BRHS. The BR decline has been going on for years (700 students lost over 16 years). It appears that SAEL is simply disliked by BRHS. It is a scapegoat and these actions are discriminatory. There is a big disconnect.

John Schroeder - stated that he is shocked, appalled, and angry. This is bullying behavior. The BR staff does not want SAEL. SAEL has every right to be at BR and students are entitled to a safe environment. The facility is large enough to accommodate SAEL. This could be a wonderful partnership.

Ty Yarnell - stated the schools need to learn to work together. There must be open lines of communication. She was quite appalled when employees of BRHS said that SAEL simply does not belong on the BRHS campus (we hear bigotry, lack of acceptance, etc.). She heard SAEL was offered another facility, now parents in Auburn are frustrated. She thought the Board would make the right decision.

She stated that she heard staff say tonight that you were good at "elaborate schemes to surprise people" and now we are asked to make this change. You said "change is hard" but you expect us to change. You said the timeframe for late start is "too rushed for Fall 2015," but we are expected to move a school in that same timeframe. The Principal of SSHS said many SSHS are "sent there as punishment," so are we "being punished." She also stated she was terribly offended by the board member's behavior during these comments (Trustee Campbell). President Schwarz extended her apology for the behavior.

Vanessa Bardo - states that this affects student learning and it feels like bullying.

Joel Swift - stated he attended the March meeting and was appalled and offended. There are a lot of great things about SAEL. He stated that he sat on wrong side of room at the March meeting, where BR staff were chanting "36 students." They were blaming the loss of students on SAEL and thus necessitating layoffs, which is not true. Bear River has been declining for years, even the administration projects it will bottom out in 7-10 years. He felt threatened at the meeting. Bear River is perpetuating a hostile environment. SAEL could be part of the answer to the BR's declining enrollment.

Charles Kidwell – stated he is hoping you stand by your decision (to have SAEL at BR).
Matt MacDonald – stated that SAEL has a lot of great things and we want to continue to make them part of our district. He also noted that we should continue to clear up some of this misinformation as well.

Board Vice President Adams stated he wanted to let everyone know that one of the things he is going to do after this meeting is really pray on this issue.

H. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. On a motion by Mortensen, seconded by Coulter, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2015 Special Board meeting (5-0).

2. On a motion by Adams, seconded by Mortensen, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2015 Regular Board meeting (5-0).

I. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. On a motion by Adams, seconded by Mortensen, the Board voted to approve following Consent Agenda items (*), with item I(1)(a) removed by President Schwarz, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes – Coulter, Schwarz, 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) Hire of Karen Harris and Kris Youngman, as School Nurse for the Extended Year 2015 Special Education program;
   B) Transfer of 2014/15 Nevada Union High School Social Science Department Chair from Molly Starr to Jeff Kirkpatrick effective 3/10/2015;
   C) Hire of Nicholas Tapia and Jennifer Weir as Bear River High School Science Tutors for the remainder of the 2014/15 school year;

2.) Classified Personnel
   A) Paid administrative leave for Buel Jackson, NUHS Custodian, effective 3/20/2015;
   B) Resignation of Paula Hunter, Delivery Person, effective 4/10/2015;

3.) Coaching Personnel
   A) Change in coaching position for Jason Bohrer, BRHS Head JV Coach for Boys Basketball;

*c. Surplus
The Board declared the attached outdated and unusable technology as surplus;

*d. Donations
The Board accepted the following donations:
1) $300.00 donation from Drs. Martin and Ann Engel for supplies to be used in the classroom of Nevada Union High School teacher Faith Lohuis;
2) $1500.00 donation to the district from Telestream for the NUHS Adaptive PE program;

*e. CAHSEE Waivers
The Board approved the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) Waiver request for one Silver Springs High School special education student;

*f. CSEA Agreements
The Board approved the Tentative Agreements with the California School Employees Association, Chapter 165, regarding reclassifications and revisions to job descriptions for paraeducators, accounting personnel and secretaries;

*g. Classified Seniority List
The Board approved the 2014/15 Classified Seniority List;

*h. MOU-Sierra College Rotary Field
The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Sierra Joint Community College District and the Nevada Joint Union High School District for the maintenance and high school use of the Sierra College-Nevada County Campus Rotary Field.

J. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Accounts Payable Warrants (removed by consent agenda)
On a motion by Mortensen, seconded by Adams, the Board voted to approve the accounts payable warrants: March 6, 2015, March 13, 2015, March 20, 2015, and March 27, 2015 by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Board Policy #6172.1
On a motion by Mortensen, seconded by Adams, the Board voted to approve Board Policy 6172.1, Enrollment in Community College Courses (5-0).

3. District Auditors
On a motion by Adams, seconded by Coulter, the Board voted to approve Goodell, Porter, Sanchez, & Bright, LLP as the auditors for the Nevada Joint Union High School District to provide an audit of the District’ financial statements for the fiscal years ending 2015, 2016 and 2017 (5-0).

3. Resolution #19-14/15
On a motion by Mortensen, seconded by Schwarz, the Board voted to approve Resolution #19-14/15, Board Compensation for Missed Meetings by a roll call vote. The first roll taken was not completed (with Ayes-Mortensen, Abstain – Campbell, Coulter, Adams, and no vote from the Board President). President Schwarz and Superintendent Johnson indicated to board members it as not appropriate to abstain and the vote was taken again with the following completed result:

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

4. Classified Reduction in Force
a. On a motion by Adams, seconded by Mortensen, the Board voted to approve Resolution #20-14/15, In the Matter of Reduction of Classified School Services for the 2015/16 School Year by roll call vote:

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

Classified Reduction in Hours
b. On a motion by Mortensen, seconded by Campbell, the Board voted to approve Resolution #21-14/15 in the Matter of Reduction of Classified School Services for the 2015/16 School Year by the following roll call vote:

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

5. **NUHS Track Resurfacing**
   On a motion by Mortensen, seconded by Schwarz, the Board voted to authorize district staff to contract with Beynon Sports Surfaces, Inc. under CMAS Contract number 4-12-78-0063A to resurface the Nevada Union High School All Weather Track (5-0).

K. **INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from Superintendent Louise Johnson regarding certificated layoffs (letter in board member mailboxes)

L. **REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Johnson reported she is happy to be back from spring break. It is a fast downhill slide now to the end of the school year, with lots of events. We are still in budget development in uncertain times, but there is cause for optimism.

M. **REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Mortensen reported the BR Football Field is under construction, they are bring the turf in. Assistant Superintendent Suenram interjected that the new turf will need to be watered and with the new water restrictions we will need some good public relations. They will be asking for a waiver.

N. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at Silver Springs High School at 6:00 p.m. on May 13, 2015. The Board’s closed session will begin at 5:15 p.m.

O. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. On a motion by Mortensen, seconded by Campbell, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. (5-0).

D. Penslik
Administrative Assistant

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Secretary, Governing Board

President, Governing Board