

CHURCHILL COUNTYBOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Fallon, Nevada

SPECIAL MEETING

October 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

President Hendrix called to order the regular meeting of the Churchill County School District Board of Trustees at 6:00 p.m. at the Old Post Office, 90 North Maine Street, Fallon, Nevada.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lisa Bliss led the pledge of allegiance.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

President Hendrix confirmed the posting of the agenda pursuant to NRS.

ROLL CALL

Trustees Present

Trustee Clay Hendrix, President
Trustee Greg Koenig, Vice President
Trustee Carmen Schank, Clerk
Trustee Matt Hyde, Acting Clerk
Trustee Rich Gent
Trustee Tricia Strasdin
Trustee Kathryn Whitaker

Others Present

Dr. Sandra Sheldon, Superintendent
Sharla Hales, District Counsel
Phyllis Dowd, Director of Business Services
Kimi Melendy, Director of Educational Services
Debra Shyne, Secretary
Phil Pinder
Becky Dodd

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted under unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

A. The Board will meet to discuss:

1. Board Leadership

- a. The Board will talk together about the background and strengths each Trustee brings to the Board, processes and practices involved with the work of Trustees and the governance team, and other matters concerning Board and Superintendent leadership of the District.**

Each Board member shared background regarding themselves and the reasons that prompted them to run for the school board.

2. District Vision

- a. **The Board will talk about the governance team’s vision for the District, including, without limitation: student achievement, District facilities, existing and predicted financial concerns, enrollment, programs, community involvement, and all matters related to these topics.**

Dr. Sheldon provided the following handouts and led a brief discussion regarding each: Policy 8150 Board Members’ Code of Ethics, the District Mission, Vision and Beliefs statements, and the Board Operating Protocol.

The Board discussed the importance of being goal driven in their decision making as well as the importance of communicating to staff what the Boards’ goals are and how the Boards’ decisions align with those goals. The goals need to become part of the Board’s language and communicated to staff so that it becomes part of staff’s language too. The Boards’ goals should be prominently displayed on the District’s website. Once a month a Facebook post could identify one of the Boards’ goals along with what the District is doing in support of that goal.

3. Curriculum

- a. **The Board will receive information about and discuss curriculum for math, science, literacy, and other areas, including the direction for the District in each of these areas. The Superintendent may share available test results.**

Lisa Bliss provided a handout regarding Smarter Balanced and NWEA Map assessment results for the District and explained each graph. The Board and district personnel discussed assessments.

4. Technology

- a. **The Board will receive information regarding the status of the use of technology in the District by students, faculty and staff. The Board may discuss the current status as well as the direction the District should take in the future in the use of technology by all District stakeholders.**

Dr. Sheldon provided a brief update regarding technology (Chromebooks) in the classroom.

5. Board Responsibilities and Relations

- a. **The Board will receive information about and discuss the role of the Board as a whole, the role of individual Board Members, the Open Meeting Law and community/staff/Board Member relations.**

Sharla Hales, legal counsel, explained the open meeting law and the role of Board members.

6. Action Items

- a. **The Board may take action to direct the Superintendent to research additional information or prepare presentations on any matter related to the topics listed above to inform Board Members and the Community at future board meetings.**
- b. **The Board may take action to approve as agenda items on future board meetings specific matters related to the topics listed above.**

Dr. Sheldon will keep the Board informed regarding the progress and process of the curriculum committee meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Becky Dodd commented on curriculum-related issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Schank made a motion, seconded by Trustee Koenig, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:56 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Carmen, Schank, Clerk of the Board

Prepared by Debra Shyne