

Nevada Joint Union High School District

Board Meeting Summary February 14, 2024



Highlights from the Board Meeting

Staff Reports/Presentations

School Librarians, Josie Andrews and Kristina Stroeve shared a presentation on the State of the NJUHSD libraries that included community partnerships, statistics, testimonials and future library plans.

Director of Pupil Services, Tim Reid, provided the Board with an update on the district Wellness Centers that included usage data, funding sources, and future goals. highlighted the participation in the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) Statewide Multi-Payer School-linked Fee Schedule Cohort 1 that will aid in the programs becoming self-sustaining.

Assistant Superintendent, Aurora Thompson, shared the LCAP Mid-Cycle Review, providing the Board with detailed information on the district's progress toward the 2021-2024 LCAP goals as well as the District Scorecard.

NJUHSTA Vice President, Lily Gickler introduced a few of the items included in the "sunshine proposal" on the agenda for the full contract negotiations and reported that both the district and NJUHSTA teams have committed to attend a training session together to foster a positive process. She invited Board members to continue to visit the sites or negotiations team members if they have questions.

Heather Quiggle, CSEA President, submitted a letter read by Superintendent Frisella that shared that the 2024 Executive Board took office in January and thanked the negotiations teams for their hard work. Classified staff with over 20 years of service in the district were also acknowledged including Dayna Crowley, Dana Kennedy, Polly Bauer, Paco Ruiz, Tammy Shurte, John Townsend, and Catherin Adams.

Superintendent Frisella welcomed Sierra Haack as the district's new CBO, thanking her and Frank Jerome, Interim CBO for their work. He shared that he continues to set aside Coaching Days to visit staff at their sites and enjoys these visits. He also shared that district staff have launched the LCAP committee engagement process, and are entering Spring planning season for budget and staffing for the 2024-25 school year.

The Board Reports



Trustee Shaun Chilton (Student Representative)

Trustee Chilton's report included a summary of his Listening Tour stops at BRHS, GHS, & SS. He also shared his plan for Student Board Advisory to meet on the first Wednesday of each month, open to all students so all student voices can be consistently heard.



President DuWaine Ganskie (Area 4)

Trustee Ganksie shared pride in our district extracurricular activities, noting that what sets our district apart from other educational programs in the county is the diversity of opportunities students can participate in.



Vice President Wendy Willoughby (Area 2)

Trustee Willoughby reported she's been enjoying time on campuses with teachers and staff and is looking forward to visiting additional sites in the coming weeks. She was also delighted to see so much student support for the Alice in Wonderland production. See our You Have a Choice video HERE.



Clerk Olivia Pritchett (Area 1)

Trustee Pritchett shared the importance of not only the academic programs we offer but also the other services provided by the district including athletics, Wellness Centers and mental health services, transportation, and field trips that all foster an important sense of community.



Trustee Ken Johnson (Area 5)

Trustee Johnson was inspired by a recent visit to the Silver Springs campus noting their new CTE course and the many field trip offerings. He also reported participating in the Bear River WASC welcome, noting the importance of self evaluation.



Trustee Geoffrey Nelson (Area 3)

Trustee Nelson was impressed with the Nevada County Youth Commission self-organization structure and encouraged dropping in on a meeting for a positive outlook on the county's direction and feeling good about our country. He also mentioned the Mountain Bike Club coaching staff with a focus on increasing female athlete participation in the sport.

Discussion Items & Action Taken

- → Tentative Agreements between NJUHSD and CSEA, and between NJUHSD and NJUHSTA were approved including, as well as updated salary schedules.
- → Updated salary schedules (increases of 4%) were approved for all employee groups NJUHSTA, CSEA, Management, Unrepresented and Classified Confidential positions.
- → Initial Bargaining Proposals were approved.
- → A Land Acknowledgement Policy was discussed.
- → The Comprehensive Site Safety Plans were approved.
- → The School Accountability Report Cards were approved.
- → The following courses were approved:
 - ◆ AP 2D ArtDesign (11-0)
 - ◆ AP Drawing (11-0)
 - ◆ Culinary Mgmt (12-0)
 - ◆ Acad Peer Tutor (12-0)
 - ◆ Skills Health2 (12-0)
 - ◆ AP 3D ArtDesign (11-0)
 - ◆ T2 Lab (12-0)
 - ◆ Sustainable Ag (12-0)

- ◆ Plant Science (12-0)
- ◆ Ag Mechanics I (12-0)
- ◆ Ag Mechanics II (12-0)
- ◆ Ag MechanicsIII (12-0)
- ◆ Ag Mechanics IV (12-0)
- ◆ AX Int Math A/B (12-2)
- ◆ AX Int Math C/D (12-2)

→ An update and discussion took place surrounding the Nevada County Food Services JPA and a possible contribution from Fund 13.

For details or additional information, please see the full meeting agenda **HERE**.

The recording of the meeting can be found **HERE**.



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