

**LANDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUSTIN SCHOOLS
200 HWY 305N
AUSTIN, NV 89310
May 11, 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 5:39pm at the Austin School, 200 Hwy 305 N Austin, Nevada.

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

Roll Call - Taken by President Mike Chopp

Present:

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

Absent:

Toby Melver	(Principal)
Sondra Torgerson	(Principal)

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

Public Comment was made by the following people.

Bert Ramos
Roger James
Tom Riggins
Katie Vezina

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

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

Vote:

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

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. **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.

- No Report

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

The NASB had training in Reno April 23rd with a focus on Open Meeting Law and the next one is in Las Vegas on May 21st and 22nd. Communication with the public during public comment is strongly discouraged because it could lead to deliberations on a non-agendized item. Training hours need to be earned as part of state statutes.

3. **Austin Highlights-**

Mr. Shakespeare stated that Shawna, Michelle and Dani have been doing an amazing job with the kids. Next year they are expecting more students and the district is looking to make sure the school is prepared for that. The beginning of the school year was rocky due to the COVID concerns of parents, but in October all of her students were back face to face in the classroom. The students have shown great academic growth for all of the students. Mrs. Mabe is grateful to the parents for sending the kids in full time and extremely proud of her students. Appointments can be made for Kindergarten prescreening.

E. CONSENT ITEMS - *For Possible Action*

1. **Approval and Payment of Bills and Warrants totaling \$1,428,496.59**
(Accounts Payable for April 15th \$501,518.47 and April 20th \$2,844.78----Payroll for April \$924,133.34)
 2. **Approval of Minutes for the Meeting Held on April 13th**
 3. **Approval of Employee Resignations and/or New Hires-** Special Ed at ELJHS-Carly Hampton, 7/8 ELA ELJHS Teacher-Ashley Ramos
 4. **Receipt, Review, and Approval of Requests for Religious Exemption from Immunization**
 5. **Quarterly Approval of the Class Size Reduction Report 3rd Qtr.**
 6. **Approval of the FY21-22 School Calendar.** This is a yearly approval. The state requires Board approval prior to the submission to the State Superintendent.
 7. **Approval of the School Board Meeting Calendar**
- Trustee Sullivan asked to pull Item number 3-concerning Ashley Ramos will be removed from the consent agenda until another meeting and consider renewing the assistant principal position at the elementary school for another year.
 - Trustee Sullivan asked for further explanation on item #4-the information can be found on NRS 392.439

Trustee Sullivan made the motion to approve the consent items 1,2,4-7. Trustee McMahon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Vote:

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

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Trustee Sullivan made the motion to approve the consent items 3 for the Special Ed position at the ELJHS, Carly Hampton. Trustee Villanueva seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Vote:

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

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

Trustee Thompson added that the Board should be careful about discussing specific placement of employees. It is beneficial to discuss as a Board but not micro manage the principals.

F. ACTION ITEMS- For Possible Action

- 1. Zone Variance Request for FY22-** A request from a family will be reviewed to attend Nye County schools.

Trustee McMahon made the motion to approve the Zone Variance Request for FY22. Trustee Staton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Vote:

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

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

G. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Four students have tested positive for COVID, not school related.
- Our public information officer has been putting the effort into our social media pages for all district open positions.
- Staff Awards- The mines have funded a banquet to honor employees of the school district.
- Oasis has helped setting up GoToWebinar and link is now on the BoardDocs website to join the meetings virtually.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS- The Board may make suggestions for items or topics to be placed on future agendas for Board consideration. Items suggested here may not necessarily be placed on a future agenda.

- Assistant Principal at the elementary school
- Review handouts
- Policies-Education literature
- Funding-Public request
- Include Austin updates in the Superintendent report.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT *The following may not be verbatim. A copy of this meeting’s recording is available.*

- Brian Sparks
- Tom Riggins
- Layliah Torres
- Charlie Vaughn
- Mike Chopp

J. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Sullivan moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:55 p.m. Trustee McMahon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vote:

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

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

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

These minutes were approved at the meeting of June 22, 2021.

Mike Chopp, President

Doug Staton, Clerk