

Douglas County School District
Special Meeting
Administrative Services Building
Minden, Nevada
Tuesday, January 7, 2014
4:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved
January 14, 2014

MINUTES

Present:

Trustees:

Thomas Moore, President
Ross Chichester, Clerk – via phone conference
Sharla Hales - Member
Teri Jamin - Member

Absent:

Karen Chessell, Vice President
Neal Freitas, Member
Cindy Trigg, Member

Present:

Personnel:

Lisa Noonan, Superintendent

1. Call to Order

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Hales moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Ms. Jamin.

Motion carried, 4/0.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Moore called for public comment. There was no one present to offer comments.

3. Budget Priority Criteria Development (Information/Discussion)

Mrs. Hales provided background with regard to her participation and understanding of events in the past legislative session that led to the adoption of SB157. The approach Mrs. Hales preferred the Trustees take to meet the requirement, to fulfill SB157 on behalf of school boards, is to incorporate statements such as, student achievement is the most important work, rather than directly speaking to the actual budget. A summary of SB157 language the subcommittee was to address is "...the board of trustees of each school district shall establish criteria for determining budgetary priorities that are directed at improving the achievement of pupils and improving classroom instruction." The Senator who introduced the topic around SB157 initially saw a result that would directly affect purchases related to classrooms; although, the end result written including the quoted portion above was very different.

Discussion ensued as to suggestions Dr. Noonan had provided to begin this discussion, additional ideas, and how the final product would fit into district high priorities and documentation. Consensus was everything encompassed in the current six Strategic Plan Goals directly related to education and student achievement. This included facilities, transportation, personnel, programs, and classroom educational supplies. Following this discussion the subcommittee arrived at the following:

- 1) The document produced could be an introduction contained within the Strategic Plan.
- 2) Trustees were committed to following high priority focus areas listed in the Strategic Plan.
- 3) Quality education provides a safe environment, structurally sound and conducive to learning.

The Douglas County School Board uses the following criteria to determine budgetary priorities for improving pupil achievement and improving classroom instruction:

- The budget will be consistent with the high priority focus areas outlined in the Strategic Plan as follows:

Goal 1 – Implement a Rigorous & Relevant Curriculum

Goal 2 – Ensure Excellence In Instruction

Goal 3 – Utilize Assessments & Data to Monitor and Measure Growth and Achievement

Goal 4 – Maintain Positive Climate & Culture Providing Safe & Nurturing Learning Environments

Goal 5 – Incorporate Parent & Community Partnerships to Maximize Positive Impact on Student Success

Goal 6 – Create and Implement Effective & Efficient Systems that Improve Customer Service and Maximize Available Resources

The Strategic Plan will be reviewed and revised during a biannual retreat for continuous improvement.

- Budget decisions will be based on data, results and best practices.
- The budget will be fiscally responsible in all matters and attempt to maximize each dollar for student success and district efficiency.

4. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Ms. Jamin moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Hales.

Motion carried, 4/0.

Submitted by,

Carolyn Moore
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:

Clerk of the Board

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