

**LANDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
450 E. 6TH STREET
BATTLE MOUNTAIN, NV 89820
May 25, 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 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 Mike Chopp

Present:

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

Absent:

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

Trustee Staton made the motion to move Item C up in the order on the agenda, to present informational item #1 to before Item B (Public Comment) and approve the amended agenda. Trustee McMahan seconded.

Vote:

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

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1. Recognition Awards-** The Board will recognize Arva Fielder, Sally Mills, Beth Smith, Keesha Averett, Jim Pacheco, Roger Wallock, and Sondra Torgerson for their years of service to the children of Lander County School District. NASB Administrator of the year award-Lorrie Sparks. The district would also like to recognize Officer Ceja for his dedication to the students and staff during his time as the Schools Resource Officer.

Mr. Klein presented all of the retirees with their plaques of appreciation for the many years they have served the students of Lander County.

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

- Cindy Clark
- Anita Artz
- Carly Bennett
- Katie Vezina
- Kim Buffington
- Becky Spring
- Cassandra Gunther
- Kylee Nelson
- Tony Heathman
- Ezra Brown
- Amanda Brown
- Seth Brown
- Jess Harvey
- Alicia Price
- January Baker
- Sandy Ayers
- Brian Sparks

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. **Fiscal Records Commentary**
3. **COVID Update-Mr. Klein put website to make comments to the Governor's office concerning mandates**

E. CONSENT ITEMS - For Possible Action

1. **Approval of Minutes for the Meeting Held on March 9th and May 11th**
- ~~2. **New Hires**-Ashley Ramos-Eleanor Lemaire-JHS- Tabled~~
3. **Resignations**-Joyce DeAllah, Heather Nield, Mackenzie Clark
4. **Approval of Forms for Distribution from the PIRC.**

Trustee Sullivan requested to remove May 11th from the consent agenda and to defer #3 until Action Item #3.

Trustee Villanueva made the motion to approve the consent items March 9th minutes, 3, and 4. Trustee Sullivan 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

F. ACTION ITEMS- For Possible Action

1. **Accept the POOL/PACT Renewal Proposal** - Acceptance of renewal proposal from Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL) and approval for payment from FY22 funds.

The Board had to call Mr. Wayne Carlson due to technical difficulties with the new GoToWebinar system.

Trustee Staton made the motion to the POOL/PACT Renewal Proposal and approve the payment from FY22 funds. Trustee Valdovinos 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

- 2. Approval of the Final Budget for FY22-**The Board will review and possibly approve the LCSD’s FY22 final budget.

Trustee Staton made the motion to accept and approve the Final Budget for FY22. Trustee Sullivan 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

- 3. Direct the Superintendent to Create an Assistant Principal Position at BMES and Further Direct the Superintendent to Place Ashley Ramos into that Position.**

Mrs. Ramos read a statement to the Board.

Trustee Thompson mentioned the possibility of creating a committee and discouraged talking about personnel issues.

Trustee Sullivan made a motion to extend the vice principal position at the elementary school for one more year and to continue with Ashley Ramos in that position.

The motion died due to the lack of a second.

Trustee Thompson made a motion to form a committee to review the accusations and discuss this situation and come back to the Board with a recommendation. Trustee Valdovinos seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

Nay – Trustees Doug Staton, Linda McMahon

Abstain – 0

E. CONSENT ITEMS - *For Possible Action*

1. New Hires-Ashley Ramos-Eleanor Lemaire JHS

Trustee Villanueva made the motion to approve Consent Item #2. Trustee McMahon seconded it.

Vote:

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

Nay – 0

Abstain – 0

4. Ratification of the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement for years 2020-2024

Trustee Staton made the motion to Ratify of the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement for years 2020-2024. 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

G. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Mr. Klein said the district recently got a \$230,000 state grant to expand the early childhood program from one teacher to two this will be covered for a 3 year period.
- Renewed Title I grant for \$90,000.
- The legislature passed the final vote for the new pupil centered funding plan and Net Mine Proceeds will be coming to an end.

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.

- Masks June 1st –Trustee Thompson-reopening plan.
- Superintendent Evaluation-Trustee Sullivan
- Would like to see the contract between the district and Wilson Barrows Asso.-Trustee Sullivan

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

- Trustee Staton
- Bert Ramos
- Tom Riggins
- Amanda Brown

J. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:55 p.m. Trustee Staton 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