

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

May 9, 2023

**1. Opening Items**

**1.01 CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 2:04 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Administration Building, located at 425 East Ninth Street in Reno, Nevada.

**1.02 ROLL CALL**

President Beth Smith and Board Members Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Colleen Westlake, and Alex Woodley were present. Superintendent Susan Enfield, Student Representative Ivy Batmale, and staff were also present.

**1.03 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Kendall Inskip, Education Alliance Executive Director, led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Church requested Consent Agenda Item 2.04, Approval of the re-appointment of members to the Zoning Advisory Committee, be pulled for additional consideration.

It was moved by Trustee Woodley and seconded by Trustee Rodriguez that **the Board of Trustees approves Consent Agenda Items 2.02, 2.03, and 2.05 through 2.15.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, Colleen Westlake, and Alex Woodley.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

2.02 The Board of Trustees approved the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

2.03 The Board of Trustees approved the minutes of the April 11, 2023 Work Session of the Board of Trustees.

- 2.05 The Board of Trustees approved the re-appointment of the following members to the Audit Committee for 2-year terms, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025: Wesley Chewjalearn and Vitalis Ozoude.
- 2.06 The Board of Trustees accepted the Budget Transfer Reports and provided authorization to include budget transfers between functions or programs for the General Fund for the period April 1, 2023, through April 30, 2023, and approved the transfers from the District's General Fund Contingency Account to the District-wide Utilities Account for increased electricity costs (\$2,130,906) and increased natural gas costs (\$771,519), and to the Deputy Superintendent's account for staff training (\$31,000), in the official Board minutes as required by Nevada Revised Statute 354.598005.
- 2.07 The Board of Trustees approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Washoe County School District and Toll North Reno LLC to facilitate the donation of a +/-10.55 acre parcel of land for a future elementary school within the planned Quilici subdivision located in Verdi, Nevada.
- 2.08 The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of 100 Book Challenge resources for 21st Century Community Learning Center (CLCC)/TEAM UP Programs in the total amount of \$149,430 at the following school sites: Alice Smith Elementary School, Lois Allen Elementary School, Libby Booth Elementary School, Desert Heights Elementary School, Elmcrest Elementary School, Lemmon Valley Elementary School, Echo Loder Elementary School, Robert Mitchell Elementary School, Smithridge Elementary School, Sparks Middle School, Stead Elementary School, Sun Valley Elementary School, and E. Otis Vaughn Middle School.
- 2.09 The Board of Trustees approved Yesco Change Order #1 to Bid #23-04-B-07-DA Football Scoreboard at Spanish Springs High School in the amount of \$14,570.08.
- 2.10 The Board of Trustees approved the grant application to The Nell J. Redfield Foundation for the Redfield Community Outreach Program for \$368,271.
- 2.11 The Board of Trustees approved the grant application to the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for Title IV-B Subpart II: Promoting Safe and Stable Family services in the amount of \$192,000.
- 2.12 The Board of Trustees approved the grant application to the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family

Services to fund the Family Resource Center's parent education programs, public awareness campaign, and crisis intervention services for \$125,521.

- 2.13 The Board of Trustees approved the application to the U.S. Department of Education for the Congressionally Funded Community Projects Grant for the Chronic Absenteeism Project the amount of \$1,024,000.
- 2.14 The Board of Trustees approved the application to the U.S. Department of Education for the Congressionally Funded Community Projects Grant for the Student Mental Health Program the amount of \$1,535,000.
- 2.15 The Board of Trustees approved the application to the Nevada Department of Education for the Bipartisan Safe Communities Act (BSCA) Stronger Connections Grant program in the amount of \$3,388,997.
- 2.04 **APPROVAL OF THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A 2-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025: POLLY BOARDMAN, TRUSTEE ZONE B REPRESENTATIVE; CHRISTINE HULL, TRUSTEE ZONE F REPRESENTATIVE; TYLER ROGERS, TRUSTEE ZONE D REPRESENTATIVE; AND LAUREN RUSHING, AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE; AND APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ADAM ANDERSON TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT FOR TRUSTEE ZONE E REPRESENTATIVE FOR A 1-YEAR TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

Trustee Church remarked that he objected to the provision in Board Policy 9100, Public Bodies, that allowed members of committees to be re-appointed without the positions being opened to others in the community who might be interested in applying.

President Smith opened the meeting to public comment.

Sandee Tibbett expressed her support for Trustee Church's comments. She was also interested in seeing the process opened up to all members of the community. She did not believe the current process was equitable and that the only way to replace a member of a committee was if that individual decided to leave the position. She wondered if the Trustees even knew the representatives who were selected for their districts because there was no information on any committee member.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Woodley that **the Board of Trustees approves the re-appointment of the following members to the Zoning Advisory Committee for 2-year terms, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025: Polly Boardman, Trustee Zone B Representative; Christine Hull, Trustee Zone F Representative; Tyler Rogers, Trustee Zone D**

**Representative; and Lauren Rushing, At-Large Representative; and approves the appointment of Adam Anderson to fill the vacant seat for Trustee Zone E Representative for a 1-year term, expiring June 30, 2024.**

President Smith opened the motion for discussion.

Trustee Westlake mentioned she was in support of the individual who was seeking re-appointment for the Trustee Zone B Representative and had asked qualifying questions regarding the individual prior to approving the re-appointment move forward.

However, she would be interested in seeing changes to the current process.

The result of the vote was 6-1: (Yea: Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, Colleen Westlake, and Alex Woodley. Nay: Jeff Church.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

### **3. Items for Presentation, Discussion, Information and/or Action**

#### **3.02 ADOPTION OF WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD RESOLUTION 23-003, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2023 AS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Katherine Loudon, Coordinator of Counseling Services, introduced some of the clinically licensed mental health professionals that served students in schools throughout the District and had them provide information on the services they performed. The mental health professionals were:

Megan Evans, District Crisis Mental Health Professional

Kendyll Pringle, Edward C. Reed High School

Danielle Fargo, Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology (AACT) High School

Lindsay Marquez, Galena High School

President Smith thanked those present and all mental health professionals in the District. She appreciated the work they did to help all students to address challenges they were facing.

Superintendent Enfield provided a brief update on Care Solace. Since the District began utilizing the service less than 3 months ago, over 1,603 families had connected for service requests, 328 cases had been handled, 98 appointments into services from cases made, and 70 cases in play that Care Solace was currently working on.

President Smith opened the meeting to public comment.

John Eppolito expressed concern over the amount of psychiatric data on students that was entered into Infinite Campus and never deleted. His understanding was that the District was not required to follow the privacy standards of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) so the information was available with anyone with access to Infinite Campus and shared with the state. He mentioned he and Protect Nevada Children were concerned because no one knew how the data would impact children in the future.

Trustee Woodley read Washoe County School District Board Resolution 23-003, A Resolution Recognizing May 2023 as National Mental Health Awareness Month in the Washoe County School District.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Westlake that **the Board of Trustees adopts Washoe County School District Board Resolution 23-003, A Resolution recognizing May 2023 as National Mental Health Awareness Month in the Washoe County School District.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, Colleen Westlake, and Alex Woodley.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

### **3.04 APPROVAL TO PURCHASE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FROM NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC/CENGAGE IN THE TOTAL APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$4,510,000**

Dr. Susan Enfield, Superintendent, noted the last social studies curriculum adoption in the Washoe County School District occurred in 2007. She noted the Nevada Department of Education selected the texts which school districts were allowed to consider and there were two sets of materials available for consideration. While the Board adopted the core materials of all curriculums, teachers were able to supplement instruction with other approved materials as they needed.

Dr. Troy Parks, Chief Academic Officer, and Kindra Fox, Director of Secondary Curriculum & Instruction, presented the proposed middle and high school social studies instructional materials from National Geographic/Cengage. They reminded the Trustees that the District was required to teach to the Nevada Academic Content Standards (NVACS). As noted by teachers, there was some misalignment between the standards and the materials in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum; however, the gap was larger with the materials not selected and the teachers would be able to utilize supplemental materials to bridge any gaps. Additional information on how the District would address the gaps, based on teacher concerns, was provided.

President Smith thanked staff for understanding concerns raised by teachers and being willing to address them.

Trustee Westlake asked if there would be training on the new curriculum. Ms. Fox explained, initially, two 1/2-day trainings would be offered in June and August. The District was also planning on using the fourth Wednesday of each month for professional development days to provide follow-ups and other supports as needed.

Trustee Nicolet wondered if veteran teachers would be able to utilize supplemental materials they had previously found to be effective learning supports. Ms. Fox responded in the affirmative. The textbook would be the primary resource and then teachers would be able to use supplemental materials as needed. The District did encourage teachers to collaborate with others in their departments on supplemental materials.

Trustee Nicolet inquired if the high schools still had social studies lead teachers. Ms. Fox explained all high schools and middle schools had department/instructional leads. The position was the teacher-leader of the department who would attend curriculum meetings on a monthly basis.

Student Representative Batmale thanked staff for bringing the new curriculum forward for approval. She believed civics education was extremely important and was excited for the updated materials.

Trustee Church expressed frustration over not being aware the District was considering new materials until he received the agenda and was concerned the Trustees and public were not provided adequate time to review the materials. He felt if the District were going to spend \$4.5 million, then the Trustees should have more time to review the information, especially on topics that could be controversial depending on how the information was taught. He had also indicated he wanted to see the actual textbook and not review from a website.

Superintendent Enfield requested additional information on the opportunities provided to the public to review the materials. Ms. Fox explained the public comment period was open from March 24 through April 7. Notice was provided to the Board of Trustees, press releases issued resulting in at least one on-camera interview, and the information was posted on the front page of the District's website.

President Smith opened the meeting to public comment.

Sandee Tibbett spoke on behalf of Valerie Fiannaca, who was requesting a pause in the process to allow the public additional time to review the materials.

Trustee Mayberry asked what percentage of the cost would be funded by Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. Ms. Fox stated 100% of the costs would be funded through ESSER.

Trustee Westlake inquired if the District would have the ability to purchase physical textbooks. Ms. Fox highlighted a hardcover textbook would be purchased for each student, in addition to online access. The District also had a depository with extra books if the Trustees wanted to see any of the materials.

President Smith cautioned that while the District did purchase the textbooks, they did not own the intellectual property within the books. It would be appropriate for the Trustees to review the materials, but not to take photos and share those materials with others.

It was moved by Trustee Woodley and seconded by Trustee Mayberry that **the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of middle and high school social studies instructional materials from National Geographic/Cengage for the approximate total cost of \$4,510,000.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, Colleen Westlake, and Alex Woodley.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

### **3.03 QUALITY OF EDUCATION – DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT TO HIGHLIGHT THE SUCCESS OF THE STUDENTS ATTENDING EDWARD C. REED HIGH SCHOOL**

The Board received a Quality of Education – School Spotlight presentation on Edward C. Reed High School. Evelyn Maile was named the Student Superstar. Miss Maile was a junior who was in the bio-medical program who was a Skills USA Officer and award winner, as well as a leader in the JROTC program and a track and field athlete. Edward C. Reed High School was seeing an increase in graduation rates from the pandemic of about 5% and were increasing opportunities for students to take dual credit courses with the University of Nevada, Reno. Additional information on how staff encouraged students to participate in Advanced Placement and dual credit courses was provided. Staff and students were extremely proud of the culture of inclusion fostered at Edward C. Reed High School.

### **3.01 ADOPTION OF WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD RESOLUTION 23-002, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 8 - 12, 2023 AS EDUCATOR APPRECIATION WEEK AND MAY 9, 2023 AS NATIONAL EDUCATOR DAY IN THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Katie Louise Wier, Human Resources Director, provided information on the various events occurring through the schools during Educator Appreciation Week.

Superintendent Enfield thanked all the educators in the District for their commitment and hard work. She knew the work was not easy, but that they were doing what they were

meant to do each day. She appreciated the collaboration and cooperation with the Washoe Education Association.

Trustee Nicolet read Washoe County School District Board Resolution 23-002, A Resolution recognizing May 8 – 12, 2023 as Educator Appreciation Week and May 9, 2023 as National Educator Day in the Washoe County School District.

It was moved by Trustee Mayberry and seconded by Trustee Nicolet that **the Board of Trustees adopts Washoe County School District Board Resolution 23-002, A Resolution recognizing May 8 – 12, 2023 as Educator Appreciation Week and May 9, 2023 as National Educator Day in the Washoe County School District.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, Colleen Westlake, and Alex Woodley.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

*President Smith recessed the meeting for 10 minutes.*

**3.05 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION TO REVIEW BOARD POLICY 9100, PUBLIC BODIES, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO REVISIONS RELATED TO THE CREATION, OBJECTIVES, AND TIMELINES OF PUBLIC BODIES AS WELL AS APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PUBLIC BODIES IN THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND INITIATE THE 13-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD**

Neil Rombardo, Chief General Counsel, reviewed the recommended revisions proposed by staff. The intent of the revisions was to provide clarity for the staff liaisons and volunteer members of the public bodies/committees on their roles and responsibilities.

Trustee Mayberry noted there were 13 committees under the Board of Trustees. He wondered which committees had members specifically appointed by the Trustees. Mr. Rombardo clarified the question was related to individual Trustees selecting a specific individual for a seat, which Trustee Mayberry responded in the affirmative. The Zoning Advisory Committee and School Naming Committee were the only two committees where individual Trustees were allowed to select specific representatives from their Trustee electoral districts.

President Smith provided additional information on the process, which included the individual completing an application. The appointment would still have to be approved by a majority vote of the full Board of Trustees.

Trustee Church expressed concern that the Board Policy Committee continued to be listed on the District's website, along with future meeting dates, when the Committee was no



longer active. Additionally, the Board Policy related to the Committee remained active. He was concerned the Board and District could be in legal jeopardy because they were not following policy. Mr. Rombardo explained the Board of Trustees previously voted to place a moratorium on Board Policy 9070 to allow the District to review the process for policies. As part of the moratorium, the Board approved an alternate means for addressing policy changes.

Trustee Church mentioned there were various methods of appointing people to committees, including having the individual Trustees select the person. He felt the current appointment process did not allow for the diverse viewpoints included in the purpose of Board Policy 9100 and that staff was "staking the deck" because they only brought forward people who they agreed with. He believed the process was unfair and did not recognize minority viewpoints and the process he would like to see was for the individual Trustees to appoint members to committees, without having to go through the full Board for approval. He provided information on how other local governments in Washoe County appointed members to committees.

President Smith indicated the structure of the Board of Trustees did not allow for individual authority and the only authority the Board had was as a whole. She knew of no application to a committee being rejected that an individual Trustee brought forward. She reviewed additional aspects of the Policy that allowed for the public to understand who was applying for committees and provide their comments.

Trustee Rodriguez remarked the process used by the District was similar to what occurred with other local governing bodies. He provided an example of the process when he was interested in sitting on a committee for the City of Reno.

Trustee Westlake requested clarification on the process when someone's term expired on a committee.

President Smith provided information on the committee re-appointment process.

Trustee Westlake wondered if all committee memberships could mirror the Zoning Advisory Committee and School Naming Committee so the Trustees had additional input in the applications.

President Smith commented that the Trustees had authority over all appointments since they were the ones who would ultimately vote. Only the School Naming Committee and Zoning Advisory Committee had seats aligned to Trustee electoral districts. Other committees had different criteria that could be set by Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) or other best practices.

Trustee Nicolet highlighted the individual Trustees always had the ability to reach out and recruit members of the community to apply for committees. She felt there was also a learning curve associated with serving on committees, so if there were people interested in continuing to serve, she was comfortable approving their re-appointments.

Trustee Church countered that staff were the ones selecting the individuals who were forwarded to Board for approval. He would prefer, as a compromise, that staff forwarded the top three to five applicants and then the Board could make the final determination on who they would like to fill the seat. He felt if someone wanted to continue to serve on a committee, they should have to re-apply. He was also uncomfortable that people were able to sit on committees for 10 years.

President Smith clarified an individual could serve on a committee for up to 10 years. The appointments were generally for 2 years, and the person could re-apply. She noted the Policy did include a provision that allowed the Board to ask for the ranking of candidates for consideration if there was more than one candidate.

Trustee Nicolet noted something the Policy could be clearer on was the checklist used by staff when making the determination on who to send forward for final approval.

President Smith opened the meeting to public comment.

Sandee Tibbett requested clarification on if the individual Trustees were able to select their own members to the Zoning Advisory Committee because she believed the current language to be confusing. She did not believe the current process for re-appointment was being followed because the responsible offices were soliciting emails from people to see if they were interested in continuing to serve.

President Smith clarified the individual Trustees would put forth who they wanted to service on the Zoning Advisory Committee and School Naming Committee, then the Board, as a whole, would approve the individual. She opened the floor to recommendations for additional revisions to the Policy.

Trustee Church provided the areas where he was interested in seeing additional changes, including the Board receiving the applications for three or more applicants and making the final decision, clarifying what a vacancy on a committee it, clarifying the number of meetings a person could miss, limiting the number of terms an individual can serve, and clarifying the reporting structure because the Superintendent could act as a goal-keeper for information.

Trustee Mayberry remarked that the current re-appointment process allowed someone to serve for up to 10 years. He was interested in seeing the language changed to up to 2

additional terms, so a total of three terms, for members in good standing. Mr. Rombardo provided clarification on the proposed language and where the revision could occur.

It was moved by Trustee Mayberry and seconded by Trustee Church that **the Board of Trustees changes Section 4(d)ii to 3 consecutive terms instead of 5 consecutive terms.**

President Smith opened the motion for discussion.

Trustee Church indicated he would like to see only two terms but could agree to three terms.

Trustee Westlake stated she could agree with the three terms because it allowed for people to serve for an extended time if that was their desire.

The result of the vote was Unanimous: The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, Colleen Westlake, and Alex Woodley.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

It was moved by Trustee Church and seconded by Trustee Westlake that **the Board of Trustees changes poor attendance in Section 4(c)iii from "missing a majority of meetings," to "missing 33% of meetings in the Public Bodies' calendar years."**

President Smith opened the motion for discussion.

Trustee Church remarked the current language included "may" so it was just something for the Trustees to consider as part of the re-appointment process.

The result of the vote was Unanimous: The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, Colleen Westlake, and Alex Woodley.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

Trustee Church indicated he would like to see Section 6 "Reporting Structure" removed entirely from the Policy but was interested in hearing from legal. Mr. Rombardo mentioned the language was included because it allowed the Superintendent the opportunity to weigh in on any recommendation prior to the recommendation coming to the Board. He understood the terminology could be problematic, but he would recommend the language remain in some form.

It was moved by Trustee Church and seconded by Trustee Nicolet that **the Board of Trustees removes the wording "Reporting Structure" from Section 6.**

President Smith opened the motion for discussion.

Trustee Westlake indicated she trusted the Superintendent, but she wanted to ensure the committees were able to bring their recommendations to the Board. She would like to see any concerns discussed so a compromise could be figured out.

President Smith used the Zoning Advisory Committee presentations as an example of how committees would present their recommendations to the Board and include other options considered. She noted the motion was only to remove the language "Reporting Structure" from Section 6 and not all of Section 6. Mr. Rombardo clarified the intent was only to allow the Superintendent the opportunity to review the recommendation and provide information on how the District could make that recommendation work if there were operational challenges.

The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, Colleen Westlake, and Alex Woodley.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

Trustee Westlake mentioned she would like to see the Board deliberate on the top two to three applicants.

President Smith noted the Board had the ability to have all applicants move forward for their consideration, if that was what the majority of the Board wanted to do. If the language were to change, that would be a lot more work for the Board since they would be responsible for reviewing all applications and interviewing the candidates. The process would be similar to how Trustees were appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board. Mr. Rombardo explained where the provision came from and why it was included. Since the positions were for a committee and not the Board of Trustees, the process would likely need to occur in a closed session, which required additional notice.

Trustee Church indicated other local governments did have multiple applications forwarded to them for their consideration so the process would not be unheard of. He was interested in seeing the top three candidates forwarded to the full Board for their consideration. He felt a good compromise would be to allow two Trustees request an alternative candidate be considered if they disagreed with staff's recommendation.

President Smith noted the current process did allow for two Trustees to request all applicants to be forwarded to the Board and then the entire Board could vote on the request.

Trustee Church clarified he would like to see the Trustees have that ability prior to the Board meeting. As a compromise, he would be interested in seeing everyone who applied for the seat included as part of the support materials.

*Student Representative Batmale left the meeting at 5:02 p.m.*

Trustee Westlake agreed that the Board should see the top three applicants as part of the initial process.

It was moved by Trustee Church and seconded by Trustee Westlake that **the Board of Trustees adds language under Section 4(a) to have support material include information on all qualified applicants when appointments to Public Bodies are sent to the Board of Trustees for approval.**

President Smith opened the motion for discussion.

Trustee Nicolet requested clarification on what information would be included.

Trustee Church indicated he was interested in seeing the names of all other qualified applicants.

President Smith remarked that she was hesitant to support the motion because of the unintended consequences that could occur, such as noticing additional people, and having the Board research people who might not be considered.

Trustee Church asked if all applicants would need to be noticed. Mr. Rombardo stated since the individual would not be listed on the agenda they would not need to be noticed; however, it was a slippery slope because the Board could end up discussing their character and/or alleged misdeed so they would need to be noticed under NRS 241.033. If the Board were to approve the motion, he would recommend all applicants be included on the agenda and properly noticed.

The result of the vote was 2-5: (Yea: Jeff Church and Colleen Westlake. Nay: Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, and Alex Woodley.) Final Resolution: Motion Fails.

Mr. Rombardo noted "Good Standing" in the definition section needed to be updated to reflect the changes previously made by the Board in Section 4(c)iii.

It was moved by Trustee Mayberry and seconded by Trustee Nicolet that **the Board of Trustees updates the definition of "Good Standing" to reflect the changes made in Section 4(c)iii.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, Colleen Westlake, and Alex Woodley.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

It was moved by Trustee Woodley and seconded by Trustee Rodriguez that **the Board of Trustees approves the proposed revisions, including revisions from the meeting, to Board Policy 9100, Public Bodies, and initiates the 13-day public review and comment period.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, Colleen Westlake, and Alex Woodley.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

**3.06 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL POLICE DEPARTMENT AND UPDATES ON OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS, REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS, SERVICE CALL DATA, AND DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

Jason Trevino, Chief of School Police, presented an overview of the Washoe County School District School Police Department. School Police officers were often the first contact many students had with police officers, so it was critical to have positive interactions. School Police officers also had the opportunity to change some students' perceptions of police officers by providing positive interactions students might not be used to. The goal was to make sure students and staff developed connections with the officer before those officers were needed. The staffing and structure of School Police was reviewed. The training provided to either new recruits or lateral transfers was explained. Data on reports of battery, battery to staff, assault to staff, and drug crimes from the previous and current school years was presented. The data showed there had not been large jumps between school years. It was clarified that the majority of drug crimes were related to THC vaping. The next steps and future for the School Police Department were reviewed, including a future law enforcement career and technical education (CTE) program that would be a pipeline for future officers.

President Smith noted School Police could make arrests. She asked if the decision to prosecute was up to the District. Chief Trevino explained a case would be sent to the District Attorney's Office for any potential prosecution, but the District no longer had control over a case after someone was arrested and booked into the Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center. The District did not have control over the parameters of when someone was released from a detention facility or if someone was prosecuted.

Trustee Mayberry asked what the difference was between assault and battery. Chief Trevino provided an analogy that an assault was a swing and a miss, while a battery was a swing and a connection.

Trustee Church felt that any battery to staff was too much. Chief Trevino cautioned there were times where a staff member would be inadvertently struck breaking up a fight between students. The staff member could press charges and School Police would report

that as a battery. The number of batteries to staff was not 35 specific attacks on staff members so context was important.

Trustee Church wondered, in terms of drug crimes, if the District was seeing dealing of more than marijuana on campus. Chief Trevino noted the District did not see a lot of dealing of any drugs in general on campus. The majority of all drug crimes were marijuana related. He believed the second most common were prescription drugs, but he would need to pull the data to be sure.

Superintendent Enfield thanked Chief Trevino and all members of the School Police Department for everything they did to keep staff and students safe.

Trustee Rodriguez inquired about the number of full-time officers in the Department and if they had the appropriate number of officers. Chief Trevino indicated there were 38 officers when the Department was fully staffed. He would always take more officers to help make the District safer and more productive since the staffing level did not grow at the same rate as school expansions or increased enrollments. He would like to see more officers in the middle and elementary schools.

Trustee Nicolet asked if truant officers were attached to the School Police Department and if the Department handled cyber-crimes. Chief Trevino mentioned truant officers were not part of the School Police Department, but they did work closely together. School Police would investigate cyber-crimes, but it was often difficult to determine how, where, and when an event was committed and if School Police had jurisdiction. Students were not the jurisdiction, District property was jurisdiction.

Trustee Mayberry wondered if there were specific traits that were looked for when hiring new officers for the Department. Chief Trevino believed a lot more was dependent on the training officers because a lot of an officer's behavior mirrored how they were trained. It was important for any officer to have an outgoing personality because they had to be willing to engage with others, especially students. He praised the ability of Deputy Chief Ray Price to find out why someone was interested in working in the Department to determine if the fit was right because it was different than traditional policing.

Trustee Mayberry inquired what or if School Police could do about the vaping problem in the schools. Chief Trevino noted there was a difference between non-THC vape and THC vape. School Police did not have the ability to do anything about non-THC vaping incidents since that was more school and/or classroom management. THC vaping was a criminal offense. The officers would walk the halls and check bathrooms as a regular part of their job.

Trustee Woodley expressed appreciation for the working relationship School Police had with others in the District. He requested additional information on the actual number of

officers on duty during a “normal” day. Chief Trevino highlighted there were days when the Department could be down officers for people calling in sick or other factors pulling people out. Because there was only one shift for all officers, the Department was not able to offer the next shift overtime if they needed someone to fill in. Additional officers would help so the Department would not need to run short or have officers on special assignment working a patrol beat.

Trustee Rodriguez asked how School Police learned of threats to schools. Chief Trevino indicated they learned of threats generally from the Safe Voice program, where a student or parent/guardian reported the threat. The District also worked with regional partners.

Trustee Church stated he would like to see a presentation from School Police at least once a month since the Board was the civilian authority. He felt the violent incidents in the schools were out of control. He was interested in seeing School Police take a larger role in arresting for drug crimes and training the officers in drug recognition. Chief Trevino mentioned the Department used to be trained in drug recognition, but those programs were largely a thing of the past because of the amount of time it would take, and the student could say at the end that they were not interested in participating any longer. Most of the time the end result was a misdemeanor offense, so it did not make sense for the limited number of officers to take that much time on one misdemeanor case.

#### **4. Reports**

##### **4.01 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

This item was not heard.

##### **4.02 BOARD REPORTS**

Members of the Board of Trustees reported on their activities, meetings, and events.

##### **4.03 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent Susan Enfield reported on her activities including meetings with staff, community leaders, and the media.

#### **5. Closing Items**

##### **5.01 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sandee Tibbett spoke against social justice curriculum because she believed it divided students into oppressors and victims. She claimed the curriculum was being taught in



the District and urged the Board to remove it from all classrooms. She wanted the District to provide information to parents and the community of the number of times a classroom at Jessie Beck Elementary School was evacuated because of one student and claimed that was proof social justice was not working.

Darla Lee expressed concern over the students at Procter R. Hug High School. She believed the District had failed to address the concerns of the residents of the area because there were so many students wandering the neighborhoods. She spoke against the violence in the schools and urged the District to support legislation protecting staff because of the failure of restorative discipline.

The Board received emails from Abbygail Nerger and Pablo Nava Duran.

#### **5.02 NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The next Regular Meeting would take place on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

#### **5.03 ADJOURN MEETING**

There being no further business to come before the members of the Board, President Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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**Elizabeth Smith, President**

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**Joseph Rodriguez, Clerk**

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**From:** Abbygail Nerger  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 9:36 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] The Need to Pee

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## The Need to Pee

Hello there reader,

I am a high school student at Reed High School and wish to express my discontent and utter dislike of the bathroom closures at Reed High School.

Originally, the bathrooms were shut down due to the "Devious lick" trend seen on social media platforms like TikTok where students would steal, vandalize or break school property in order to attract internet attention. Those closures were in fact justified, because the bathrooms were unusable and under reconstruction.

Since then, the trend has died (as trends do) but the bathrooms remain closed. The reasoning now being, that "Closing the bathrooms prevents people from smoking in them". I am here to say that this hypothesis is the product of complete arrogance.

We have eight bathrooms for the boys and eight for the girls at our school. However, there are only two sets of them open for use during the entirety of the school day. Another set is occasionally open during the five minute passing period, but the two that are open all day, only have a combined ten stalls for all the girls in the school. Identifying as a female, I've only ever been in the girls restroom so I cannot speak for the boys. The point still holds that this is not enough.

Upon speaking to him, the principal himself said that even if all the bathrooms were open all the time, there still wouldn't be enough stalls for the amount of kids at our highschool.

This point brings up another point. Hall passes; typically only good for a five minute bathroom break are not sufficient time for a student to walk all the way across the school, wait in line for the numerous other students who have to go between four stalls, take care of their matters, fight the crowd to wash their hands and return back to class on another side of the building. On the other hand, if passes were extended to longer periods of time, the students would have the opportunity to abuse that power and wander the school, or potentially something worse.

The phrase, "A lock only keeps an honest person honest" applies perfectly to this situation. The dishonest people will find loopholes in the supposed "solution" and continue to smoke and vape in the bathrooms (which is evident in the current situation). Therefore, this strategy only punishes the people using the bathrooms for their intended purpose. Not only does this not fix the problem, but it is extremely frustrating for people such as myself who talk to the administrative staff who excuse any and all concerns and complaints made by others. Every time I ask someone what the solution is and they say, "this *IS* the solution", I begin to lose respect for the district. And not everyone is going to be as civilized as myself; some may resort to rebelling, which would create an even larger group of troublemakers and would make the school even more divided.

I have talked to the school's hall monitors, teachers, and administrative staff, all of which claim to be very annoyed with this situation. Yet, when I ask what they're doing to fix it, there is no answer. "It's a bureaucracy" they say. And I say, "then let's start filling out the paperwork". I find it extremely heartbreaking that the school's administrative staff have been so defeated by the Washoe County School Districts bureaucracy that they don't even try to get money from them to fix any problems.

I believe that their lack of motivation to fix the issue is fueled by their lack of understanding, which would also lead them to believe that their "solution" is fixing the problem. The admin all have their own teacher

bathrooms in which only admin are provided a key for and are allowed to use. This is very convenient for them seeing that they don't need to hold their bladder for hours at a time, putting themselves at risk of a UTI among other medical issues. When talking to Ms. Baker, an administrator at Reed I was horrified when she asked why I, as a student, care so much about needing to use the bathrooms at my convenience. I recently learned that one of my friends was diagnosed with IBS (Irritable Bowel Syndrome) which can cause stomach and fecal issues. I'm glad that she was not present when Ms. Baker felt a bathroom interrogation was necessary.

After talking with the principal Josh Rosenbloom, I can confidently say that the actual solution is cameras. The big problem at Reed High School is that there are not enough cameras to see the kids that come in and out of the bathrooms and potentially punish the ones that have been suspected to be doing bad things. However, they can't just be something cheap and easy like a Ring camera. Ring uses an open source platform which makes it possible for anyone to log on and view video from anywhere. That being said, our school needs cameras that the district deems appropriate and needs to fund. This is the most plausible solution because it is the cheapest and fastest way to go. Comparatively, the school could also remodel the bathrooms completely to make them into the more modern types as seen at newer schools such as Sky Ranch Middle School, but this would be far more costly and a much slower process.

The admin have shared with me many complaints received by email from students and parents that they have been forced to ignore at the hand of the district for *their* lack of recognizing any problem. These include second hand smoke, peer pressure to smoke, and the general discomfort that comes when many people are gathered in a private place. To these complaints, my big solution is, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. I understand that many kids are frightened of repercussions faced by "tattling" but that is why there are anonymous resources like safe voice, which information is provided on the back of every student's student ID. I have never been offered a "hit" in the bathrooms or been worried about peer pressure because smoking *stuff* isn't free. People who smoke and vape aren't going to let some stranger use their device that costs them something. The solution for discomfort cannot be found until all the bathrooms are open again, and not at three or more times above recommended capacity.

Personally, I am not frightened by those things, I am a proud tattle tail for smokers, I don't hang out in the bathroom long enough to be affected by second hand smoke, I would say no to drugs, and when I have to go to the bathroom bad enough, I wouldn't really care if the world leaders were there because it's human nature. As gross or silly as it is, everyone has an anus and a urethra, and even though most high school students are potty trained, no person is going to hold their bladder for more than six hours at a time.

Most importantly of all, I am a citizen of the United States that is over the age of eighteen and pays taxes to the federal government. I go to the same government building five days a week where I am forced to spend at least six hours. I expect and demand to be able to use the government infrastructure provided to me for its intended purpose. I just want to be able to go potty.

Thank you for listening.

Abbygail Nerger

From: Pablo Nava Duran and Neil Road Community

To: Board Members and Facility Modernization Program

### Closing Pine Middle School and building a new Elementary School

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, I went to the Facility Modernization Program meeting in Pine MS talked about the future of Pine and Vaughn MS. I was shocked that Pine MS will be closing in 2026 when the new Vaughn MS building is complete and condemnation into an elementary school, but I'm very excited and opportunity for Neil Road community to have a new elementary school by 2028. Since the WC-1 Passed, it mostly built new schools that are hotspots for overcrowded and it did with few than 10 schools are overcrowded. Also, they funded major investments in the oldest schools and many communities appreciate the work they did. Unfortunately, in Neil Road community is left behind with overwhelming support on WC-1 of not likely getting a new school until the last meeting at Pine MS. Since that meeting at Pine, the community is saddened about closing Pine MS and very excited about having a new ES in Neil Road area and repurpose Smithridge ES. I was shocked that Smithridge ES is the first elementary school to be rebuilt in WCSD since there are many elementary schools that are older than Smithridge ES.

I see there is a transformative outcome as the Hug HS, O'Brien MS, Swope MS, and Debbie Smith STE Academy. Since there will be rebuilding new Vaughn Middle School as their current campus is outdated and very inefficient for student learning, this will likely rezone almost half of Pine students' enrollment to the new Vaughn MS since Pine MS is closing. Currently, Pine MS is the only middle school that feeds to three or more high schools (Damonte Ranch, Wooster, Reno, and Galena HS) beginning of the 2023-24 school year, since Clayton will have two high schools (Reno and McQueen HS) along with Dilworth (Sparks and Reed HS) and Sky Ranch MS (Spanish Springs and Reed HS). Pine's current attendance zones have multiple

communities from Old Southwest Reno to the Neil Road area, from East Huffaker to the Talus Valley area, and from Donner Springs to Hidden Valleys area. I know Pine MS will be the only middle school south of I-80 with an aging facility with Depoali, Herz, Swope, and Vaughn MS either new schools or having a major expansion. I know Pine MS and its feeder schools have low enrollment, it already declining since the pandemic and the projection shows another 5% decline in enrollment, which was shocking to me.

I know the WCSD is planning to close Pine Middle School in 2026, due to declining enrollment and rebuilding Vaughn MS. Pine is the only middle school in South Reno until the Depoali MS was built in 2009. Pine was previously an attendance zone at Arrowcreek and Galena area until Marce Herz MS was built in 2020. Now the new Vaughn MS will be opening in 2026 and Pine will lose other students to that school. It makes sense that Pine MS needs to be closed as the low enrollment continues to decline and it will not make enrollment goes up anytime soon. I know there will be a trade-up opportunity for other middle schools to rezone from Pine to Vaughn, Depoali Herz, and Swope MS for closing Pine MS to have better alignment through the high school.

Closing Pine MS brings opportunities for the Neil Road area to have a new elementary school on current Pine sites that are similar to Pokalaris or Bohach ES. That new elementary school should be open in the 2028-19 school year to replace Smithridge ES. Also, this will be an opportunity for Neil Road residents to have a name new elementary school. Edward Pine and Smithridge are not chosen by the residents, but I will urge you to please reconsider renaming the new elementary school in Neil Road beginning of Fall 2026 on the Naming committee.

Closing Pine MS is devastating for the community who currently walk to those schools and they will likely be bused to Vaughn, Depoali, Herz, or Swope MS. The trade-up opportunity is an

opportunity for Neil Road students to attend the newer middle school building. I know it is too early for rezoning and it should be on the zoning committee in Fall 2024 after the board meeting vote to implement the plan.in the fall of 2023.

I don't support rezoning all Dodson students to a new elementary school as they are located in Donner Spring area but I do support repropose Dodson Elementary School. I know Donner Springs and Hidden Valleys area currently has three elementary schools (Donner Springs, Hidden Valley and Dodson ES) and they have similar communities to each other in the Neil Road area. I know there is a declining enrollment in Dodson and Hidden Valleys ES but Donner Spring ES is growing steadily as the new Talus Valleys is building new homes and they will likely have a new elementary school in the near future. I know the new ES in Talus Valleys will take students from Donner Springs ES (mostly East Huffaker and the new area) to the new ES. Here are options for repropose Dodson Elementary School: building a new Talus Valleys area Elementary School to replace Dodson Elementary School; rezoning either splitting to Hidden Valleys (North of Mira Loma Dr) and Donner Springs ES (South of Mira Loma Dr); or rezone all Dodson ES to Hidden Valley ES.

I will support option B on closing Pine MS and turning it into a new elementary school and potentially rezoning mostly from Loder and Corbett ES to new ES in Neil Road. I know WCSD moves sixth graders from elementary school to middle school, but option C is the opposite of WCSD's goals for sixth graders but with a K-8 school. Option A does continue Pine MS with the renovation and low enrollment, but it will cost higher operational costs for the aging middle school, it doesn't sit well with taxpayers' money.

I will be attending the FMP meeting in the North Valleys community on May 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions on the Neil Road area and related Pine MS, please email or contact me at

(775) 502=5023.

Sincerely,

Pablo Nava Duran