

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LANDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
625 WEAVER AVENUE
BATTLE MOUNTAIN, NV 89820
May 6, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

A recorded CD is available for review of this meeting in its entirety.

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Anna Penola called the meeting to order at approximately 5:38 p.m. at the Lander County School District Office, 625 Weaver Ave., Battle Mountain, Nevada.

President Anna Penola led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Taken by President Anna Penola

Present:

Anna Penola	(President)
Mark Lake	(Clerk)
Susan Davis	(Member)
John Davis	(Member) 5:51pm
Todd Thompson	(Member)
Jan Morrison	(Member)
Elizabeth Dias	(Member)
Jim Squibb	(Superintendent)
Susan Ortega	(Principal)
Lorrie Sparks	(Principal)
Collin Belnap	(Principal)

Absent:

Toby Melver	(Principal)
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B. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

C. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF NOTICED AGENDA- For Possible Action

Mr. Squibb explained that the Board can't take action on #2 to approve it. New policies need 2 weeks between readings before implementing into policy. The item can be discussed, just not acted on.

Trustee Jan Morrison made the motion to approve and adopt the noticed agenda with the correction to remove Action Item 2 as an action item. Trustee Todd Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

President Penola asked that the votes be taken verbally, as requested by the Board secretary. When the recording is requested the votes can be heard.

Trustee Morrison stated that if we start using verbal voting that it should be random.

Vote:

Aye – President Anna Penola, Trustees Mark Lake, Susan Davis, Jan Morrison, Elizabeth Diaz, Todd Thompson, and John Davis

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1. Legislative Update-**Trustee Mark Lake will update the Board on any legislative news. *(15 minutes)*
 - Trustee Lake did not have anything to present
- 2. NASB Report-** Trustee Susan Davis will update the Board with any NASB news. *(15 minutes)*
 - Trustee Susan Davis discussed a few bills including
 - SB75- This bill requires the State Board to prescribe the minimum number of school days of instruction that must take place before the examinations in grades 3 through 8.
 - SB205-This bill requires the Department of Education to develop a model plan for the management of a crisis or emergency that involves a public or private school.
 - SB285- Allows diabetic students to self administer their medication.
 - There was a Town Hall on April 21st; the 3 tax proposals were presented.
 - By the end of the 13th week there were 486 Assembly Bills & 509 Senate Bills were introduced into this session.
 - May 19th is the next NASB meeting

E. CONSENT ITEMS For Possible Action

- 1. Approval of Accounts Payable for April 30th \$399,002.47**
- 2. Budget Adjustments for FY15**
- 3. Approval of New Employee Hires-** Megan Mever-High School Special Ed, Kendra Allen- K-8 Counselor
- 4. Approval of Teacher Resignations-** The Board will approve a resignation tendered by a teacher at BMHS
- 5. Four day Week Applications for the FY16 School Year-** The Board may approve the Four day school week application as required by the Department of Education.
- 6. Approval of Pay Warrants to 3D Concrete in the amount of \$6,958.50 on April 30th.**

Mr. Squibb stated that the budget adjustments are just line item transfers, no money changes, #3 is unfortunately this a resignation by a first year very successful Ag teacher at the high school, and #5 is the yearly application for a 4-day school week that has the justification with our seat minutes.

Trustee John Davis made the motion to approve the consent items 1-5. Trustee Jan Morrison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Vote:

Aye – President Anna Penola, Trustees Mark Lake, Susan Davis, Jan Morrison, Elizabeth Diaz, Todd Thompson, and John Davis

Nay – 0

Abstain- 0

Trustee Todd Thompson made the motion to accept the consent items 6. Trustee Jan Morrison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Vote:

Aye – President Anna Penola, Trustees Mark Lake, Susan Davis, Elizabeth Diaz, Jan Morrison, and Todd Thompson

Nay – 0

Abstain- Trustee John Davis

F. ACTION ITEMS- For Possible Action

- 1. CORE Construction** – CORE Construction will present and seek approval for bid package three of the construction project.

The superintendent informed the Board that a meeting took place with district office staff and Jason to see where we were at with the GMP and how much is left for bid package three. Jason got all figures to work out so that bid package #3 can be completed in the original capped amount. A total of approximately \$889,100.

Jason Beck explained that to cut costs they used the same contractors and this also allows them to start right away on the project. This bid package includes the Mary S. Black remodel into district offices and the existing Jr. High being turned into 4th and 5th grade. He then went through pictures and discussed the schedule.

The breezeway will be 80 feet long and will be open with some protection. It'll have CMU on one side, a metal roof, and the other side will be rod iron. Students using the breezeway would be the K-3 going to the library and PE and 4th & 5th graders going to lunch and music.

At Mary S. Black the main areas of focus are the single point entry, presentation/meeting room, the administration offices, and the Board room. The Boardroom will be able to occupy 40 people.

The construction for a lot of the different projects will start right away simultaneously. The entire bid package is scheduled to be done on August 21st but more than likely before.

Trustee Todd Thompson made the motion to accept bid package three from CORE Construction. Trustee John Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Vote:

Aye – President Anna Penola, Trustees Mark Lake, Susan Davis, Jan Morrison, Elizabeth Diaz, Todd Thompson, and John Davis

Nay – 0

Abstain- 0

- 2. 2nd Reading of Lander County School District 005.3.6 Staffing of High School at Austin Combined Schools-** The Board will discuss and possibly take action to approve a new policy that creates a protocol for future staffing of the high school program in Austin.

President Penola stated this item was for discussion only.

The Superintendent reminded the Board that we cannot enact this into policy until the 14 days have expired.

No action was taken

- 3. Review of the Lander County School District Regulation 007.28R Transportation of Students** - The Board will discuss and possibly give input to revise the regulation of transportation of students.

Mr. Squibb said this was a request at the Austin meeting to review the policy. This is the guideline for establishing mileage and the parameters of creating and discontinuing a bus route.

Trustee Morrison pointed out a few things to review.

- Section A. 3 a) page 77. The verification of residency of at least 90 days prior to application for subsistence is made. She said that unless it is a NRS that maybe 30 would be long enough.
- Is the .19 or .21 per mile the right reimbursement rate?

- \$120 a month enough reimbursement a month?
- #5 adding “when transportation is a part of the tuition agreement.

Mr. Melver brought up in section B #3 remove the principals will be responsible for billing the Board. Rebecca Killeen explained that the process of verification and payment is handled at the district office.

Trustee John Davis stated that this policy needs to be given to the parents for them to digest, get some comments together, and a head count of students that they want to transport into Austin.

Trustee Susan Davis asked that this item be tabled until more information is available. Trustee Morrison asked if any NRS could be brought back to clear up some issues also.

This action item was tabled to a future meeting.

G. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- District Facilities Update
 - Building vacant by June 8th
 - He met with Mr. Melver, Mrs. Sparks, and the Division of Forestry to contract some prison labor to help move. June 10-11 a crew of 12 and 3 supervisors. The cost usually is \$450 which is the supervisors pay and transportation, but they are going to do it free gratis for the district. They may come back in August.
- Personnel Update
 - 8 positions left to fill with potential candidates
 - High School Art, Social Studies, Ag Science, and Math, two 1st grade, 2nd grade and 3rd grade.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-The Board may make suggestions for items or topics to be placed on future agendas for Board consideration. Items suggested here may not necessarily be placed on a future agenda.

None

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Collin Belnap- Band and Choir received superior mark at competition they have been at & Boys golf won Zone.
- Susan Ortega- We had very few mishaps with all the testing going around the district.
- Trustee Susan Davis stated that “When Mr. Carlson was here in order for the Board to make comments; they have to be their own separate section under informational items maybe called ‘Board Comment’. We can’t make public comment ourselves unless it is under a different arena. Could have that on our agenda?”
- Toby Melver- Would like a review of the Austin staffing policy in the possibility that there are RIFs.

Trustee Todd Thompson made the motion to go into closed session at 7:23pm. Trustee Susan Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Vote:

Aye – President Anna Penola, Trustees Mark Lake, Susan Davis, Jan Morrison, Elizabeth Diaz, Todd Thompson, and John Davis

Nay – 0

Abstain- 0

J. CLOSED SESSION

The Board may meet in a closed labor session pursuant to NRS 288.220(4) to meet with the District's management representatives to discuss the status of labor negotiations with the Lander County Classroom Teachers Association.

President Penola brought the meeting back to order at 7:42pm.

K. ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSED SESSION - For Possible Action

The Board may take action based on information given by the Steve Larsgaard and Charlie

No Action Taken

L. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Todd Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:43 p.m. Trustee John Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vote:

Aye – President Anna Penola, Trustees Mark Lake, Susan Davis, Jan Morrison, Elizabeth Dias, Todd Thompson, and John Davis

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Killeen, Board Secretary**

These minutes were approved at the meeting of June 10, 2015.

Anna Penola, President

Mark Lake, Clerk