

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Tuesday, May 12, 2009**

**7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Carson City School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Barbara Howe at the Sierra Room, Community Center, 851 E. William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:    Members Present  
Barbara Howe, President  
Norm Scoggin, Vice President  
Joanna Wilson, Clerk  
Jim Lemaire, Member  
Steve Reynolds, Member  
Lynnette Conrad, Member  
Joe Enge, Member  
Mr. Richard Stokes, Superintendent  
Mike Pavlakis, Legal Counsel

Members Absent  
None

**ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Mr. Jim Lemaire, seconded by Mr. Norm Scoggin **that the Carson City School District Board of Trustees adopt the agenda as submitted, eliminating agenda item #9 and #12.** Motion carried unanimously.

President Howe adjourned the meeting to close session per NRS 288.220(4) to discuss labor relations with the District's Management Representatives.

The meeting reconvened from close session at 7:00 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Ms. Jennifer Tartan, Carson High School Leadership Advisor, introduced the 2009 Prom Queen, Maggie Jesse and Prom King, Jeff Butler. The Prom was held on the MS Dixie at Lake Tahoe and the theme was "A Night on the Lake". Maggie plans on attending the University, Nevada Reno to complete a degree in Performing Arts. Jeff was unable to attend the meeting.
- Mrs. Penny Reynolds, Ms. Sherri Kelley and Mr. Brian Reedy introduced the SKILLS USA Winners. SKILLS USA is national organization with over 300,000 members. There are two categories in Skills USA; leadership and skills. The students are required to compete in both categories. Carson High School had 79 members, with many students competing at the state level. The students were awarded 14 medals. Ms. Sherri Kelley, Web Design Teacher, introduced the winners in Web Design: Silver Medalists, Mariah Tompkins and Neigena Mobaligh; Gold Medalists, Ali Thompson and Justin Otero and Bronze Medalists, Katherine Middleton and Hunter Haskins. The leadership competition consists of; job demonstration, job interview, prepared speech, quiz bowl etc. The winners were; Gold Medalist in Extemporaneous Speaking, Alexis Church; Gold Medalist in Job Interview, Ashley Saarem; Silver Medalist in Job Interview, Tracy Morris. Mr. Brian Reedy, Video Production Teacher, introduced the winners in Video Production: Silver Medalists, Curtis DeVore and Jamie Showalter. Mrs. Reynolds introduced the following winners: Bronze Medalists in Culinary Arts, Ariel Heinz; Bronze Medalists in Food and

- Beverage Service, Jonathan Kane; Gold Medalists in Commercial Baking, Tracy Morris. The National Competition will be held in Kansas City in June.
- Bordewich Bray Elementary School was recently recognized at the Mega Conference, for their nomination as a Distinguished Title I School.
  - Mr. Stokes gave a brief update on the H1N1 Flu Virus. The District has had one confirmed case.
  - Mr. Stokes updated the Board on several break-ins at the Building Maintenance and Grounds Complex. If anyone has any information, please contact the Sheriff's Office or Secret Witness at 283-1799. Information can also be sent via text message at 274637, TIP725+message or go to their website at [www.secretwitness.com](http://www.secretwitness.com)
  - The Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC) met on Monday, May 4, 2009, where information was presented to the committee on staffing, finance, curriculum, etc. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2009 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Professional Development Center, Gleason Building.
  - On behalf of the Carson City School District, Mr. Stokes sent well wishes to Mr. Wayne Nash for a speedy recovery.
  - Mrs. Penny Reynolds introduced the National Restaurant Association Pro-Start Winners; Jonathan Kane, Brittany Shirey, Tracy Morris and Brandon Gray. The management team competed against 38 other states, along with Guam and Porto Rico. The students placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation and each student received \$38,500 in scholarship offers. The management team competes in two categories; Jeopardy style board game and a Case Study. Pro-Start is a program by the National Restaurant Association, providing a professional start into the industry. It is a two year in-class program and 400 hours of internship at an approved mentor site. Once completed, the students receive their food handler certification along with a \$2,000 scholarship from the Restaurant Association to further their education.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

- Jessica Dang reported on the following activities at CHS:
  - Salute to Scholars will be held on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Senior Academic Letter will be held on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> in Senator Square at 6:00 p.m.
  - Concert Choir will perform on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center
  - Link Crew will hold a Car Wash fundraiser on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the North Wal-Mart
  - 494 students attended the Prom on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Chamber Choir placed 4<sup>th</sup> at a national competition held in San Francisco, California
- Emily Ramos reported on the following activities at PHS:
  - Student Leadership meetings are held on Mondays and Thursdays
  - Girls Circle meetings are held on Thursdays
  - Peer Mentoring and Multi-Cultural meetings are held every Friday
  - *Not on Tobacco*, an Intervention Program meets on Fridays
  - Counselors from Western Nevada College will be speaking with students on May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - There will be a Blood Drive on May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Graduation will take place on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center

Mrs. Joanna Wilson presented Chelsea Keating with a card in appreciation for her service as Carson High School's, School Board Student Representative. Chelsea plans on studying bio-chemistry at the University, Nevada Reno.

### **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

Brian Wallace, OCEA President welcomed and publicly thanked all of the Classified Employees of the Year for their hard work.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **DISCUSSION OF HOME MORTGAGE PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE THROUGH WELLS FARGO BANK**

This item was removed from the agenda.

## **RECOGNITION OF 2009 "CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR"**

Mr. Delfin introduced Mrs. Teri Cantley, Carson Chapter 4 Association President. Mrs. Cantley welcomed the 2008-2009 Classified Employees of the Year, their families and publicly thanked the other committee members. Mrs. Cantley introduced Mrs. Lori Wyke, Classified Employee of the Year Advisory Chairperson. Mrs. Wyke introduced the individual winners for each site:

Administration/PDC – Nancy Fransen, Office Specialist  
Al Seeliger Elementary School – Jeffery Ruggeri, Head Custodian  
Alternative Education Program – Sandy Butticci, Registrar  
Bordewich/Bray Elementary School – Angela Sullivan, Office Specialist  
Carson High School – Howard "Dean" Saunders, Utility Custodian  
Carson Middle School – Joellen Powers, Administrative Secretary  
Eagle Valley Middle School – Becky Ritter, Instructional Assistant IV  
Empire Elementary School – Elvia Ortiz, Para Professional, ESL  
Fremont Elementary School – Michael Davis, Custodian  
Fritsch Elementary School – Maria Tavera, Para Professional, ESL  
Mark Twain Elementary School – Rosemarie Etchison, Para Professional I  
Material Services Facility – Michael Smith, Skilled Building Maintenance Worker  
Student Support Services – Kathleen Moore, Senior Office Specialist  
Transportation – Cheri Fletcher, Bus Driver Trainer

After introductions and congratulations, Becky Ritter was named Carson City School Districts 2008-2009 Classified Employee of the Year.

Mrs. Howe called for a five minute recess at 8:30 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

## **INFORMATIONAL UPDATE AND REGULATION ON RANDOM DRUG TESTING OF CARSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ATHLETES**

Mr. Bob Bateman, Carson High School Athletic Director sent well wishes to Mr. Wayne Nash and his family for a speedy recovery. Mr. Bateman explained that Prom King, Jeff Butler was unable to attend the meeting because he was playing in the first round of baseball playoffs.

Mr. Bateman addressed the Board on the draft copy of the proposed regulation regarding random drug testing of Carson High School student athletes. Mr. Bateman highlighted several areas of the regulation:

- Random drug testing has been deemed legal by the United States Supreme Court
- Results of a positive test result should be received within 24 hours; negative test results within 24 to 72 hours
- Parents are notified to determine if a prescription has been ordered by a physician, with the firm following up with the medical doctor
- If a student participates in athletics, the regulation applies for 365 days
- The random testing is administered by an outside vendor

There will be an informational public meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Carson High School. The program has been funded by grants with Partnership Carson City and the Sheriff's Office Meth Coalition.

Mrs. Wilson asked if Administration were notified or told when the random testing would take place. Mr. Bateman explained that Carson High School does not select the students; the testing is done at random. There are approximately 700+ students that will be tested throughout the year. Administration has a say on when the testing can be done; weekly, bi-weekly, after a break, etc. A refusal to test is interpreted as a positive test. If a student tests positive, they are contacted by the vendor and communication is made with the parent/guardian. A variety of proposals were used to compile the draft of the regulation. Mr. Bateman commented on the variety of drugs tested for and modifications can be made. The feedback from students and parents has been positive.

Mr. Enge commented on incorporating the guidelines with the Athletic Association guidelines. Mr. Bateman explained that the guidelines for Carson High School exceed the guidelines of the Athletic Association.

Mrs. Conrad asked if the Medical Review Officer (MRO) would be local or hired by the firm. At this time, the MRO is provided by the firm, they are looking for a local firm. Mrs. Conrad asked if a list of rehabilitation providers would be made available to students, in the event they test positive. She also inquired as to funding for additional testing. Mr. Bateman commented on the costs associated with additional testing and he also highlighted regulations associated with Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association (NIAA.)

Steve Reynolds asked if the testing will be associated with performance enhancement drugs and will the testing also include extra-curricular activities in the future. Mr. Bateman explained that the drugs are changing all the time; the testing will not be limited to just one. He also added that testing of students participating in extra-curricular activities is being looked at.

Mr. Scoggin publicly thanked Mr. Bateman and Mr. Houlihan for proceeding with the testing and program.

#### **RATIFICATION OF CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS CONTRACT FOR 2009 - 2011**

This item was removed from the agenda.

#### **2009 NEVADA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST RELATING TO EDUCATION**

Mr. Stokes updated the Board on the following Legislative items;

- Representatives from the Superintendent's Association presented information on iNVEST 09:
  - Fully fund education base
  - Allow school district leaders to determine how the money should be spent
  - Money designated for education should be spent for education
  - Create a rainy day fund for education
- Distributive School Account (DSA) budget is a work in progress to add back some of the programs initially recommended for removal from the Governor's Budget. The K-12 education budget may close soon, allowing for discussion during the May 20, 2009 Special School Board Meeting to determine the final budget for FY 2010.
- The Governor may create a "Hawaii Plan"; money from the "*American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*". The plan would take the place of revenues that may not be received. In December, the Carson City School District placed money in a contingency fund, anticipating the possible need for FY 2009. If the contingency money is used, the current cuts would be left in place and cost saving measures would be reevaluated.

Mr. Scoggin asked for an estimated amount of the ending fund balance that may be used. Mr. Stokes explained that \$1.8 million is proposed in the tentative budget.

Mr. Enge explained his understanding of the "Hawaii Plan"; K-12 stimulus funding will be separated from the University System.

Mr. Anderson explained the difference between the "Stabilization Money" vs. "Stimulus Money"; "Stabilization Money" has been approved based on the Governor's application; \$139 million of the \$324 million, to cover the shortfall of local school support tax and property tax in the DSA. This eliminates the contingency money set aside for revenue shortfall.

Mr. Enge inquired as to the DSA level for the district. Mr. Anderson explained that the worst case scenario is not presented in the tentative budget. There are many variables that play into the tentative budget.

Mr. Scoggin expressed his thoughts on money appropriated for education and then placed in the General Fund for all to use.

Mr. Stokes believes there are two Legislative Bills to address this issue.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Mr. Joe Enge, seconded by Mrs. Joanna Wilson, **that the Carson City School Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda.** Motion carried unanimously.

### **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no future agenda items at this time. Present agenda items to Mr. Richard Stokes or President Barbara Howe.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS**

A special meeting of the Carson City School District Board of Trustees to approve the FY 2010 Final Budget will be on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 5:15 p.m. at the District Office, 1402 West King Street, Carson City, Nevada.

The next regular meeting of the Carson City School District Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There will be no further business to come before the members of the Board in public meeting; President Barbara Howe declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Joanna Wilson, Clerk

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Date