

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Tuesday, April 23, 2013**

**7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Carson City School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lynnette Conrad at Carson High School, Senator Square, 1111 N. Saliman Road, Carson City, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:    Members Present  
                  Lynnette Conrad, President  
                  Stacie Wilke-McCulloch, Vice President  
                  Ron Swirczek, Clerk  
                  Steve Reynolds, Member  
                  Joe Cacioppo, Member  
                  Barbara Myers, Member  
                  Laurel Crossman, Member  
                  Richard Stokes, Superintendent  
                  Mike Pavlakis, Legal Counsel

Members Absent  
                  None

In recognition for their accomplishments, members of the Carson High School Band and Choir performed the National Anthem.

Board Member, Joe Cacioppo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Mrs. Stacie Wilke-McCulloch, seconded by Mr. Ron Swirczek, **that the Carson City School District Board of Trustees adopt the agenda as submitted.** Motion carried unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Mr. Stokes introduced Mr. Jarod Sorum, Band Director, Carson High School and Mr. Andy Sonnemaker, Choral Director, Carson High School. Mr. Sorum recognized the students for their accomplishments at the Heritage Festival in San Francisco, California; four groups participated in the Festival, 2 choir and 2 band. The students performed very well and competed against students from schools in California, Washington, Montana and British Columbia. Carson High School received top honors; Sweepstakes of Best Music Program.
- Mr. Jon Brill, Band, Choir and Orchestra Teacher at Eagle Valley Middle School recognized choir students for their participation in the Nevada All-State Middle School Choir. The students were able to work with high class conductors, rehearse and perform difficult literature and perform with a 240 piece choir. The Director can choose up to; 4 basses, 4 tenors, 2 altos and 2 sopranos. Approximately 35 middle schools from Nevada were represented. Ms. Brianna Valley, Choral and Musical Theater Teacher at Carson Middle School recognized her students for their accomplishments. The students introduced themselves.
- Mr. Sorum recognized the 7 high school students that made All-State Band. At the high school level, students have to audition. Carson High School had the highest representation of wind and percussion from any school outside of Las Vegas, Nevada. The students introduced themselves.

- Mr. Sonnemaker explained that Carson High School had the most choir students from our zone. Students have to audition and there is a large emphasis on musicianship and reading of music. Choral auditions also include a “site read” in front of a committee. The students introduced themselves.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

- Mariah Whitcome reported on the following activities at Carson High School:
  - April 24, 2013 – Boys Varsity Golf has a match at 11:00 a.m. at Eagle Valley Golf Course
  - April 25, 2013 – JV Baseball, Varsity Softball and JV Softball play at 3:45 at home; Varsity Baseball plays at 6:00 p.m.
  - Drama Production, “Twinderella” plays at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center on April 25, 2013
  - April 27, 2013 – CHS Track Invitational at 9:00 a.m.; Varsity Baseball and Softball Doubleheader vs. Spanish Springs at 11:00 a.m.
  - “Live and Let Dance”, CHS Prom will be held in the gymnasium on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 8:00 – 12:00 p.m.; Theme is “007”. Student Council is in need of volunteers to deal “21” and poker at the prom.
  - May 1, 2013 – JV Baseball plays at 3:45 p.m. vs. Douglas High School and Varsity Baseball plays at 6:00 p.m. White CHS baseball shirts are on sale for \$6.00; the purchase also provides “free” entry into the game.
  - May 4, 2013 – Varsity Swimming Championship at 9:00 a.m. at Carson Aquatic Center and Varsity Softball “doubleheader” vs. Galena High School at 11:00 a.m.
- Karen Stone reported on the following activities at Pioneer High School:
  - A congratulations was extended to staff on being recognized as the Classified and Certified Employees of the Year
  - Criminal Justice field trip to the Supreme Court, Legislature and Law Library was a success; Attorney General Coaches also attended the field trip. The field trip was arranged through the partnership with the Attorney General’s Office.
  - Students in the Elsinore Appeal’s class will be taking a field trip on May 28, 2013 to the Douglas County Courthouse to hear oral arguments regarding Hamlet. Judges Michael Gibbons, James Wilson and Robey Willis will be presiding. The field trip was arranged through the partnership with the Carson City and Douglas County Courts.
  - Prom will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at the Community Center from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
  - Blood Drive will be held on May 8, 2013
  - Former Pioneer High School graduates were recognized for their service in the Armed Forces; Donovan Dean, US Army; Cameron Haycock, US Army; Brandon Patterson, US Army; Kyle Vaughn, US Army
  - A congratulations was extended to current Pioneer High School students for pursuing a military career; James Finch, Kayla Covert, and Lydea Catlett
  - Current Pioneer High School students are working with NJROTC at Carson High School; Diego Lopez and Angel Estrada
  - Pioneer High School students and Carson High School students are working together on Career and Technical Education (CTE) projects; PHS students are working with Ms. Breeden’s CAD class to design blueprints and students in Mr. Johnson’s Construction class will be building from the blueprints

Mr. Joe Cacioppo provided a report on the following:

- Carson High School culinary arts students placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Oregon Invitational and will be attending and competing in Skills USA
- The few members of the track team traveled to Oregon and competed on Hayward Field against some of the nation’s best, with most students achieving a Personal Record (PR)

Mrs. Crossman provided a report on the following:

- Students at Fritsch Elementary School are taking Criterion Reference Tests (CRT) this week

- Mrs. Valley, Physical Education Teacher, Fritsch Elementary School is hosting a bicycle safety course
- Teacher Appreciation Week begins May 6, 2013

Mrs. Myers announced her resignation as a Board Trustee effective April 30, 2013, as she will be moving to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

### **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

Mr. Brian Wallace, President, Ormsby County Education Association congratulated all the winners; certified and classified staff. Mr. Wallace publicly thanked everyone and stressed the importance of working together to educate the children in Carson City. Mr. Wallace extended a personal thank you to Mrs. Myers for her insight, knowledge and dedicated service.

### **ADDITIONAL BOARD COMMENTS:**

Mr. Reynolds publicly thanked Mrs. Myers for her service to the Board and the District. He also acknowledged her many years of service to the education system.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Reynolds, seconded by Mrs. Barbara Myers, **that the Carson City School District Board of Trustees move Agenda Item #8, Approval of Consent Agenda to be heard now, followed by Agenda Item #7, Recognition of Carson City School District Employees.** Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Conrad recognized Mrs. Myers for her 22 years of experience in serving on various Boards. Although Mrs. Conrad did not always agree with Mrs. Myers, she always valued her knowledge and insight.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Mrs. Stacie Wilke-McCulloch, seconded by Mr. Ron Swirczek, **that the Carson City School Board of Trustees approve consent agenda items (A), (D), (I), (J) and (K) as submitted.** Motion carried unanimously.

In honor of the recipients, Mrs. Conrad read a quote from William Arthur Ward, "*The mediocre teacher tells, the good teacher explains, the superior teacher demonstrates and the great teacher inspires.*" Mrs. Conrad believes the honorees have gone above and beyond to educate and mold the lives of children. On behalf of the Trustees, Mrs. Conrad congratulated and thanked the honorees for their hard work.

### **RECOGNITION OF THE 2013 CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT "CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR" AND "CERTIFIED EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR"**

Dr. Jose Delfin, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources outlined the activities for the evening and welcomed the 2012-2013 Classified Employees of the Year and Educators of the Year, along with friends and families. The district currently has 333 Classified Staff and 491 Certified Staff members.

Each year the schools and/or departments nominate someone to be recognized as their Employee of the Year. A panel for both categories interview and select the District Certified and Classified Employees of the Year.

Dr. Delfin publicly thanked the advisory panels:

- Classified – Mr. Jeff White, Ms. Loretta Marcin, Ms. Paula Bruneau, Ms. Maria Cortez-Rangel and Mr. Bill Rose
- Certified – Mrs. Laura Valley, Mrs. LeAnn Morris, Mrs. Ananda Campbell-Richards, Mrs. Cheryl Macy, Mrs. Valerie Dockery, Mr. Joe Girdner and Mr. Dan Sadler

Dr. Delfin extended a thank you to the following for hosting the event and for their help in setting everything up for the evening; Carson High School and staff, Innovative Communication Systems and Mrs. Renae Cortez, Executive Administrative Assistant.

The individual winners were introduced by their site Administrators, Directors or Manager.

**Classified Employees of the Year:**

Operation Services – Gary Jones, Skilled Building Maintenance Worker  
Pioneer High School – Maria “Conny” Hernandez, Senior Office Specialist II  
Carson High School – Kim Arnold, Administrative Secretary II  
Carson Middle School – Ricardo Maaghop, Custodian  
Eagle Valley Middle School – Robert Ligon, Head Custodian  
Bordewich Bray Elementary School – Danielle Reinhardt, Office Manager  
Empire Elementary School – Rosario Espinoza Durand, ESL Para Professional  
Fremont Elementary School – Dale Harmer, Lead Custodian I  
Fritsch Elementary School – Lourdes McGowan, Office Specialist  
Mark Twain Elementary School – Catherine Ryan, Cook/Baker  
Seeliger Elementary School – Gail Parsons, Office Manager  
Student Support Services – Nancy Stilwell, Senior Office Specialist II  
Transportation Department – Mitchel Jepsen, Fleet & Equipment Maintenance Coordinator  
Administration/Professional Development Center – Amanda Prudhomme, Human Resources Analyst

**Educators of the Year:**

Pioneer High School – Erin Urrutia, Special Education Teacher  
Carson High School – Susan Drozdoff, Math Teacher  
Carson Middle School – Lisa Schuette, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Health Teacher  
Eagle Valley Middle School – Ralph Myrehn, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher  
Bordewich Bray Elementary School – Miyoko “Mimi” Loflin, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Empire Elementary School – Irene Huntington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher  
Fremont Elementary School – Sherri Chenin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher  
Fritsch Elementary School – Jennifer Correlli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher  
Mark Twain Elementary School – Lisa Hagen, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Seeliger Elementary School – Carolyn “Coco” Graham, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher  
Student Support Services/Professional Development Center – Janet Silvestro, Early Childhood Speech Pathologist

After introductions and congratulations, Ms. Conny Hernandez was named the Carson City School District 2012-2013 Classified Employee of the Year. Dr. Delfin presented Ms. Hernandez with a gift card and a letter, allowing her a day off. Conny thanked the members of the interview committee. Conny acknowledged her co-workers and family for their support.

Without further delay, Dr. Delfin introduced the “Teacher of the Year”, Mrs. Lisa Schuette. Dr. Delfin also presented Mrs. Schuette with a gift card and a letter, allowing her a day off. Lisa expressed her gratitude and acknowledged the other honorees for their dedication to education.

Mr. Stokes addressed the attendees and recognized the district staff for their dedicated service to the students and the community. When visiting school campuses, Mr. Stokes sees the reflection of parents in the faces of the students. Mr. Stokes is honored to be a part of the Carson City School District.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

For her two years of service as a Carson City School District Board Trustee, Mrs. Conrad presented Mrs. Myers with a plaque.

**REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

Present agenda items to Mr. Richard Stokes or President Lynnette Conrad.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS**

The next regular meeting of the Carson City School District Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There will be no further business to come before the members of the Board in public meeting; President Conrad declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Ron Swirczek, Clerk

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Date