CALL TO ORDER

President Whitaker called to order the regular meeting of the Churchill County School District Board of Trustees at 6:03 p.m. at the Churchill County School District Administration Office, 690 South Maine Street, Fallon, Nevada.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND CHARACTER COUNTS WORD - CITIZENSHIP

Dr. Stephens led the pledge of allegiance.

VERIFICATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL

Trustees Present  Others Present
Trustee Kathryn Whitaker, President  Dr. Summer Stephens, Superintendent
Trustee Matt Hyde, Vice President  Sharla Hales, Legal Counsel
Trustee Carmen Schank, Clerk  Phyllys Dowd, Director of Business Services
Trustee Phil Pinder, Acting Clerk  Debra Shyne, Executive Assistant
Trustee Tricia Strasdin  (Interested Staff/Community Members per Attached List)
Trustee Fred Buckmaster
Trustee Amber Getto

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Trustee Buckmaster moved to adopt the agenda as posted, seconded by Trustee Strasdin. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

RECOGNITION

A. The Board of Trustees will recognize the Churchill County High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) Students for receiving awards at the Nevada State FFA Competition.

   Trustee Getto presented certificates to Marie Lawson, Third Place in Prepared Public Speaking, and Haley Hancock, Second Place in Creed Competition.
B. The Board of Trustees will recognize Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) students for awards earned this school year.

Trustee Pinder and Trustee Buckmaster recognized the following students for their NJROTC awards.

- Navy League Youth Award – Cadet/Ensign Iris Acosta
- Marine Corps League Award – Cadet/PO1 Brandi Lovin
- Disabled American Veterans Award – Cadet/PO3 Valentino Alvarez
- Fleet Reserve Award – Cadet/PO3 Rian Smith
- Stephen Decatur Award (Freshman) – Cadet/Seaman Michaella Simmons
- Stephen Decatur Award (Junior) – Cadet/CPO Chris Elder
- Reserve Officers Assoc. Award – Cadet Shaun Bryska
- VFW Post 1002 Award – Cadet Tim Adams
- VFW Post 1002 Award – Cadet Abraham Rivas
- Military Officers Assn. of America Award – Cadet PO3 Desirae Chitren
- Military Order of the World Wars Award – Cadet/LTJG Kiara Verdugo
- Military Order of the Purple Heart Award – Cadet/SN Luke Ennis
- Daughters of American Revolution Award – Cadet/PO3 Madison Dobbins
- Daughters of the War of 1812 Award – Cadet/CPO Taylor Debrum
- Non Commissioned Officers Assn. Award – Cadet/CPO Jeissy Castro
- Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Award – Cadet/Ensigin Matt Manzon
- Sons of the American Revolution Award – Angelina Beland
- American Legion Military Excellence Award – Cadet/SN Jacob Forshee
- American Legion Scholastic Aptitude Award – Cadet/Ensign Iris Acosta
- American Legion School Award – Leadership Medal – Cadet/LCDR Fallon Hughes
- American Legion School Award – Leadership Medal – Cadet Courtney Clark
- American Legion School Award – Bravo Zulu – Cadet/SN Luke Ennis
- American Legion School Award – Most Improved Cadet – Cadet/SN Eliza Stephens
- American Legion School Award – Cadet of the Year – Cadet/Ensign Iris Acosta
- AMVETS award – Cadet/LTJG Hayden Hawk
- Order of Daedalians – Cadet/CDR Stephanie Therianos

C. The Board of Trustees will recognize Students who are State Winners or Runner-Ups in State Competitions.

Trustee Strasdin recognized:

- Baseball – 2nd Place/3A State Runner-Ups

Trustee Hyde recognized:

- Boys Track
Trevor East – 2nd 110 Hurdles/3A State Runner Up
Colton Peterson, Trevor East, Reid Clyburn, and Jonathan Cisneros for 4 X 200 Relay – 1st Place/3A State Champions.

Girls Track
Aisha Sharron – 2nd Triple Jump/3A State Runner Up
Allison Lister – School Record in Pole Vaulting 10’6”

Trustee Schank recognized:
CCMS All-State Middle School Band
Kenneth Coval, Sam Holt, and Zachary Koenig.

CCMS All-State Middle School Choir
Alyssa Kurzendoerfer, Kassandra Porretta, Amber McCullough, Kayleigh Moss, and Joshua Willis.

CCHS All State Choir
Madelyn Bailey (Alto), Davis Benecke (Bass), Eric Fraatz (Tenor), Ben Jamieson (Bass), Spencer Knight (Tenor), Sophialynn Natividad (Alto), Tyler Raymond (Tenor), Matthew Sorensen (Tenor), Hanna Stewart (Soprano), Jenna Stewart (Alto), and Shailynn Winter (Soprano).

CCHS Small Schools All-State Band
Travis Beauregard (Trumpet), Zoey Brown (Clarinet), Chris Elder (Alto Sax), Eric Fraatz (Alto Sax), Neil Marran (Trombone), Shasta Mori (Percussion), and Curtis Nesbitt (Percussion).

CCHS Small School All-State Orchestra
Angel Baker (Violin), Juna Barnett (Bass), Davis Benecke (Violin), Jazmyne Bullock (Cello), Martina Cuevas (Violin & Piano), Austin Gregory (Viola), Caige Mathern (Bass), Britney McArthur (Percussion), Shasta Mori (Percussion), Sophialynn Natividad (Viola), Curtis Nesbitt (Percussion), Jordan Rockstrom (Percussion), Hanna Stewart (Viola), and Shailynn Winter (Cello).

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

A. Jessica Johnston will provide an update on the status of the Rio Vista property.

Jessica Johnston reported that they leased the Rio Vista field in the fall, which allowed time for the program to save money and organize their efforts to take over the maintenance of the field. Miles Getto leased the property and provided opportunities for students to watch the work that occurred on the field. Mr. Getto reported that once the weather clears, he would cut the winter wheat. He may laser the field or might harrow it and put in grain or a hay crop and work the field into the fall, time and weather permitting. Mr. Getto will work with the high school to turn the property back over to them. Mr. Getto stated that he uses Washoe seeds, as Washoe seeds can better tolerate the heat. President Whitaker thanked staff and Mr. Getto for working with the property.
B. Principals will present an update regarding their School Performance Plan.

Churchill County High School

Scott Winter reported on the high school’s School Performance Plan. They used Lyon County’s Student Goal Scoring Worksheet, which provides the ability to track student-learning goals, a Nevada Educator Performance Framework requirement. Mr. Winter spoke about Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports (PBIS) and credit recovery utilizing Edgenuity software. He reported that he has reviewed with staff the ACT trend data for the last three years and commented that scores are improving. Mr. Winter reported on the first year of the ACT Aspire Interim Test. Teachers can access data by pupil, class roster, and subject matter. Staff continues to work on curriculum mapping. Next year, Mr. Winter will put in place an implementation specialist and teacher to coach and mentor staff with a focus on curriculum and common assessments. Project-based learning is tied to the strategic plan and unifies the District. An Edgenuity handout was distributed at the meeting.

President Whitaker thanked the staff for their work, stating that previously there was a lack of data and that it was good to have a report that contains data. She noted that a couple of the curriculum mapping and common assessments were on the plan last year with specific dates to be completed, but they were not completed, and this concerns her. President Whitaker was pleased that there is more focus on the goals. Dr. Stephens commented that everybody is working in professional learning community time on curriculum mapping, writing common assessments, and tracking performance so that staff can have the right conversations about learning on a regular basis.

Lahontan Elementary School

Gregg Malkovich, Laura Malkovich, Faith Dellera, and Brad Whitaker presented Lahontan Elementary school’s School Performance Plan. Staff identified data that supports improved learning. Staff participates in grade-level data meetings and database professional development. They reported on guided reading course that Laura Malkovich and Katy Loop taught and literacy nights. Next year, staff intends to go back to a preprinted document provided from the University of Nevada, Reno, to guide literacy nights as they used these previously, and they intend to offer science-reading nights. They collaborated with the high school to offer coding. Staff intends to work to increase parent involvement.

Mr. Malkovich will work with Ms. Melendy in preparation for next year. Board members asked questions and voiced appreciation for the work that the Lahontan staff is doing. It was noted that what staff is doing with the literacy plan and the Read by Three program is working, and they will continue to refine and move forward.

E.C. Best Elementary School

Keith Boone congratulated Mr. Malkovich on his retirement and commented that he has enjoyed and benefited from his professional relationship with Mr. Malikovich. Mr. Boone reviewed E.C. Best’s School Performance Plan and the data that supports improvement in student learning. Board members voiced excitement for E.C. Best’s results and thanked Mr. Boone and his faculty for their results.
Numa Elementary School

Shawn Purrell, Noreen Swenson, Pat Moore, and Suzanna Hooper-Howe reviewed Numa’s School Performance Plan. They reviewed the results of the MAPS skills assessment and various trainings they have participated in. Teachers are planning to continue to use their current math and reading programs in support of student learning. Mr. Purrell commented that while they did not get a ten percent growth in everything, they grew in every subject, with the biggest jump in IEP and English Language Learners. The Board thanked Mr. Purrell and staff for their hard work.

Churchill County Middle School

Amy Word, Sandra Gilbert, and Traci Miller reported on the middle school’s School Performance Plan. They reported that four students sent a proposal to Envirolution to improve facilities to be efficient and conservative in energy consumption. They won funding for their lighting proposal to switch to LED lights in the 6th grade wing. Ms. Word reported that the school’s big goal was to become a four star school from two star status this year, one star last year. They have had rigorous, relevant curriculum, improved data, and have worked on building relationships with students to support social emotional needs and to improve attendance.

Ms. Miller spoke about implementing essential questions and were appreciative of working with Holly Young for professional development in math where they worked on differentiation and designing their own curriculum. Staff is excited to work with Ms. Young again next year. The math department has come together and have worked as a planning team on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Staff reported that the middle school has continued to offer clubs this year and there has been a reduction in referrals. Staff will report to the Board regarding the Blended Learning Community after the SBAC testing data is in, and will continue to work toward building relationships using the PBIS model.

Trustee Strasdin commented that she visited the middle school several times during professional development and noted that teachers were respectful and honest. Ms. Gilbert reported that she intends to schedule a parent involvement night in the fall; perhaps an escape room along with student projects and exhibits. Board members thanked staff for their continued work.

[The Board took a break from 8:42pm to 8:51pm.]

C. Update regarding District-related matters.

Dr. Stephens stated that staff has met in leadership team meetings to discuss potential changes to start times, in town busing, pros and cons to transfers at Northside and the middle school, and ways to establish efficiencies in bus routes. Currently, four buses are utilized solely for transfers. Dr. Stephens would like to look at a survey regarding transportation. The topic of busing will be a future Board agenda item.

Dr. Stephens is part of the county’s youth working group to create more standardization about suicide ideation protocols. The police department, sheriff’s office, coalition, and New Frontier are part of that group.
Dr. Stephens has continued to have collaborative meetings with Western Nevada College (WNC) surrounding adult education, dual enrollment, and career pathways.

Dr. Stephens commented that high school students have received just under $2 million in scholarships that students are going to use, and almost another $1 million that students have received to places they do not intend to go. Ten high school students received their Associates degrees through WNC. The District is transitioning to College and Career Ready diplomas and the Board has authorized issuing them now. There are also 34 students getting their College Ready Diplomas, 10 are getting their Career Ready Diplomas, and 8 are getting their College and Career Ready Diplomas. Some students will be taking Emergency Medical Services and Certified Nursing Assistant courses this summer.

BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATE
A. Budget to Actual Report (written report provided)
B. Update regarding other business items.

Phyllis Dowd reported that the Joint Committee on Senate Finance and the Assembly Ways and Means introduced the new funding model bill ten days prior. Senators Denis and Woodhouse worked on this model for quite some time. Jeremy Aguirre from Applied Analytics gave the presentation and committee members had long question and answer sessions. Dr. Titus reached out to districts to get information. The new funding model would not start for two years. Ms. Dowd provided a spreadsheet to the Board and members of the audience that captured the impact of the new funding model. Both Carson City and Eureka County would lose approximately $6.4 million dollars, which is significant. That is nearly sixty percent of Eureka County’s revenue. Clark and Washoe would get substantial increases, and the rest of the districts were opposed or neutral.

Instead of basing hold harmless on this year’s DSA amount where we are over inflated, they would base it on next year’s DSA. Looking at the model today, the effect for Churchill County School District would be neutral. The consultant shows $4,000 net loss of total revenue. It is actually $400,000 as they included adult education in this funding as a small school, but adult education is not part of K-12. The Board is cutting a significant portion of expenses. When this model comes into effect in the 2021-2023 biennium, if not changed, Churchill would be in a very good position. Then, different conversations could occur surrounding aligning the budget with the strategic plan.

The hold harmless total funding does not impact Churchill as much as others, involves the state funding categorical, DSA, any amount the state pushes to districts, and includes local wealth, property, sales taxes, and net proceeds from minerals. The bill sets up funds separate from the state’s general fund so that the money is not diverted or supplants other revenue, which Ms. Dowd supports. The hold harmless recommended by the analyst is the total amount. If you capture local wealth and then pull it into the state to get a proportion share of state funding. This is unrealistic for some counties, so there will be a lot of conversation surrounding this issue.

They would like an appointed commission containing rural and urban representatives, representatives from the Department of Education, and from the Legislative Counsel Bureau, plus a few others. The commission would implement the new plan and ensure the
correct implementation of the plan for the next 20 or 50 years. Some argue that this gives a lot of power to people, who are not elected, but they do not make decisions, they make recommendations to the legislature. There is an issue with mining proceeds for Elko, Lander, and Humboldt where the proceeds would reduce their DSA. The superintendents from those districts are opposed. Continuous monitoring ensures that the model is effective, protects funding streams from being diverted, reduces the number of categorical streams, provides for a two-year implementation period to ensure that there are not unintended consequences, and protects our ending fund balance. There was a lot of conversation about protecting the ending fund balance from collective bargaining, up to 16.6 percent. There are pros and cons associated with this issue.

Under the new plan, if there is a recession and there is no growth, funding would go down. If it reduces the funding for special education, the District would have to increase the transfer to the special education fund due to maintenance of effort. Funding for transportation and food services was removed. In the current model, funding for transportation is 85 percent of a four-year average, so they are not fulling funding transportation now. This needs to be based on real costs.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES UPDATE

A. The latest Student Enrollment Data will be provided to the Board of Trustees (written report provided)
B. Violent Acts Report, April 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019 (written report provided)

There were no questions.

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 April 9, 2019, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
D. Approval of April 24, 2019, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
E. Approval of April 24, 2019, Special Board Meeting Minutes
F. Approval of Modification to Class Size Reduction Report, Quarter 4
G. Approval of the 2019-20 Sponsor Application for the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs

Trustee Schank moved to approve the consent agenda as written, seconded by Trustee Strasdin. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.
REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee Strasdin reported on her attendance at the high school’s Churchill Champions Breakfast and voiced appreciation for Jaime Shafer and her work at the high school. Trustee Strasdin reported on her attendance at the Attendance and Discipline Meeting. President Whitaker requested Trustee Strasdin prepare an overview of the meeting for the next BoardBook.

Trustee Schank reported on her attendance at the Teacher Appreciation Dinner sponsored by Lead Green and on her attendance at a recent Board Policy Committee meeting.

Trustee Pinder reported on his attendance at the CCSD Annual Golf Tournament and on his attendance at a recent Board Policy Committee meeting.

President Whitaker reported attending several conference calls regarding the new funding and AB309. The Nevada Association of School Boards is not taking a position on the new funding model as districts have different opinions regarding the bill. President Whitaker also attended Tom Fleming’s final concert in the Old High School Pit, which was amazing. Many former students attended the concert. Several Board members attended the ground breaking for the Fallon Youth Club, which will be a great asset to Churchill County.

NEW BUSINESS

A. For Discussion and Possible Action: The Board will discuss the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Final Budget, including taking action to revise, add, or delete any line item in the proposed budget.

Dr. Stephens stated that AB309 attempts to provide districts with flexibility; however, our District does not have many of the items referenced in the bill. Dr. Stephens recommends the District stay in a holding pattern with regard to budget until the legislature closes.

Phyllys Dowd reported attending a Joint Committee meeting with Finance and Assembly Ways and Means. They approved what the Governor recommended with a few modifications, closed the education budgets, and moved the bills to the session for approval. They did increase SB178 funding, as recommended by the Governor. The funding stream proposed by Governor Sisolak for school safety was to come from retail tax on marijuana sales. The legislature diverted that funding to go into the education fund, so they cut money from school safety. They deferred social and emotional learning to be addressed in the next biennium. The school resource officer funding was approved, so the intent is for the District to share the costs of a resource office with the Fallon Police Department. The legislature also provided school improvement funding. The District can apply for funding for single point of entry. The legislature will start approving budget bills on May 29.

Ms. Dowd submitted a memo in BoardBook that identifies changes from the tentative budget, previously approved by the Board. Ms. Dowd recommended that the Board approve the final budget in BoardBook with a 3.5 percent ending fund balance, which is less than the required 4 percent. There is the potential that the District could receive some of the 10 percent excise tax. The District has a good argument for the Department of Taxation as to why our ending fund balance is less than 4 percent. Ms. Dowd reduced the contingency fund from $100,000 to $50,000, as Policy 3010.0 requires a contingency fund. The high school counselors were reduced by five extra days, the dean positon was
exchanged for a counselor position at the high school, there was a need to replace a P.E. teacher, and there was an increase in the transfer to food services to cover not moving staff to Chartwells. Ms. Dowd added wages and benefits to the budget and reduced what the District would have paid Chartwells for those positions, and increased the transfer in from the general fund. Ms. Dowd estimated savings on the elementary breakfast program, which will be $36,000 to $38,000, dependent on breakfast after the bell or universal free breakfast. The budget was updated based on the Capital Improvement Plan that the Board approved in April. The District closed on the refunding of the bonds from 2010-11, so the Debt Service Fund was updated.

Ms. Dowd referenced a draft letter in BoardBook for budget submittal. She plans to wait until after the session closes to submit the letter. If the District gets more funding, the District will submit a revised budget. If not, then Ms. Dowd will elaborate more in the letter regarding the hardship to the District. If the legislature does anything to impact funding, the District is authorized by NRS to submit a budget revision within 30 days of the closing of the legislative session. Ms. Dowd anticipates a budget revision in June. The Board took no action.

B. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** The Board may approve reductions in force for any positions, including classified, licensed, administrative, and all others.

Dr. Stephens does not recommend any additional reductions at this time. There was no action.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** The Board will approve the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Final Budget.

Trustee Strasdin moved to approve fiscal year 2019-20 Final Budget, seconded by Trustee Schank. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ryan Smith, high school sophomore, voiced concern about the lack of AP classes offered at the high school next year. He spoke in support of AP classes as these help students prepare for the ACT test, AP classes offer more rigor, and credits through WNC could be transferred but they do not always transfer, while the score from the AP test can be transferred to most colleges.

Ryan Smith commented that various high school boys’ bathrooms have been closed in the vocational bulling, the math building, and recently, in the main building. President Whitaker commented that if Mr. Smith has written comments, he can provide that to Dr. Stephens and she will provide that to Board members.

Mr. Winter thanked Mr. Smith for his comments. Mr. Winters explained that they did not remove any AP classes. They have to look at student numbers as in June of 2011 the Board provided guidance that if less than 15 students the class should not be offered. If numbers come up, no problem. AP Chemistry was not offered, but students advocated and now there are 19 students who want to take AP Chemistry, so it is being offered. We are asking students to take the AP final exam. A score of three or higher will get students into most colleges, but
colleges are starting to require up to a four or five. If students take a WNC class it may transfer easier, but it does depend on the school.

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

Trustee Schank requested discussion on the AP situation. Trustee Hyde requested a memo to the Board regarding staff absenteeism.

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

Trustees Whitaker, Hyde, and Schank will meet at 5:00 on Tuesday, May 28.

**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.*

There was no need for a closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:48 p.m.

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Carmen Schank, Clerk of the Board

*Prepared by Debra Shyne*