

**PERSHING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (PCSD)
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES FOR APRIL 15, 2024 REGULAR MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER- 5:18 PM

IN ATTENDANCE – James Evans- Board President, Michael Mancebo- Board Clerk, Cindy Plummer- Board Member, Marci Carruth- Board Member, Russell Fecht- Superintendent, Lisa Clark- Finance Officer, Jordan McKinney- Board Secretary, William Harvey- Lovelock and Imlay Elementary School Principal, Eva Nelson- Lovelock and Imlay Elementary School Vice Principal, Shelly Nee- Teacher, Donna Beck- Teacher, Jonathan Reynolds- Pershing County High School Principal, Valerie Franco- Student, Josie Brooks- Student, Stella Hughes- Student, Tina Gallagher- Visitor, Melissa Hughes- Visitor
Absent: Melissa Shields- Board Member

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

3. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES-

Josie Brooks and Stella Hughes spoke about activities at PCMS including track, assemblies, and summer fest. Valerie Franco gave an update on PCHS including prom, leadership conference and neon dodgeball.

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA- None

5. CONSENT AGENDA-

- a) Approval of Minutes for February 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, March 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, March 27, 2023 Budget Workshop, March 28, 2024 Special Meeting
- b) Approval of Vouchers
- c) Monthly Business Report
- d) Notice of Intent to Homeschool
- e) Appointments- Micheal Gillis- Maintenance
- f) Retirements/Resignations- Cheryl Daniel
- g) Letters of Intent- Teacher Reappointments for 2024-2025 School Year per NRS 391.3196
- h) Annual Renewal of Auditor Services with Sciarani & Company for Fiscal Year 2024

Micheal Mancebo and Cindy Plummer thanked Cheryl Daniel for her many years of service. **Michael Mancebo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Cindy Plummer 2nd Motion Passed 4/0.**

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) 2024-2025 PCCTA Contract Approval

Russell Fecht gave a summary of the new contract with the Teachers Association.

Cindy Plummer motioned to approve the 2024-2025 PCCTA Contract. Marci Carruth 2nd. Motion passed 4/0

- b) Elementary School ELA Resource Selection-

Bill Harvey and Eva Nelson explained the process Lovelock Elementary School has gone through this year to select a new English Language Arts program and informed the Board that they chose Houghton Mifflin. They also detailed what the 5 year contract includes and the next steps in the process of rolling out the new curriculum to staff and students for the 2024-2025 school year. Superintendent Fecht expressed his support for the new curriculum.

- c) Approval of Mr. Dennis Holmes Superintendent Employment Contract

Mr. Fecht explained some details of the contract and that he is in contact with Mr. Holmes. **Marci Carruth moved to accept contract. Cindy Plummer 2nd. Motion passed 4/0**

- d) NSBA Conference Follow-Up

Mr. Fecht and Lisa Clark gave their takeaways from the NSBA Conference in New Orleans. Ms. Clark included Ruby Bridges and her emphasis on equality in school districts and she also

enjoyed Timothy Shriver and the Dignity Index. Ms. Clark also got some ideas on how to improve the District regarding Staff Wellness and got ideas about a wellness room and teacher supports. Mr. Fecht added that his takeaways included utilizing public funds and recruitment and retention. Mr. Fecht also attended the staff wellness session and gave suggestions on how to fund it. Michael Mancebo spoke about what he took away from the Conference and included what sessions he enjoyed including a sessions about Artificial Intelligence and mental health in schools. James Evans gave his insights about the Conference, mainly Superintendent supports and the AI session he went to provided good information about the positive things Artificial Intelligence can do. Marci Carruth stated that she enjoyed this years conference more than last year, and spoke about her sessions she attended and what she learned including how we should embrace Artificial Intelligence, School Law updates, and student nutrition.

7. STAFF REPORTS-

a) Principals' Reports-

Principal Harvey provided a written report but he included that there was a good turnout for Pancakes with Ponies.

Principal Reynolds updated the Board on PCHS including State FFA, Honor Society, baseball played at Greater Nevada Field, CTE Testing pass rate is exceptional.

b) Superintendents' Report-

Superintendent Fecht reported that he is trying to make the transition for the new Superintendent as smooth as possible. Mr. Fecht also included that he was the speaker at the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. Mr. Fecht informed the Board that the Prison Education team is heading to Las Vegas for a Professional Development opportunity.

c) Board Member Reports-

Michael Mancebo and Cindy Plummer commended Mr. Fecht for his speech at National Honor Society.

Marci Carruth went to Pancakes with Ponies.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Wendy Nelsen stated that her family's apartments will have units available in 60 days. Mrs. Nelsen included that the Frontier Community Coalition would love to help with teacher wellness. She updated the Board on grants she is working on and offered to help the School District with grant writing. Mrs. Nelsen also gave statistics on depression and drug use rates in Rural Nevada.

9. IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES

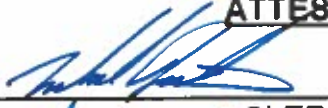
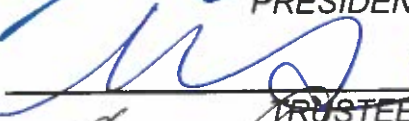
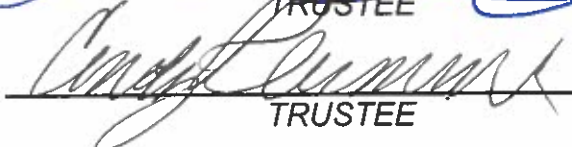
- a) May 20, 2024 5:15 pm- Regular Board Meeting
- b) May 29, 2024 12:00 pm- Budget Hearing

10. ADJOURNMENT-

There being no further business to come before the members of the Board of Trustees in this regular meeting, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

 _____ PRESIDENT	 _____ CLERK
 _____ TRUSTEE	 _____ TRUSTEE
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Approved at PCSD Board of
Trustees Meeting
Date: 6/17/2024