CALL TO ORDER
President Whitaker called to order the special meeting of the Churchill County School District Board of Trustees at 4:03 p.m. at the Northside Early Learning Center, 340 Venturacci Lane – Room, Fallon, Nevada.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
President Whitaker 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
Trustee Kathryn Whitaker, President
Trustee Matt Hyde, Vice President
Trustee Carmen Schank, Clerk
Trustee Phil Pinder, Acting Clerk
Trustee Tricia Strasdin
Trustee Amber Getto
Trustee Fred Buckmaster

Others Present
Dr. Summer Stephens, Superintendent
Sharla Hales, Legal Counsel
Debra Shyne, Executive Assistant
(Interested Staff/Community Members per Attached List)

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS
A. For Presentation and Discussion Only: Derild Parsons, Director, will provide an overview of the Northside Early Learning Center program.

Derild Parsons reported that NELC has five four-year-old classrooms, one three-year-old Zoom classroom, and one three-year-old special education classroom. Mr. Parsons presented a video of students and classrooms showing activities from that day’s instruction.

B. For Presentation and Discussion Only: The Board will meet at Northside Early Learning Center to discuss their programs and receive input from staff regarding achievements and challenges.

Treasa Pursley, Michelle Herzbrun, Emily Bingham, and Sandy Vanderbeek presented information to the Board regarding grant requirements for their program, some of the standards they teach students, and successes and challenges that occur in their classrooms.
They stated that NELC is a four-star school. Yearly, an audit occurs to ensure that NELC meets federal grant requirements. NELC fails every time on health and safety on their playground but may have improvements since the new equipment was installed.

Staff explained the ways they support students in building relationships, building language skills, and how to self-regulate. Additional items discussed included:

- Lack of funding
- Need for more learning tools and supplies
- Need for permanent instructional aides (currently, many are substitutes)
- Importance of teaching English to non-English speaking students
- Assessments
- Providing a safe and fun learning environment
- Importance of inclusion of special education students
- Examples of student learning success
- Learning strategies
- Importance of parent involvement

President Whitaker voiced appreciation for NELC staff and the support they provide to their students.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Pursley commented that the District’s insurance is horrible.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:21 p.m.

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Carmen Schank, Clerk of the Board

*Prepared by Debra Shyne*