

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

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

6:30 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
Jim Lemaire, Member
Steve Reynolds, Member
Lynnette Conrad, Member
Mr. Richard Stokes, Superintendent
Mike Pavlakis, Legal Counsel

Members Absent
Joanna Wilson, Clerk
Joe Enge, Member

ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Jim Lemaire, seconded by Mr. Steve Reynolds **that the Carson City School District Board of Trustees adopt the agenda as submitted.** Motion carried unanimously. (Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Enge were not present for the vote.)

President Howe adjourned the meeting to close session per NRS 241.015(2)(b)(2) to discuss potential and pending legal claims.

The meeting reconvened from close session at 7:04 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The following students were selected as Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholar; Jennifer Mital, Callie Ward, Gordon Lee and James Bridegum. Each recipient receives \$1,500 a year towards their college education. The highest ranking seniors according to GPA, SAT and/or ACT scores were selected for this honor.
- Promotion and Graduation exercises' concluded on Saturday, June 6, 2009. They went well and were very nice.
- Strategic Advisory Committee Meetings are going well. The committee will meet again on Monday, June 15, 2009.

BOARD REPORTS

There were no Board reports.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

There were no association reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NV ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING PROGRAM DONATION

Mr. Mark Korinek spoke briefly about the partnership with NV Energy and introduced Ms. Charlene Booth, Major Account Representative for the Carson City School District. Ms. Charlene Booth introduced Ms. Mary Simmons, Vice President of External Affairs.

Ms. Simmons gave a brief description of the Energy Efficient Lighting Program; each employee in the District was given 12 compact fluorescent energy efficient light bulbs. The light bulbs save approximately 75% in energy and last 7 to 10 times longer. A case of light bulbs was also provided for each Board Member.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE FROM THE LATINO PARENT COMMITTEE

Ms. Leticia Servin, Founder and President of the Latino Parent Committee gave a brief power point presentation. Ms. Servin recognized Ms. Laura Austin, Principal, Mark Twain Elementary School and introduced other members of the committee.

The Latino Parent Committee was formed in June of 2004 at Mark Twain Elementary School and changed to an Association in 2009. The presentation reviewed their Mission Statement, Goals and Parent Involvement.

Community Meetings are held at various locations where input from the community, youth and business leaders is provided. The Latino Families are diversified; immigrants from over 20 countries. There were several activities for student recognition; Day of the Child, Latinos Hacia La Excelencia, Mother's Day Health Fair, Mother/Daughter Events, Latino Youth Awards Dinner, etc.

There are several youth groups: Alliance of Latinas in Teen Action and Solidarity (ALITAS), Making Education the Answer (META), Dance Groups, League of United American Citizens (LULAC), High School Youth Leadership Program, Youth Pageant, Mark Twain Science Club, etc.

The Parent Committee suggested some changes in 2009; collaboration began with the University of Nevada Cooperation Extension, Western Nevada College, Carson City School District, Community Council on Youth and networking with other Latino Groups.

There are several new items the committee would like to implement in the 2009-2010 school year; Volunteer Network, Early Intervention/Prevention Program, Home Visits, ESL Adolescent Outreach Specialist, work with the High School and Latino Youth Leadership Conference.

Ms. Servin introduced Lucia Munoz, student at Adult Education. Ms. Munoz is coordinating a Latino Summer Community Project; train high school students to work with elementary students during the summer.

For more information please check their website at www.comitedepadres.weebly.com

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

Mr. Stokes summarized the following Legislative items;

AB463: Former State employee that retirees have to wait a year before they are eligible for employment within the same agency as an Independent Contractor. School Districts are not affected by this Bill.

AB487: Assisting students making the transition from elementary school to middle school. School Districts are required to create a policy by the 2011-2012 school year. The policy has to have the following: an academic plan for 6th grade students, provide a program of small learning communities and adult and peer mentoring.

AB488: Extends the critical labor shortage end date to June 30, 2015. In the past, information was provided to the State School Superintendent; however it is now the responsibility of the School Board.

SB163: Prohibits bullying and cyber bullying at school by students and employees.

SB389: Deals with non Title I schools and designations of High Achieving and In Need of Improvement. School Districts have responsibilities to achieve improvement.

SB416: Temporarily suspends the State Norm Reference Test. The Terra Nova Test will not be given this fall, other assessments will take place.

SB427: Changes to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). The change is effective as of January 1, 2010. Current members of PERS can be 60 years old, after ten years of work can become a retiree without penalties. The change increases the retirement age to 62 years old. The Bill also deals with language in Collective Bargaining Agreements. If arbitration is reached, the School District must have a public hearing in 45 days to disclose the outcome of the arbitration.

AB563; Funding for K-12 Education; the Carson City School District received a notice of increase for the Per Pupil Fund of \$382. The tentative budget was originally based on \$5,846. If revenue is received, there will be an additional \$2.5 million.

Additional information on educational legislative items will be provided at a later date.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Norm Scoggin, seconded by Mr. Jim Lemaire, **that the Carson City School Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda.** Motion carried unanimously. (Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Enge were not present for the vote.)

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

Mr. Reynolds suggested that letters of recognition or a plaque should be provided to the Latino Parent Committee and others making a difference.

Mr. Scoggin requested that a presentation from Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association be given at a future meeting.

Present agenda items to Mr. Richard Stokes or President Barbara Howe.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the Carson City School District Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, June 23, 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 8:01 p.m.

Joanna Wilson, Clerk

Date