CALL TO ORDER
President Hendrix called to order the regular meeting of the Churchill County School District Board of Trustees at 6:10 p.m. at the Churchill County School District Administration Office, 690 South Maine Street, Fallon, Nevada.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Nate Waite led the pledge of allegiance.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA
President Hendrix confirmed the posting of the agenda pursuant to NRS 241.

ROLL CALL
Trustees Present
Trustee Clay Hendrix, President
Trustee Kathryn Whitaker, Vice President
Trustee Carmen Schank, Clerk
Trustee Tricia Strasdin
Trustee Phil Pinder
Trustee Rich Gent (by Phone)
Trustee Matt Hyde, Acting Clerk

Others Present
Summer Stephens, Superintendent
Sharla Hales, Legal Counsel
Phyllis Dowd, Director of Business Services
Debra Shyne, Executive Assistant
(Interested Staff/Community Members per Attached List)

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Trustee Whitaker moved to adopt the agenda as provided, seconded by Trustee Pinder. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were no public comments.

RECOGNITION
A. The Board will recognize the Maintenance Department for their efforts in creating cases for the Hall of Fame athlete recognition.

Certificates and pins were provided to Ozzie Henke to give to Mike Tanberg and Dave Jackson, who could not attend the meeting.
SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

A. Churchill County Middle School Blended Learning Community students will provide a report to the Board on the topics they are currently exploring.

April McCutchen and Elena Holt reported on their experiences with the Blended Learning Community and how they work with project-based learning to solve real world problems. The students shared a design thinking model with the Board.

B. Mr. Ozzie Henke, Director of Maintenance, will report on the status of school grounds.

Ozzie Henke provided an overview of the Grounds Department’s work (memo in BoardBook). Mr. Henke reported that the Grounds Department oversees the landscaping needs of approximately 200 acres and Churchill County has one of the finest athletic complexes in the state.

Trustee Schank asked about the grounds at the West End Facility. Mr. Henke stated that this spring a decision will be made to either bring back the grass or go to zero scape.

C. Mr. Kenny Mitchell, Director of Transportation, will report on the Transportation Department.

Kenny Mitchell provided an overview of the Transportation Department and reported on the lack of substitutes. Four substitutes were recently interviewed and will start training soon. Bus drivers are no longer allowed to park their vehicles on the Armory’s property so they park their vehicles on the street, which creates a driving hazard.

Trustee Hyde asked Mr. Mitchell about the Safety Program. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would be attending a safety conference in October, schools have been completing safety drills, and SafeVoice is being used. The Transportation Department hired a driver trainer, and ongoing training is occurring.

Trustee Schank asked about the intersection of Highway 95 and Sheckler Road. Dr. Stephens stated that conversations are occurring at the county and state level regarding that intersection.

Dr. Stephens reported that staff is looking at how to best utilize the space on the west side of E.C. Best. A more immediate use might be using some of that space to add parking for the Transportation Department.

D. Update regarding the Nevada School Star Rating of District schools

Dr. Stephens reported there are some things that the District can do immediately that would potential help our scores. As an example, the high school did not have enough participation in their climate survey to get the extra two points.

Lisa Bliss provided an update on the Nevada School Star Ratings for the District. Even though Lahontan and E.C. Best do not receive star ratings data is available, though minimal, and it is important to review.

Dr. Stephens stated that it is important to identify learning and celebrating all of the ways we have success.
E. **Update regarding District related matters**

Dr. Stephens reported that the Strategic Plan Stakeholder Survey had been distributed to parents via text and email and to secondary students via email. The survey has been promoted on the District’s Facebook page, the District’s website, and shared with community partners. There have been 275 responses so far and themes are emerging. Dr. Stephens provided opportunities for members of the community to meet and share their thoughts about the questions on the survey and to complete a paper survey if they did not want to complete one online.

Dr. Stephens plans to present the key themes to the Board of Trustees at their October 10 Board meeting and ask the Board to identify the important themes to move forward with so the committee could start crafting their work around those themes. There will be a hardy schedule within the next two months to produce and present the strategic plan to the Board and then to take the next steps for the District to move forward.

Dr. Stephens informed the Board that she plans to authorize the emergency hire of four bus drivers so that they could get start with bus driver training, due to the lack of substitute bus drivers.

**BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE**

A. **Budget to Actual Report (written report provided)**

B. **Update on Financial Audit**

C. **Update regarding other business items**

Phyllis Dowd explained several over-budget items. In the 2100 section, the entry for student support in wages and benefits is because the District gets several grants from the state for counselors and national certification and has not yet received reimbursement from the grant. Central Services is over budget (see page 31 of BoardBook) because the District has not received the new hire bonus money from the state, but the District recently paid new teachers their first bonus payment. The last large over budget item is in maintenance and is primarily due to POOLS’ insurance premium increase. A budget adjustment will occur in the fall.

Ms. Dowd reported that the auditors arrived with a large team and were in the District for one week. A close-out conference is scheduled for September 27. The audit has gone well with a minor learning curve on the auditors’ end and a few minor corrections on the District’s end. She expects to present the audit to the Board at their second October meeting.

Ms. Dowd reported that she attended the APA Finance Study meeting regarding school funding and that she has the 150 page APA document. Ms. Dowd requested Board members interested in reading the document to let her know so that she can send them access to this document. Their recommendation for funding is substantially higher than what Nevada provides, nearly double. Ms. Dowd’s concern is that the study does not include transportation or food service. Transportation is 6% of the District’s educational expenses. Food service is understandable as the District receives reimbursements from the United States Department of Agriculture.
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES UPDATE
A. The latest Student Enrollment Data will be provided to the Board of Trustees (written report provided)
   There were no questions.

UPCOMING BOARD EVENTS
A. Saturday, September 29, Nevada Association of School Boards Training, 9am – Noon, Hyatt in Reno
B. Friday-Saturday, November 16-17, Nevada Association of School Boards Conference, Las Vegas

CONSENT AGENDA
A. Approval of Recommended Personnel Action (Attachment A)
B. Approval of Vouchers
C. Approval of Churchill County High School Track Team fundraiser
   Trustee Whitaker moved to approve consent agenda items A-C, seconded by Trustee Schank. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously; Trustee Gent was no longer attending remotely.

REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS
Trustee Hyde reported meeting with Scott Winter, the high school principal, and touring the school. Trustees Pinder, Schank, Strasdin, and Whitaker reported on their attendance at the Hall of Fame dinner. Trustees Strasdin and Whitaker reported on their attendance at the APA Finance meeting. Trustee Strasdin reported on her attendance at the high school and middle school professional development day. Trustee Whitaker reported on her visit to the high school. Trustees Whitaker and Schank reported on their attendance at a recent Policy Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS
A. For Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of Resolution Number 18-05 – In Support of iNVest 2018.
   Dr. Stephens provided background and requested the Board consider approving the resolution.

   Trustee Strasdin moved to approve Resolution Number 18-05 in Support of iNVest 2018, seconded by Trustee Whitaker. Trustee Schank voiced concern that this resolution would affect farmers. Nevada has $69.8 million dollars from marijuana sales. According to iNVest document, property taxes would be raised, and that would hurt agriculture. Phyllys Dowd explained that the document was not drafted to raise property tax, but to take care of the cap that Clark County is constrained by. Nevada Revised Statutes has a cap that has not been an issue for Churchill County but has strangled Clark County, as their taxes have decreased significantly. Ms. Dowd did not believe that superintendents want to raise the property tax rates for school districts. There were no public comments. The motion passed
5:1; Trustee Schank opposed and Trustee Gent was no longer attending the meeting remotely.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CLARIFICATION OF REQUESTED AGENDA ITEMS

President Hendrix requested information regarding how the District monitors the entry of cannabis into the schools now that it is consumable and edible. Trustee Whitaker commented that this would be discussed at the Discipline and Attendance Meeting.

Trustee Schank suggested advertising open positions on a billboard for bus drivers, substitutes, and other open positions.

Trustee Strasdin requested discussion about standard and college and career diplomas. Dr. Stephens commented that these would be part of the strategic plan.

Trustee Hyde requested a report on the state of the Career and Technical Education programs at the high school.

President Hendrix requested Lisa Bliss report between now and Thanksgiving regarding progress at Northside Early Learning Center.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT BOARD “AGENDA SETTING” MEETING

Trustees Hendrix, Whitaker, and Schank will meet on Tuesday, October 2, at 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Whitaker moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m., seconded by Trustee Pinder. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously; Trustee Gent was no longer attending the meeting remotely.

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Carmen Schank, Clerk of the Board

Prepared by Debra Shyne