

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2023
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

September 12, 2023

1. Opening Items

1.01 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 2:05 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, and Colleen Westlake were present. Board Member Alex Woodley was absent from the meeting. Superintendent Susan Enfield, Student Representative Arabelle Deason, and staff were also present.

1.03 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Katie Louise Weir led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.04 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Smith read the land acknowledgement.

2. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Church requested Consent Agenda Items 2.02, Approval of the following appointments to the Council on Family Resource centers, as Community Representatives, for 2-year terms ending June 30, 2025: Anne Cory and Perla Garcia, 2.03, Approval, to the Zoning Advisory Committee, of the re-appointment of Adriana Publico, at-large member, for a term ending June 30, 2025; and approval of the appointments of Mia Mansfield, Educational Support Staff, for a term ending June 30, 2025 and Melissa Cook, School Administrator, for a term ending June 30, 2024, and 2.09, Approval of the Agreement for Professional Architectural Services with a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Phases III, IV, and V services for the Replacement Project for Vaughn Middle School with TSK Architects in the amount of \$4,222,302, be pulled for additional discussion.

Trustee Westlake requested Consent Agenda Item 2.08, Approval of Renewal #2 of Request for Bid (RFB) #020-02-09-21, Milk and Other Dairy Products, to Model Dairy for an estimated annual amount of \$2,000,000 for an additional 1-year term beginning October 10, 2023 and ending October 9, 2024, be pulled for additional discussion.

President Smith opened the meeting to public comment.

Calen Evans, President, Washoe Education Association, spoke to the Consent Agenda in general and specifically to item 2.06. He wanted to address the trend in education for more trainings. While he appreciated the district's interest in ensuring teachers had to most up-to-date and appropriate tools necessary for instruction, he believed everyone was forgetting the most important thing the district could provide teachers was the gift of time. He mentioned time was what was needed for teachers to prepare meaningful lessons for students and meaningful feedback to students on their work which would ultimately result in improved student performance, more so than any training. He appreciated the additional prep time teachers were provided last year and he encouraged the Board and district to look at providing similar time for teacher prep.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Nicolet that **the Board of Trustees approves Consent Agenda Items 2.04 through 2.07 and 2.10 through 2.14**. The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, and Colleen Westlake.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

- 2.04 The Board of Trustees approved the service agreement with the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education for the evaluation period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$27,500.
- 2.05 The Board of Trustees requested the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Truste Fund Board of Trustees to reimburse the District for retiree health benefits from the Washoe County School District OPEB Truste Fund during Fiscal Year 2023-24.
- 2.06 The Board of Trustees approved the Scope of Work and Quote with The New Teacher Project in the amount of \$1,467,154 for services to be performed at Lois Allen Elementary School, William Anderson Elementary School, Libby Booth Elementary School, Rita Cannan Elementary School, Desert Heights Elementary School, Desert Skies Middle School, George L. Dilworth Middle School, Glenn Duncan Elementary School, Dorothy Lemelson Elementary School, Echo Loder Elementary School, Bernice Mathews Elementary School, Robert Mitchell Elementary School, Natchez Elementary School, William O'Brien Middle School, Marvin Picollo School, Anges Risley Elementary School, Sparks Middle School, Sun Valley

Elementary School, Stead Elementary School, Fred Traner Middle School, Turning Point, E. Otis Vaughn Middle School, Veterans Memorial Elementary School, and Washoe Inspire Academy.

- 2.07 The Board of Trustees approved the Local Plan for Fiscal Year 2024 pertaining to the assurances required by Part B of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- 2.10 The Board of Trustees approved Change Order #1 to Bid #23-29-B-12-DA, Repair of roof support columns and concrete slabs at Incline Elementary School, to Don M. Lazorko Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$11,720.39.
- 2.11 The Board of Trustees approved the agreement to provide Professional Consultant Services with CMB Consultants (UNVC) to provide commissioning services for Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) 2 at the Debbie Smith Career Technical High School in the total approximate amount of \$343,000.
- 2.12 The Board of Trustees approved the agreement to provide Professional Consultant Services with Forensic Analytical Consulting Services (FACS) to provide environmental health consulting for project management and oversight for Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) 2 abatement at the Debbie Smith Career Technical High School for \$121,900.
- 2.13 The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of fixtures, furnishings, and equipment from Reno Business Interiors for 380 Edison Way for \$371,449.10.
- 2.14 The Board of Trustees approved Change Order #021 to United Construction Company as the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for the Expansion and Renovation of Darrel C. Swope Middle School, CMAR #C-62335A, in the amount of \$50,692.21.

- 2.02 **APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL ON FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS, AS COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES, FOR 2-YEAR TERMS ENDING JUNE 30, 2025: ANNE CORY AND PERLA GARCIA**

- 2.03 **APPROVAL, TO THE ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, OF THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ADRIANA PUBLICO, AT-LARGE MEMBER, FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF MIA MANSFIELD, EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF, FOR A TERM ENDING**

JUNE 30, 2025 AND MELISSA COOK, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

President Smith opened Consent Agenda Items 2.02 and 2.03 together for consideration.

Trustee Church asked how many applications were received for each of the positions. Rechelle Murillo, Intervention Department Director, explained there were three vacancies on the Council for Family Resource Centers and two applications were received. Adam Searcy, Chief Operating Officer, mentioned, for the Zoning Advisory Committee, the district administration opening received two applications and the educational support staff positions received three applications. All applicants were interviewed.

Trustee Church stated he would be voting no on both agenda items because he was interested in seeing all applications for committee openings.

It was moved by Trustee Mayberry and seconded by Trustee Rodriguez that **the Board of Trustees approves Consent Agenda Items 2.02 and 2.03**. The result of the vote was 5 – 1: (Yea: Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, and Colleen Westlake. Nay: Jeff Church.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

2.08 APPROVAL OF RENEWAL #2 OF REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) #020-02-09-21, MILK AND OTHER DAIRY PRODUCTS, TO MODEL DAIRY FOR AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000 FOR AN ADDITIONAL 1-YEAR TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 10, 2023 AND ENDING OCTOBER 9, 2024

Trustee Westlake wondered why the item was not put out for a competitive bid. She wanted to see more competition in how contracts were awarded so the district was receiving the best possible price. Andrea Sullivan, Director of Procurement and Contracts, indicated the original request for bid for milk and other dairy products was competitively solicited. The agreement included options for possible renewal. The renewal process was explained. Once the renewals had expired, the district would again solicit competitive bids. Rebidding on competitive contracts on an annual basis was too cumbersome for district staff.

It was moved by Trustee Nicolet and seconded by Trustee Mayberry that **the Board of Trustees approves Renewal #2 of Request for Bid (RFB) #020-02-09-21, Milk and Other Dairy Products, to Model Dairy for an estimated annual amount of \$2,000,000 for an additional 1-year term beginning October 10, 2023 and ending October 9, 2024**. The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, and Colleen Westlake.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

2.09 APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES WITH A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CMAR) FOR PHASES III, IV, AND V SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR VAUGHN MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH TSK ARCHITECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,222,302

Trustee Church asked if the Board or the Capital Funding Protection Committee had approved the replacement project for E. Otis Vaughn Middle School or if the district was hiring an architect based on an assumption the project would be approved. Tami Zimmerman, Chief Facilities Management Officer, remarked that the contract for the schematic design for the replacement project for Vaughn Middle School was awarded by the Board in January 2023. The agreement before the Board would complete the construction design and schematics phases of the project. The cost of the design phase of the project would be about 6% of the total cost of the project, which was very favorable for design services.

Trustee Church wondered when the Board would be asked to approve construction of the project. Ms. Zimmerman noted the Capital Funding Protection Committee would receive an informational item on the project in December 2023 and then vote on the project in February 2024. After approval from the committee, the project will be presented to the Board for their approval.

Trustee Church expressed concern that the district would be able to fund the entire project. Ms. Zimmerman highlighted the funding was included as a line item in the Capital Improvement Plan, which was approved by the Board in June 2023.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Mayberry that **the Board of Trustees approves the Agreement for Professional Architectural Design Services working with a Construction Manager at Risk for Phases III, IV, and V services for replacement project for E. Otis Vaughn Middle School with TSK Architects in the amount of \$4,222,302.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, and Colleen Westlake.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

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

3.01 ADOPTION OF WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD RESOLUTION 23-017, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

Dr. Paul LaMarca, Chief Student and Family Supports Officer, and Rechelle Murillo, Intervention Department Director, presented information on the work of attendance officers and re-engagement specialists in the Washoe County School District, highlighting

how it was important to get students back into classrooms for learning and to address the chronic absentee challenges the district was facing.

Hector Garcia, Re-engagement Facilitator, provided an example of working with a student in 2022-23 School Year to get them back into school and on track for graduation.

President Smith opened the meeting to public comment.

Sandee Tibbett believed the work occurring in the Intervention Department was important; however, she was concerned the reason the Board was adopting a resolution surrounding attendance was because the enrollment numbers were low so the district was going to lose money. She would prefer the resolution be revised to be inclusive of every month of the school year, but she felt the Board was only interested in approving a cosmetic fix to the problem. She urged the Board to make student attendance, in classrooms, a priority and have consequences for not attending class.

President Smith explained Attendance Awareness Month was celebrated annually in September to remind parents and the community of the importance of children attending school. September was selected because it was the first month where all public schools in the nation were in session.

Trustee Westlake read Washoe County School District Board Resolution 23-017, A Resolution of the Board of Trustees recognizing September 2023 as Attendance Awareness Month.

It was moved by Trustee Mayberry and seconded by Trustee Rodriguez that **the Board of Trustees adopts Washoe County School District Board Resolution 23-017, A Resolution of the Board of Trustees recognizing September 2023 as Attendance Awareness Month.**

President Smith opened the motion for discussion.

Trustee Rodriguez thanked staff for all their work to get students back in the schools.

Trustee Church noted the district had a lower chronic absentee rate than the state, but he appreciated staff understood there was work to be done.

Trustee Westlake expressed her appreciation for reducing the chronic absenteeism rate and noted the Board had approved additional resources and tools for the schools to help decrease absenteeism even more.

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

3.02 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION FROM PBS RENO ON THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND HOW THEY SUPPORT STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The Board of Trustees received a presentation from PBS Reno on the programming and services they provided schools and teachers in the Washoe County School District to support student academic achievement. Some of the programs included the annual Writer's Contest for elementary schools, Curiosity Classroom Workshops, and STEM Works programming.

3.03 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION TO REVIEW FACILITY RESOURCES AND ENROLLMENT DEMAND IN THE SPANISH SPRINGS AREA AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE SPANISH SPRINGS AREA

Adam Searcy, Chief Operating Officer, provided a presentation on historical, current, and projected enrollments for elementary and middle schools in the Spanish Springs area of Sparks. The district was seeing moderate overcrowding at John C. Bohach Elementary School and under-utilization at the surrounding elementary schools. The options provided to the Board for consideration to alleviate the overcrowding included a wait and see approach for one year to determine if the overcrowding continued, adjusting the attendance zones to even out enrollment at all Spanish Springs area elementary schools, or to begin the process to build a new elementary school in the area. The pros and cons for each option were discussed.

Trustee Rodriguez urged the other Trustees, as one of the Trustees who represented the area, to approve the process to begin building a new elementary school based on the number of known and anticipated housing developments in the area. He did not believe changes to the attendance zones would alleviate overcrowding in the long term.

President Smith asked how many portables were at John C. Bohach Elementary School. Mr. Searcy noted in the 2022-23 School Year, there were two portables at Bohach Elementary School which contained a total of four classrooms. For the 2023-24 School Year, two additional portables were installed for a total of eight additional classrooms.

Trustee Mayberry inquired as to why a wait and see approach was one of the options to be considered. Mr. Searcy indicated the data over the past 3 years had shown decreases in enrollment and birth rates in the area. With the wait and see option, another year of

data would be available to see if that trend was continuing or if there were changes. He highlighted that growth in the overall population was occurring, but there was not a similar correlation in enrollment for the district.

Trustee Nicolet wondered if there had been any discussion of building onto any existing elementary school in the area or if there could be a recommendation in the Facilities Modernization Plan (FMP) that would address overcrowding. Mr. Searcy mentioned staff had not explored an expansion to existing an elementary school because the district was not inclined to have 900-1,000 students in an elementary school. In terms of the FMP, the schools in the Spanish Springs area were all relatively new so while there would be some degree of modernization at the schools, consolidation or grade reconfiguration was not being considered for schools in the area.

Trustee Westlake remarked that she was concerned about the on-going \$1 million cost if a new elementary school were built. She asked if there was a possibility of building a new school and then repurposing one of the older elementary schools in the area. Mr. Searcy stated that was not an option considered for the Spanish Springs area because of the anticipated growth. The district believed all current elementary schools would be needed in that area based on projected.

Trustee Church requested clarification on the projected enrollment numbers if a new elementary school would be constructed. Mr. Searcy noted the data included in the presentation was accurate based on current projections and Bohach Elementary School would be close to 50% capacity if the Trustees were to select the build option.

Trustee Church wondered if the district could continue to afford building new projects and if the district was seeing favorable interest rates for bonding projects. Mr. Searcy mentioned the new school was included in the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the district did have the resources to fund the project and other projects included in the CIP. Mark Mathers, Chief Financial Officer, commented that interest rates for bonds had increased so it would cost more to bond projects.

President Smith remarked that she was struggling with the decision because there was an attraction factor when new schools opened, but it was important to consider the future needs of the FMP.

Trustee Rodriguez stressed that it was important for the Trustees to look at potential concerns related to rezoning, especially having elementary students crossing very busy roads.

Trustee Westlake remarked she was still struggling with the on-going costs a new elementary school would have on the district's General Fund and the work force challenges they were already seeing. She did not believe the enrollment data supported

the construction of a new school, while keeping all existing elementary schools in the Spanish Springs area open.

Trustee Nicolet asked if there had been FMP conversations for the schools in the area. Mr. Searcy noted the closest FMP conversations occurred related to Edward C. Reed High School. No major changes related to consolidation or grade reconfiguration were recommended for schools in the Spanish Springs area.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez that the Board of Trustees approves option 3, begin the process to build a new school, as presented. The motion died for lack of a second.

Trustee Mayberry remarked that he appreciated Trustee Rodriguez's motion, but he believed the data did not dictate the need for a new school at the present time.

It was moved by Trustee Mayberry and seconded by Trustee Church that **the Board of Trustees approves option 1, wait and see.**

President Smith opened the motion for discussion.

Trustee Nicolet mentioned she would like to see the Zoning Advisory Committee also begin to review options while a wait and see approach was taken so the Board could quickly react if needed.

President Smith indicated she would be voting no on the motion because she would at least like to see rezoning occur for the 2024-25 School Year.

Trustee Rodriguez agreed with President Smith that some action needed to occur.

Trustee Church asked if the superintendent could direct rezoning.

President Smith stated neither the superintendent nor staff could direct the rezoning process to begin; it was a decision of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Church remarked he would withdraw his second from the motion because he through the superintendent had the ability to direct the start of the rezoning process.

The motion died for lack of another Trustee interested in seconding the motion.

Trustee Mayberry wondered if Bohach Elementary School would require additional portable classrooms if the Board took no action. Mr. Searcy indicated there was no plan to add portables for the 2024-25 School Year at the present time.

It was moved by Trustee Westlake and seconded by Trustee Nicolet that **the Board of Trustees approves option 2, to begin the rezoning process.**

President Smith opened the motion for discussion.

Trustee Mayberry clarified the process would be to rezone the elementary schools in the Spanish Springs area.

President Smith responded in the affirmative.

The result of the vote was 5 – 1: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Beth Smith, and Colleen Westlake. Nay: Joe Rodriguez.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

3.04 PRESENTATION TO UPDATE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON SCHOOL-SITE REVIEWS OF THE DRAFT STUDENT BEHAVIOR MANUAL/PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE PLAN AND ACTION TO ADOPT THE STUDENT BEHAVIOR MANUAL/PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE PLAN FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Paul LaMarca, Chief Student and Family Supports Officer, provided an update on the draft Student Behavior Manual/Progressive Discipline Plan. The schools were provided the opportunity to review and submit feedback on the proposed draft with their progressive discipline teams. Recommendations for changes from the schools were minimal and not substantive. If the manual were to receive approval, it would be submitted to the Nevada Department of Education and trainings developed for staff.

President Smith mentioned she had received positive feedback from both administrators and teachers on both the document and the revision process. She appreciated the thoroughness of the process and the number of people involved.

President Smith opened the meeting to public comment.

Sandee Tibbett believed the manual was full of hollow promises and untrustworthy commitments. She claimed the district continually ignored students drinking and using drugs during lunch on campus. She felt the Board and district administrators were putting a perception before the community that students and staff would be safe if the manual were approved. She provided examples of violent incidents she believed were occurring in the schools. She was interested in seeing the high school campuses closed during lunches.

Joni Hammond mentioned that if she were a teacher or administrator, she would like to have on-going training on the contents of the manual. She was concerned that the first

step for some of the behaviors, such as theft, was not to report the issue to School Police but try to come up with some compromise with the student. She believed violations that were referenced in law should be reported immediately to the police.

Roger Edwards expressed frustration that members of the community, including grandparents, residents, and families, were not listened to by the Board when making decisions. He felt the people who attended the meetings and provided comments were able to bring in perspectives the Trustees might not have considered before they made decisions. He believed many in the community felt the manual was a wasted effort because it did not prepare students for what to expect in the real world. He appreciated that the Board was now hearing items related to the quality of education in the district but was interested in seeing actual consequences for poor behavior and not a manual designed to make students "feel good" about themselves.

Nichelle Hull remarked that the Board should consider closing all campuses at lunch to ease the concerns of businesses near the schools. She would like to see a swift, sharp response when students were caught stealing because she felt that would address the behavior and students would understand the consequences. She believed removing cell phones and access to the internet would also help improve student behavior.

Calen Evans, President, Washoe Education Association (WEA), thanked Dr. LaMarca and his team for their work with members of the WEA over the summer to come to a consensus on the manual. He believed there was a lot of nuance in terms of the balance between progressive discipline and restorative practices and the manual reflected the needs and issues that the school sites and educators had been talking about for a few years. He stated he would like to see collaborative trainings between the district, WEA, and Washoe School Principals Association (WSPA) so everyone understood the process.

Trustee Church mentioned the decision was difficult for him because the draft had come a long way since the beginning of the process, but he was still unsure how he would vote. He wondered when there would be an opportunity to reevaluate the manual based on what was occurring in the schools if the process was not working. Dr. LaMarca noted staff would review the data with the Trustees on a quarterly basis. The state required an annual adoption of the manual.

Trustee Church requested clarification on whether changes could be made during the year if there were challenges. Dr. LaMarca remarked that staff tried to make the manual as general as possible in terms of behaviors so there would be options available to staff. If problems did arise during the school year, the district could focus trainings on the problems to address them. If the Board wanted to see specific changes, those would occur prior to the next submission of the manual to the state.

It was moved by Trustee Mayberry and seconded by Trustee Nicolet that **the Board of Trustees adopts the 2023-24 Behavior Manual/Progressive Discipline Plan and approves the delivery of the plan to the Nevada Department of Education.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, and Colleen Westlake.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

3.05 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO END THE MORATORIUM OF BOARD POLICY 9070, CREATION, ADOPTION, REVISION, AND DELETION OF BOARD POLICY, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES/MANUALS, AND PRELIMINARY APPROVAL, PER NEVADA REVISED STATUTE (NRS) 386.365, OF DRAFT BOARD POLICY 9070, BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES/MANUALS AND INITIATION OF THE 13-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

Neil Rombardo, Chief General Counsel, explained the proposed revisions to Board Policy 9070, Creation, Adoption, Revision, and Deletion of Board Policy, Administrative Regulation, and Administrative Procedures/Manual, would dissolve the Board Policy Committee, maintain the current format of the policies with the purpose and definitions, a review of how policies were written to make them concise as possible, and continue to 2-year review cycle of all policies.

Trustee Church believed many of the policies were outdated and he asked if that would be part of the review process. Mr. Rombardo noted most of the policies had been updated; however, there were a number of administrative regulations that were old and needed to be revised. It was important to note that policies superseded the administrative regulations, so even if the regulations were outdated, the policies linked to them had already been revised.

Superintendent Enfield added part of the reason for the 2-year cycle was to ensure policies were up to date.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Mayberry that **the Board of Trustees moves to end the moratorium on Board Policy 9070 and provides preliminary approval of draft Board Policy 9070, Board Policies, Administrative Regulations, and Administrative Procedures/Manuals, and initiates the 13-day public review and comment period.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, and Colleen Westlake.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

4. Reports

4.01 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Arabelle Deason reported on activities related to the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.

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

Jeff Church provided background information on the WC1 sales tax for those who may not have lived in the area in 2016. He noted 43% of the community voted against the question. He urged the Board and district to not thank the community for their support of the question during ribbon cutting ceremonies because there were a lot of people who did not support the increase to the sales tax. He provided the reasons why he did not support the increase and the backlash he faced from the district and others in the community because of his opinion.

Calen Evans, President, Washoe Education Association (WEA), spoke of the importance of getting students in the classrooms and about the partnership between WEA and the district. He mentioned the officers for WEA were educators in the district and they worked with the truancy and attendance officers to get kids in class. He noted one of the reasons educators pushed for the inclusion of extra-curricular and intra-curricular activities was because the groups provided a place for students. He highlighted the correlation between activities and student performance and behavior.

5.02 NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next Regular Meeting would take place on Tuesday, September 26, 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 5:36 p.m.

Elizabeth Smith, President

Joseph Rodriguez, Clerk