CALL TO ORDER

President Whitaker called to order the regular meeting of the Churchill County School District Board of Trustees at 6:00 p.m. at the Churchill County School District Administration Office, 690 South Maine Street, Fallon, Nevada.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CHARACTER COUNTS WORD - CITIZENSHIP

Trustee Getto lead the pledge of allegiance.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

President Whitaker confirmed the posting of the agenda pursuant to NRS 241.

ROLL CALL

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<td>Trustee Kathryn Whitaker, President</td>
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REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Trustee Hyde adopted the agenda as submitted, seconded by Trustee Pinder. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nate Waite invited the Board to attend a virtual reality field trip demonstration in the Discovery Lab at the middle school library on Tuesday, May 14, at 3:15 p.m.

Jaime Shafer reported that the high school raised $6,000 for the “Why You Matter” campaign and thanked the Board for their support.

RECOGNITION

A. The Board of Trustees will recognize 2019 School District Retirees.

The Board of Trustees recognized the following retirees: Mike Compagnoni, Judy Connelly, Patty Daum, Becky Dodd, Ed Ferris, Tom Fleming, Ellen Clyburn-Jackson, John Johnson, Pamela Johnson, Mark Leiser, Gregg Malkovich, Susan Marsh, Gayle Martin, Brian
McAlexander, Lanni Mori, Lori Norcutt, Julie Richards, Diane Slowan, Elizabeth Spencer, and Ron Turner.

**B. The Board of Trustees will recognize staff for their years of service to the District.**

The Board of Trustees recognized the following staff members for their years of service:

**Ten Year Pin**


**Fifteen Year Pin**

- Robert Amezquita, Brad Barton, Kim Ewart, Richard Field, Teri Funsch, Julene Hitchcock, Suzanne Lawrence, Kathy Leavitt, Christine Mori, Sharon Oswald, Michelle Richardson, Lori Crawford, Amanda Pitt, Georgia Schostag, and Noreen Swenson.

**Twenty Year Pin**


**Twenty-Five Year Pin**


**Thirty Year Pin**

- Glen Perazzo, Tami Carrington, Liz Helton, Reni Knittle, Patsy Lewis, and Julie Richards

**C. The Board of Trustees will recognize members of the 2018-19 Parent Involvement Committee for their years of service to the District.**

Robyn Jordan stated that each school supported with Title I funding is required to have a parent involvement coordinator. These coordinators spend hours at schools each month to facilitate meetings with other parents, and coordinators from each school meet monthly to review upcoming events and discuss strategies to encourage more parent involvement.

The Board of Trustees recognized Jennifer Blosser (Numa), Cami Larsen (E.C. Best), and Deniece McElhinney (Lahontan). Ms. McElhinney was not available to attend the meeting.

[The Board took a break from 6:51pm until approximately 7:00pm.]

**SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

**A. Churchill County Middle School and Churchill County High School staff will report on their trip to San Diego to attend the ProjectCon Conference and their visit to K-12 learning environments.**

Nathan Waite reported that he, along with nine teachers, traveled to San Diego to observe innovative environments. They visited several elementary, middle, and high school campuses, and conferenced with professionals around innovations and different learning environments. The group presented a PowerPoint presentation. The following teachers

Mr. Waite commented that, with regard to personalized learning, the District is moving in the right direction. There is a need to continue growing, learning, collaborating, and redefining student and teacher roles. Board members asked questions.

B. Update regarding student fees that are assessed throughout the District.

Dr. Stephens reported that the predominance of fees are at the high school. She asked elementary and the middle school principals about their fees but does not have exact numbers yet. Classroom teachers get part of their school’s discretionary funds to support their programs. Dr. Stephens looked at reverting to 15-16 discretionary funds, which would only save $4,000, so she discarded that idea. There needs to be more understanding and equity in the buildings. Fees at the elementary level are typically for field trips.

Dr. Stephens stated that Trudy Dahl provided her with information regarding fees. It will take some time to review and understand the process. Dr. Stephens spoke about challenges with assessing fees and suggested the District look at the purpose for fees and at other potential solutions.

Trustee Strasdin would like to know more about student fees in terms of who determines the fees and who implements and enforces those decisions. She would also like staff to look at fee schedules from other districts with regard to who determines those fees, and how the fee waiver process works.

Trustee Schank commented that she often hears from teachers about how much they miss specials and would like to explore a way to bring part of them back, at least to Numa. She would also like to look into organizing a community-wide volunteer program to provide specials as students miss physical education, computers, music, and art, or look into having parents pay for specials. Dr. Stephens stated that she would explore how districts provide these subjects. President Whitaker voiced concern with charging fees for specials if only students who can afford to pay can take specials, as there needs to be equity.

C. Update regarding District-related matters.

Dr. Stephens invited the Board to a concert in the Pit on Friday and to the Churchill Champions Breakfast on May 16 at 7:15 a.m. in the culinary room at the high school. Dr. Stephens reminded Board members that they have an envelope with tickets for graduation.

Dr. Stephens reported on her attendance at a recent Churchill Economic Development Authority meeting where the Dean of the College of Business presented information involving mentoring, relationship building, expertise, and persistent progress. Their strategic plan is to discover, learn, engage and innovate, and they stressed the importance of the whole child.

President Whitaker attended a meeting regarding the new funding model, and Ms. Dowd was at a meeting regarding the new model at the time of the Board meeting. Superintendents met on May 6. Dr. Stephens attended a meeting with the Governor and the leadership of the Assembly and Senate legislature. The Governor’s message is to have a united front going forward. Today they asked about which bills concerned Superintendents.
Dr. Stephens will provide feedback regarding the impact of the bills, even though superintendents have provided input previously. They also acknowledged that they create bills because it sounds like a good idea, but they do not know the impact of those bills. The new funding model will not be in effect until at least another biennium.

**BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE**

A. **Update regarding District-related matters.**

   President Whitaker commented that she, along with the Nevada Association of School Boards Executive Director and board members from Clark, Washoe, Elko, and Lyon, attended a meeting regarding the funding. Phyllys Dowd and other chief financial officers are meeting tonight (May 8) regarding the new funding formula. Ms. Dowd will be able to provide information at a future date.

**UPCOMING BOARD EVENTS**

A. Thursday, May 23, 7:00 p.m., Adult Education Graduation, Churchill County High School Auditorium

B. Friday, May 31, 7:00 p.m. CCHS Graduation, Ed Arciniega Stadium, Churchill County High School

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of Recommended Personnel Action (Attachment A)

B. Approval of Vouchers

C. Approval of March, 2019, Payroll

D. Approval of March 27, 2019, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

E. Approval to Increase Meal Prices effective in the 2019-20 school year

F. Approval of Distance Education program renewal application

   Trustee Schank moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Strasdin. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. **For Presentation and Discussion: Staff from the Churchill County High School will report on their Project-Based Learning Pilot Program.**

   Mr. Scott Winter updated the Board regarding progress made with the high school’s project-based learning (PBL) pilot program. Mr. Winter stated that they have determined that the third period would be the PBL time where students can communicate with other teachers while they are working on their projects. Teachers are currently meeting after school in the vocational building’s lounge. PBL teachers will have a common planning time on Fridays to meet as a team. Mr. Winter spoke about learner agency and soft skills that support personalized learning. Currently, 88 high school students have expressed interest in PBL. Staff will make all opportunities available to students. Advisory periods are key, so that staff can meet with students consistently.
Mr. Myke Nelson reported that the team meets every day from 3:00 to 3:30, though not every member of the team can be there every day due to IEPs, conferences, and other commitments. Teachers have raw material, but do not yet have the specific details of how PBL will look on day one. PBL staff have discussed the organization of a mandatory parent meeting for the cohort of students at the beginning of the year to solidify expectations and commitments. There needs to be heavy parent commitment and understanding of the model from the very beginning. Staff discussed creating beginning questions that will guide the projects with some being general and some specific to the teacher’s curriculum. Discussion has involved whether to begin with soft skills at the beginning of the year and then work into a single project for the whole cohort, or have multiple small projects from each teacher at the beginning of the year and then move into a general question for the whole cohort. They have discussed the best way to scaffold this style of learning for teachers and students, and the importance of consistent communication at all levels to build trust, respect, and relationships. Mr. Nelson stated that they learned at the PBL conference that the process is constantly changing and that you work on the best iteration yet. PBL staff is talking with high school teachers to get as many teachers interested and involved in every stage, even if they will not be a teacher for the initial cohort students.

Mr. Nelson stated that staff has brainstormed how to use existing relationships and forge new relationships for internships and long-term commitments for students. The PBL class will be an elective credit, at least at the beginning. As students work on more projects, teachers will be able to see how students’ core subjects can be a part of the PBL program. If a student is meeting the standards in PBL, the teacher can give students credit in core classes for those standards.

After seeing PBL in progress, teachers have a better understanding of what is involved. Teachers will talk with students to answer their questions, which they were not able to answer prior to their trip to San Diego. Dr. Stephens suggested the group visit the middle school’s Blended Learning Community. A group from the high school will also visit Innovations High School in Reno soon.

Board members asked questions. President Whitaker commented that she was glad to hear the excitement from staff about PBL, and the Board supports their work.

NEW BUSINESS

A. For Presentation and Discussion: Liam Few, Churchill County Middle School student, will present information to the Board regarding enhancing the middle school’s track and field area.

Mrs. Mori introduced Liam Few reporting that Liam has spent countless hours in her room at lunch making phone calls and sending emails in preparation for his presentation. Liam provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board, which identified the run-down state of the track and field area, how this has affected the students at the middle school, and how it is not a good representation of our community. Liam provided suggestions for changes to the track and field area and provided four estimates from Steve Moon at Lumos & Associates providing a variety of options to enhance and repair the track and field, which ranged from $96,250 to $1,225,860. Liam suggested recruiting students and volunteers to
help clean up the field, look for grants and donations, and work with community partners to assist with the enhancements.

The Board discussed the condition of the track and field area. Mrs. Mori commented that it is not Liam’s job to find the money to fix the field, as he is one kid. He is asking the Board to form a committee or work with the school, city, and different organizations who are willing to help. The Board thanked Liam for his work and presentation.

President Whitaker commented that the Board could not take action as this agenda item as it is discussion only. The Board will place this item on a future agenda and notify Liam of the date. The staff and community can send questions for Liam to Dr. Stephens.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Holly McPherson commented that the library budget law states that a library has to spend an average of what it spent in the three previous years on books and computer software. Dr. Stephens commented that the state has allowed flexibility in that law due to the current budget issues. Dr. Stephens will check with principals to see if they have been following those mandates (AB309) and follow up with Ms. McPherson.

Jaime Shafer commented about the costs associated with ceramics teachers and student fees that supports the ceramics classes as a bottle of glaze costs $20 a pint, which might be enough for four projects. Our District does not turn students away if they cannot afford to pay the fee.

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

Trustee Buckmaster requested a report to update the Board regarding the plans for the Rio Vista field.

Trustee Pinder requested the middle school track and field challenge addressed with a committee and Trustee Pinder would be willing to serve on that committee. Dr. Stephens commented that it is clear publicly that it is not the maintenance and custodial department saying that they do not care. That is not the issue at all. They work very hard. It is important for all of us to help keep the grounds in good order. It would be good to have Liam on the committee and perhaps other students as well.

Trustee Schank requested a full report on teacher recruitment, teachers retiring, when they are starting and who is involved. Dr. Stephens commented that the District is not recruiting teachers this year.

Trustee Schank requested a report on spring MAPS results. Dr. Stephens commented that the students are currently testing and MAPS tests might be touched on as part of the school performance plans that principals will be reporting on at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Schank requested discussion regarding Nevada Association of School Board award nominations.
SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT BOARD “AGENDA SETTING” MEETING

Trustees Whitaker, Hyde, and Getto will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13.

CLOSED SESSION

A. Discussion of negotiations and strategies regarding Churchill County Administrators’ Association, Churchill County Education Association, and the Nevada Classified School Employees Association pursuant to NRS 288.220.

Trustee Hyde moved to go into closed session pursuant to NRS 288.220, seconded by Trustee Pinder. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:47 p.m.

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Carmen Schank, Clerk of the Board

Prepared by Debra Shyne