

Nevada Joint Union High School District

Board Meeting Summary

January 17, 2024



Highlights from the Board Meeting

Staff Reports/Presentations

The Nevada Union nighttime custodial staff was recognized for their hard work and dedication to keeping our facilities clean and safe.

The Bear River Student Showcase included Audra Paasch (9) who recited the FFA Creed and Dakota Graham (10) who shared slides highlighting projects from the Floral Design course.

Bear River High School Principal Chris Roberts shared copies of the WASC Self Study report in anticipation of their WASC visit in February. He praised his staff for their commitment to the process and the school.

NJUHSTA President, Eric Mayer acknowledged the work at the bargaining table of all parties in reaching the TA on the agenda and looks forward to a full book open session with expectations of a smooth and quick resolution. He also shared positive feedback from staff regarding the visits from the superintendent and Board members, inviting them to continue those efforts.

Superintendent Frisella acknowledged the Board for their service as it is Board Appreciation Month. Additionally, it was acknowledged that Nevada Union's administrative team and SRO Paul McCallum were incredibly responsive and proactive in minimizing what could have been a credible threat to school safety. A district scorecard was shared with the Board, noting site scorecards would be revealed at the first LCAP meeting.

Trustee Willoughby and Superintendent Frisella shared a summary of their work from the Equity Network workshops, noting the next steps to look for include creating a land acknowledgment statement and an equity statement as well as the inward facing work of a Board self assessment, a Healthy School Communities task force, and management training for evaluation of policies.

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Trustee Shaun Chilton (Student Representative)

Trustee Chilton's report included reflection on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. He noted that his Listening Tour as well as the district scorecard reveals a positive school culture for most students.



President DuWaine Ganskie (Area 4)

Trustee Ganksie reported attending a Bear River basketball game and engaging in conversations with parents there. He was proud that these conversations were about how great the kids are, not about their athletic performances.



Vice President Wendy Willoughby (Area 2)

Trustee Willoughby shared that she is very thankful for our Student Trustee, Shaun Chilton.



Clerk Olivia Pritchett (Area 1)

Trustee Pritchett shared appreciation for how the Board works together with respect. She noted winter break was a time with family and that she is looking forward to 2024, regular site visits and check-ins with students.



Trustee Ken Johnson (Area 5)

Trustee Johnson was elected to serve a second term as the Representative to the Nevada County Transportation JPA. He was not present at the January meeting due to other commitments.



Trustee Geoffrey Nelson (Area 3)

Trustee Nelson praised the staff as unsung heroes. He also gave a shout out to the Mountain Bike Club Coaches and noted that our Nevada County trails are excellent. He shared that January is a time that he reflects on the past year and is thankful for the people and progress made in 2023.

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- ❖ A Tentative Agreement between NJUHSD and NJUHSTA was approved.
- ♦ Nevada Union High School District schools received many generous donations, including a notable \$100,000 donation to Nevada Union from the estate of Lucile J. Templeton.
- ❖ The School Accountability Report Cards were approved.
- ❖ The district received a favorable audit report.
- The following courses were approved:
 - ➤ Flag Football PE (13-0)
 - ➤ Outdoor Adventure PE (14-0)
 - > Art 1 (14-0)
 - > Art 2 (13-0)
 - > Art 3 (14-0)
 - ➤ Essential Eng 9 (15-0)
 - ➤ Essential Eng 10 (15-0)
 - ➤ Essential Eng 11 (14-0)

- ➤ Int II Math Lab (14-0)
- ➤ Academic Peer Tutor: Math (12-0)
- ➤ Exploring Computer Science (13-0)
- ➤ Ethnic Studies (13-0)
- ➤ Intro to Studio Art (13-0)

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