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, Dellis

B. PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

C. CLOSED SESSION
The Board convened to closed session at 5:16 p.m. and reconvened at 6:07 p.m. with the following mandatory reporting by the Board President:

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

During the previous closed session the Board adopted resolutions pursuant to Education Code 44954 and authorized the District Superintendent or her designee to notify temporary certificated employees of non-reemployment for the 2014/15 school year by the following roll call vote:

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

During the closed session the Board accepted the resignation of two certificated employees effective at the end of the 2014/15 school year by the following roll call vote:

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

D. RECESS AND RECONVENE
ROLL CALL

Administrative Assistant Pencilk 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, Dellis, Suenram, Mathiesen, Madigan, Nieto, 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 expel 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 the student may enroll in Earle Jamieson Educational Options (5-0).
   b. On a motion by Mortensen, seconded by Adams, the Board voted to approve the settlement agreement for Student #2 to expel 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 the student may enroll in Earle Jamieson Educational Options (5-0).
   c. On a motion by Mortensen, seconded by Adams, the Board voted to approve the settlement agreement for Student #3 to expel 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 the student may enroll in Earle Jamieson Educational Options (5-0).

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Adams, seconded by Campbell, the Board voted to approve the agenda items with Superintendent Johnson requesting item "1(1)(h)(2), Contract with Naviance, be tabled to the next meeting (5-0)."

F. REPORT/PRESENTATIONS

1. Student Showcase
   Coaches Savoie and Logue introduced the Division 5 Champion Bruins Football Players.

2. BRHS Learning Center
   Tim Reid, Kristina Stroeve, Emily Raymond, Audrey Moses, Sonia Delgadillo, and Principal Jim Nieto spoke regarding the proposed learning center at Bear River.

3. Master Facilities Plan
   Chris Ramm from Deems Lewis McKinley, Architects, was present to review the Draft Facility Improvement Plan.

4. Reports Student Board Representatives
   a. Bear River High School

5. Reports from School Principals
   a. Bear River High School – Principal Jim Nieto
   b. Silver Springs High School – Principal Marty Mathiesen
   c. Ghidotti High School – Principal Melissa Madigan
   d. North Point Academy – Principal Melissa Madigan
   e. Nevada Union High School – Principal Dan Frisella
6. **Reports from Collective Bargaining Units**
   a. Nevada Joint Union High School Teachers Association (NJUHSTA) Representative
      President Allison Cassel stated that March is always a difficult month for staff, especially in these times of declining enrollment. She also noted that the Governor’s budget appears to be looking better than originally predicted.
   b. California School Employees Association (CSEA) Representative
      No report.

G. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**SAEL Charter**

Matt MacDonald, BRHS Activities Director and Social Science teacher, read a statement from the Bear River staff regarding SAEL charter school. While thanking the board for supporting BR staff and students in the creation of the learning center, he expressed the BR staff general concern of the District’s decision to place the charter school on Bear River’s campus. They believe an alternative school site would have been more appropriate. They have lost 36 students to SAEL, because SAEL is located on the BR campus. The District’s strategy comes at the expense of Bear River students. The staff believes it is essential that a new location is found and they strongly request the Board to do so.

Eleven SAEL parents, including Bethany Wilson, Ilene Cristdahl, Rosa Contreras, Karen Ball, Ron Jermyn, Jennifer Scott, Kristina McLean, Lore Witt, John Schroeder, Martha Earhart, and Richard Cristdahl, spoke in support of the SAEL charter school. All parents praised the charter for its many attributes—the dedicated staff, the crew concept, and its project-based learning. Many common themes permeated their statements, including:

- Knew a traditional would not work for my child
- Wanted environmental stewardship & learning about issues in the community
- Families at SAEL are committed
- Love project based learning
- School engages my child now, he/she loves to go to school now, total changed perspective about school
- Perfect fit for my student
- Did my research and spent time deciding on a school
- Like location and program
- Crew concept is exceptional
- Thankful for the school (SAEL)
- Have other student(s) at traditional school(s) but some student need another option
- Want to thank Board for supporting SAEL
- We have great options in our county and we are thankful for those options
- Hope you continue with SAEL
- Want to work with BR faculty, we know we can move forward in positive direction

Five SAEL students, including Brodie Wilson, Sebastian Merrick, Mia Belluomini, Makenna Yarnell-Williams, Hannah Babe, and Mikaela Cristdahl, also spoke in support of their experiences at SAEL. All were very positive about their experience at SAEL, stating they love the school, that it is different from other schools, but is a perfect mix of challenge and fun. Several stated they had been struggling academically in the past but at SAEL they were not. A student stated he would like to work with BRHS. Another noted it is the student’s choice what school he/she attends.

BRHS teacher and coach, Scott Savoie, noted that the issue is not the legitimacy of SAEL. That is not the case at all. Having options is great. But the SAEL charter school is not in our district. If they were it would be a different story. As they get larger, BRHS gets smaller and we have to say goodbye to one of our colleagues. The classrooms that SAEL is using now were BRHS classrooms. Bear River is not “against” SAEL, but it is not the right fit for our campus.
Emily Raymond, BRHS student, while stating she respects what SAEL parents and student have said, reminded the Board of their students - the football players recognized tonight, the things BR students do. We could do more with that space (allocated to SAEL). We are hurting ourselves.

John Voter, BRHS parent, stated the guidelines for student should be the same on the campus. SAEL has different guidelines (rules) for their students – dress code, etc. The rules should be the same for all.

**NU Physics Teacher**

Cody Reeves, spoke regarding the resignation of John McDaniel, NUHS Physics teacher, stating his daughter had Mr. McDaniel as an instructor as well as a coach. He was very sad to hear Mr. McDaniel was resigning, noting Mr. McDaniel indicated he was not supported as a teacher or coach. Mr. Reeves expressed his concern to the Board about the future of the school district if it cannot retain great teachers. He noted that while there are always two sides to the story, he requested the Board look into the matter in order to retain phenomenal teachers.

**BRHS Community Support**

Lori Rudiger, BRHS parent, asked to recognize the BR community’s support of Bridget Anderson and her family after the accident on Highway 49.

**H. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

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

**I. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA (ROLL CALL VOTE)**

1. On a motion by Adams, seconded by Coulter, the Board voted to approve following Consent Agenda items? (*), with item 1(1)[a] removed for a separate vote by President Schwarz by the following roll call vote:

   - **Ayes:** Schwarz, Coulter, Campbell, Mortensen, Adams
   - **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 Michael McLaughlin, NU Tech High School WASC Coordinator, for the 2014/15 school year;
      B) Resignation of Jane Patterson, BRHS Mathematics teacher, effective at the end of the 2014/15 school year;
      C) Resignation of John McDaniel, NU Physics teacher, effective at the end of the 2014/15 school year;
      D) Resignation of Gary Mullenax, GHS Social Science teacher, effective March 4, 2015;

   2. **Classified Personnel**
      A) Hire of Jen Velarde-Menary, Bilingual /ESL Instructional Aide, 8 hours/day, 9 months/year, effective 2/12/2015;
      B) Change in position for Crystal Clune, to Vocational Special Education Aide, 3 hours/day, effective 1/26/2015;
      C) Hire of Shayne McLaughlin, SSHS Campus Supervisor, effective 2/24/2015;

   3. **Administrative Personnel**
      A) Hire of Melissa Madigan, 2015 Summer School Principal, for a stipend of $6,700.00;

   4. **Temporary Coaching Personnel**
      Additional NUHS Spring Coaches:
Softball – Kelly Boren, Head Coach (District Stipend), Richard Ramirez, Assistant Coach (District Stipend), Ben Emery, Volunteer Coach; Swimming & Diving: Shelly Jones, Volunteer;

*c. Certificated Substitute Pay
The Board approved the revised Certificated Substitute Salary Schedule increasing regular substitute pay from $90 to $100 per day effective March 1, 2015;

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

*e. Donations
Shall the Board accept the following donations:
1) $500 donation from Steven Moses and Sonia DelGadillo for the Bear River High School Drama Department;
2) Donation of a golf cart from George Fisher for Bear River High School;

*f. Scholarships
Shall the Board approve the following scholarships:
1) Michael Purtymun Foundation Scholarship for $500 per year for a NJUHSD graduate;
2) Bruin Performing Arts Scholarship for $1500 donated by Sonia Delgadillo and Steve Moses;

*g. CAHSEE Waivers
The Board voted to approve the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) Waiver requests for four Nevada Union High School special education students;

*h. Contracts
The Board approved the following agreements:
1) Agreement with Martha Kirishian, Physical Therapist, for services from February 17, 2015-July 3, 2015 for a special education student of $4620.00;
3) Contract with Zuckerman Heritage, dba Delta Bluegrass Company, for the BRHS Football Renovation project in the amount of $83,900.00;
4) Contract with Hansen Brothers Enterprises, Inc. for the NUHS Wrestling Gym Parking Lot Paving project in the amount of $65,888.00;

*i. Certify Coaches
The Board voted to certify that athletic coaches have met the conditions set forth in Title 5, Sections 5593 and 5594 as required annually;

*j. NCSBA Payment
The Board approved the voluntary payment to the Nevada County School Boards Association of $100 for the 2015 calendar year;

*k. DCC Recommendations
The Board approved the recommendations of the District Curriculum Committee from their February 11, 2015 meeting.

J. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Accounts Payable Warrants (removed from consent agenda)
On a motion by Coulter, seconded by Mortensen, the Board voted to approve the accounts payable warrants: February 6, 2015, February 12, 2015, February 20, 2015, and February 27, 2015 by the following roll vote:

Ayes – Schwarz, Coulter, Mortensen, Campbell
Noes-0
Abstain- Adams
1. **School Safety Plans**
   On a motion by Campbell, seconded by Mortensen, the Board voted to approve the district and school site safety plans for the Nevada Joint Union High School District (5-0).

2. **Resolution #14-14/15**
   *Recommendation of the District Superintendent Concerning Reduction of Certificated Services for the 2015/16 School Year*
   
   On a motion by Adams, seconded by Mortensen, the Board voted to approve Resolution #14-14/15. In the Matter of the Reduction or Discontinuance of Certain Particular Kinds of Services for the 2015/16 School Year by the following roll call vote:
   
   Ayes – Schwarz, Campbell, Coulter, Adams, Mortensen
   
   Noes- 0
   
   MOTION PASSED 5-0.

3. **Second Interim Financial Report**
   On a motion by Mortensen, seconded by Campbell, the Board voted to approve the Second Interim Financial Statements for the Nevada Joint Union High School District (5-0).

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

5. **Summer 2015 Projects**
   On a motion by Adams, seconded by Mortensen, the Board voted to authorize district administration to proceed and bid on the attached Summer 2015 Projects (5-0).

6. **Shortage of Substitutes**
   On a motion by Adams, seconded by Campbell, the Board voted to declare a shortage of qualified substitutes for the District and approve the submission of a Variable Term Waiver Request for a 30-Day Substitute Basic Skills Requirement for Carlos Caruncho (5-0).

7. **Single Site Plan for Student Achievement**
   On a motion by Adams, seconded by Mortensen, the Board voted to approve the Single Site Plan for Student Achievement for Nevada Union High School, Bear River High School, North Point Academy, William & Marian Ghidotti High School, and Silver Springs High School (5-0).

**K. POLICY REVIEW**

1. First Reading of Board Policy 6172.1, Enrollment in Community College Courses

**L. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Johnson reported it is a busy time of the year although a difficult time (with the deadline for layoff in March). She thanked the Board for their diligence in working through the issues. She noted it is a fast downhill slide now to the end of the school year.

**M. REPORTS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Mortensen congratulated the Bear River Football team and coaching staff for their victory.

Trustee Coulter enjoyed hearing the different points of view expressed tonight on the various issues. She appreciates the student who spoke on the issues.
Trustee Campbell reported she and president Schwarz attended the CSBA Legislative Lobby Day this month at the capitol. She stated we are not alone, many other districts are facing the same challenges and need to work together – our legislators are in line with us.

President Schwarz stated the legislative day was good. The top issue was the reserve cap. They were not able to meet with our legislators but did meet with their representatives.

Trustee Adams reported he just returned from a missions trip to Mexico with NU students. It was exhausting but good. He will attend the Night of Dance on Friday. He stated these are tough times. When he first joined the Board he never envisioned all the bowls they would juggle. Trying to satisfy the majority of people often seems impossible. But please know that we take the extremely seriously – trying to do what’s best for our students.

N. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at Nevada Union High School at 6:00 p.m. on April 8, 2015. The Board’s closed session will begin at 5:15 p.m.

O. ADJOURNMENT

1. On a motion by Adams, seconded by Coulter, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. (5-0)

D.Pencik
Administrative Assistant

[Signatures]

Secretary, Governing Board

President, Governing Board