

**LANDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
450 E. 6TH STREET
BATTLE MOUNTAIN, NV 89820
January 12, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

A recorded CD is available for review of this meeting in its entirety.

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Mike Chopp called the meeting to order at approximately 5:32p.m. at the Lander County School District Office, 450 E. 6th Street, Battle Mountain, Nevada.

President Mike Chopp led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Taken by President Todd Thompson

Present:

Mike Chopp	(President)
Doug Staton	(Clerk)
Dr. Todd Thompson	(Trustee)
Laken Sullivan	(Trustee)
Manuel Villanueva	(Trustee)
Linda McMahon	(Trustee)
Russell Klein	(Superintendent)
Sondra Torgerson	(Principal)
Lorrie Sparks	(Principal)
Toby Melver	(Principal)
Scott Shakespeare	(Director of Administrative Programs)

Absent:

Elizabeth Valdovinos	(Trustee)
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B. PUBLIC COMMENT-*The following may not be verbatim. A copy of this meeting's recording is available.*

Mr. Neill Jensen spoke on behalf of the teachers association. He noted areas of concern on the dress code policy. He questioned why a committee wasn't formed and why is there a volunteer dress code.

C. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF NOTICED AGENDA- For Possible Action

Trustee Staton made the motion to approve and adopt the noticed agenda. Trustee Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Vote:

Aye – President Mike Chopp, Trustees Manny Villanueva, Doug Staton, Linda McMahon and Todd Thompson

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

D. ACTION ITEM-*For Possible Action*

- 1. Election of Board Officers – Recommendation:** That the Board review and possibly take action to elect a board president, board clerk, a representative to Nevada Association of School Boards, Alternate NASB Director, a representative to serve on the debt management commission, and Nevada Legislature Liaison.

Trustee Thompson made the motion to keep Mike Chopp as the president and all of the other board positions the way they are. Trustee Villanueva seconded.

Vote:

Aye – President Mike Chopp, Trustees Laken Sullivan, Manny Villanueva, Doug Staton, Linda McMahon and Todd Thompson

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

B. PUBLIC COMMENT-*The following may not be verbatim. A copy of this meeting's recording is available.*

The President wanted to come back to public comment to express his feelings about a loss the community has experienced. He thanked the staff with responding so quickly to make sure the staff and students have the resources readily accessible.

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1. NASB & Legislative Update-** Trustee Linda McMahon will update the Board with any NASB news and on the Legislative Interim Committee on education.

Trustee McMahon went over briefly the forms that NASB had provided and are in the online board packet

- NASB Conference dates that have been postponed for 2020 are March 25-27, Harvey's South Lake Tahoe
- NASB Conference dates for 2021 are Nov 11-15, Harvey's South Lake Tahoe

- 2. Technology Update -** The Board will hear about the current state of technology in the district. Representatives from Oasis Online will be present to answer questions.

Nathan Crary represented Oasis Online

- 216 tickets have been closed
- 27 tickets are open
- The wireless microwave radios to the junior high school are fully functioning

- 3. Battle Mountain High School Highlights-**Mrs. Torgerson will give a presentation of the happenings at the high school.

The presentation was postponed

- 4. Quarterly Budget Update**

The report has been postponed until the next meeting.

F. CONSENT ITEMS - *For Possible Action*

- 1. Approval and Payment of Bills and Warrants totaling \$1,219,539.23**
(Accounts Payable for Dec 10th \$157,298.54, Dec 14th \$53,821.40, Dec 21st \$21,880.70, Dec 30th \$131,228.00)

- Payroll for December \$855,310.59)**
- 2. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting Held on November 10th**
 - 3. Grants Approval-** The Board review and possibly approve to give the Superintendent or his designee the authority to apply for grants and request for funds.
 - 4. Approval of the 2nd Quarter Class Size Reduction Report**
 - 5. Approval of Employees' Resignations**
 - 6. Approval of the Out of District Contract with Eureka County-** The contract has been revised and needs approval.
 - 7. Approval of the Restorative Practices Plans**

Mr. Shakespeare explained that the Restorative Practice Plans are a part of AB168. It is a plan that shows how we try to do what is best for kids by improving relationships and not harming them.

Trustee Staton made the motion to approve the consent items. Trustee Villanueva seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Vote:

Aye – President Mike Chopp, Trustees Laken Sullivan, Manny Villanueva, Doug Staton, Linda McMahon and Todd Thompson

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

G. ACTION ITEMS- *For Possible Action*

- 1. Approval of the 2nd Reading of the LCSD Conduct and Dress Code Policy 05.2.14**

After discussion the Superintendent will revise the policy and will present for a third reading. Some items to be address are the volunteer portion and to add substitutes.

No action was taken

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The Pennington Foundation awarded the grant and the supplies are being ordered.
- Water stations have been ordered still waiting on them.
- State fiscal reporting for board members reminder.
- Planning of the annual strategic planning meeting.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 30 day mandate would like to have a discussion on where we are at, survey teachers on their thoughts.
- Kindergarten and 1st growth report and comfort levels of staff.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

K. CLOSED SESSION

The Board may meet in a closed labor session pursuant to NRS 241.015(3)(b)(2), for the purpose of receiving information regarding potential or threatened litigation, and to debate toward decision on the matter.

Trustee Staton made the motion to go into closed session at 6:12pm. Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Vote:

Aye – President Mike Chopp, Trustees Laken Sullivan, Doug Staton, Linda McMahon and Todd Thompson

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

President Chopp came back to open meeting at 6:59pm.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Sullivan moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m. Trustee Staton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vote:

Aye – President Mike Chopp, Trustees Laken Sullivan, Doug Staton, Linda McMahon and Todd Thompson

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Killeen, Board Secretary**

These minutes were approved at the meeting of February 16, 2021.

Mike Chopp, President

Doug Staton, Clerk