

**MINUTES OF THE
Special Meeting of the
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Administrative Services Building
October 18, 2010
2:00 p.m.**

**Minutes Approved
November 9, 2010**

Present:

Trustees:

Teri Jamin	President
Keith Roman	Clerk
Karen Chessell	Member
Sharla Hales	Member

Absent:

Thomas Moore	Vice President
Randy Green	Member
Cynthia Trigg	Member

Personnel:

Lisa Noonan, Superintendent

1. Call to Order

Ms. Jamin called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Jamin inquired to see if there were any suggested revisions or public input regarding the agenda. There were none.

Mrs. Chessell moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mr. Roman.

Motion carried, 4/0.

Public Comment

Ms. Jamin called for public comment on items other than what was listed in the agenda. There were no comments offered.

Ms. Jamin recognized two Western Nevada College students who were in attendance due to a college course requirement.

2. Discussion and review of District Vision and Mission Statements
(Information and Discussion)

Dr. Noonan provided samples of Vision and Mission Statements from various Districts. DCSD was noted to currently have a Mission Statement, but not a Vision Statement. A Vision Statement was defined as an inspirational idea of what our ultimate goal is as a district. The Mission Statement more defined the daily work necessary to achieve the vision.

The Statement of Beliefs and Commitments located in the Strategic Plan were reviewed.

The point of having Mission and Vision Statements, as well as how they would be incorporated throughout the district was discussed. It was determined the addition of a Vision Statement was desirable. Discussion surrounded invoking confidence in students through long term vision.

The committee discussed word usage and the impact overall. Consensus was the Statements would be designed to impress upon all students, from an early age, high educational goals. The desired focus would be on teachers and the district to motivate and engage students to learn while maintaining a passion to succeed.

Suggestions were offered and considered for a new Douglas County School District Vision Statement.

Vision Statement examples offered for sharing with district leadership, staff, and students were:

- 1) A DCSD diploma; the power of graduating with choices
- 2) A DCSD diploma; the power to attain your dreams
- 3) A DCSD diploma; the power to capture your dreams
- 4) A DCSD diploma; the power to determine your destiny
- 5) A DCSD diploma; the power to control your destiny
- 6) Imagine how a DCSD diploma;...

Following review of the current Mission Statement, revisions were made. The following revised Mission Statement would be offered to staff and students for consideration:

Douglas County School District, in partnership with parents and community, will ensure that all students achieve excellence in education, character, and citizenship.

Input received from staff and students regarding the above possibilities for a Vision Statement along with revisions to the Mission Statement were scheduled to be provided by Dr. Noonan at the next Special Meeting Friday, December 10, 2010, 9:00 a.m., at the Administrative Services Building.

3. Adjournment

Mrs. Chessell moved to adjourn at 4:05 p.m., seconded by Mr. Roman.

Motion carried, 4/0.

Submitted by,

Carolyn Moore
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:

Clerk of the Board

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