



**GOVERNANCE BOARD
MEETING NOTES**

Meeting Date: April 18, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Todd Pehrson at 3:35 pm.

Voting members in attendance:

Todd Pehrson, Superintendent/Elko Co.
Katie Hammer, Teacher's Representative/Elko Co.
Kenna Hall, Teacher Representative/White Pine Co.
Dave Jensen, Superintendent/Humboldt Co.
Traci Carbon Mendoza, Teacher's Representative/Humboldt Co.
Russell Klein, Superintendent /Lander Co.
Lisa Burkhart, Teacher Representative/Lander Co.
Brooke Wagner, Teacher Representative /Pershing Co.

Other attendees:

Valarie Byrnes, NNRPDP Regional Coordinator
Dr. Ketra Gardner, NNRPDP Regional Coordinator
Dr. Sarah Negrete, NNRPDP Director
Treena Parker, NNRPDP Regional Coordinator
Jennifer Puentes, NNRPDP Office Manager
Connie Thomson, NNRPDP Regional Coordinator

All attendees received the following documents prior to the meeting: meeting agenda, meeting notes from January 24, 2019, NNRPDP FY19 Budget Amendment and Proposed FY20.

Agenda Item One: Member Roll Call – Todd Pehrson

Mr. Pehrson did a member roll call. A voting quorum was present.

Agenda Item Two: Public Comment – Todd Pehrson

Dr. Negrete welcomed the three new board members in attendance. Dr. Negrete welcomed and thanked Traci Carbon Mendoza, Kenna Hall, Lisa Burkhart, and long time board member Katie Hammer.

Agenda Item Three: Approval of Meeting Notes from January 24, 2019 (Action Item)

Mr. Pehrson called for a motion to approve Meeting Notes from January 24, 2019. All voting members voted to approve the motion.

Agenda Item Four: NNRPDP FY19 Budget Amendment – Sarah Negrete (Action Item)

Dr. Negrete commented that the budget being presented in an amendment from the last board meeting on January 24, 2019. Dr. Negrete commented that the only amendment for the budget is a \$15,000.00 change from travel to contracted services. Dr. Negrete commented that this item also applies to agenda item seven.

Dr. Negrete commented that the Nevada Department of Education vendor list is a list from which districts can chose pre-approved vendors to provide Professional Development. The list does not currently include NNRPDP or any other RPDPs in the state of Nevada. The RPDPs have met with Seang from the Nevada Department of Education about being put on the approved vendor list.

Dr. Negrete commented that according to Seang the RPDPs have to demonstrate level 1, 2, or 3 ESSA evidence. NNRPDP has level 4 ESSA evidence, however we need to show level 1, 2, or 3 to be put o the vendor list. Dr. Negrete commented that Kirsten from the NWRPDP has in the past worked with a professor in statistics at UNR. Kirsten reached out to the professor and asked him if he would be able to comb the evidence and accountability reports that the RPDPs have already put together in the past, then pull out pieces that demonstrate efficacy at level 1, 2, or 3. The professor at UNR has looked at the reports and feels he can demonstrate efficacy at level 3 and maybe even a level 2.

Dr. Negrete commented that Seang also said the report has to be an external review, therefore the \$15,000.00 is needed in the contracted services for the costs of the external review and report. Todd Pehrson called for any questions or comments at this time. Superintendent Dave Jensen asked Dr. Negrete what time frame for the expenditure and completion of the study. Dr. Negrete responded that our funds have to be expended by June 30, 2019. Also, the actual process, according to Seang, NDE is contracted with UNLV to develop a system to review vendors for the list by the middle of April. Seang’s time frame for vendors to be on the list is in August. All voting members in attendance approved the motion.

Agenda Item Five: Proposed FY20 Budget (Action Item)

Dr. Negrete commented that in the event that the Statewide Council asks for a proposed budget at the next council meeting, we have prepared a budget to present to our local board before the council meeting to avoid having to have a last minute meeting before Statewide Council.

Dr. Negrete commented that this budget included the Governors proposed 3% salary increase with a flat budget. She explained that we prepared this budget with the salary increase but kept the budget flat because frequently the funds don’t flow through the RPDPs. However, because our staff is tied to district contracts we are obligated to provide any salary and benefit increases to them. This proposed budget is being put forward knowing that it will change after we know more from the legislature once it closes.

Russell Klein asked if Dr. Negrete calculated the 3% net for the teachers plus the benefits together. Dr. Negrete responded that she did not include an increase in benefits and only calculated in salary because we don’t know if benefits are being increased as well.

All voting members in attendance approved the motion.

Agenda Item Six: Open Coordinator Position

Dr. Negrete commented that the open coordinator position has been posted and have had two applicants thus far and several other inquiries about the position. The position closes May 6, 2019.

Agenda Item Seven: ESSA Approved List

Mr. Pehrson asked if there were any other questions or comments about the ESSA approved list that was previously discussed on item four. There were no questions or comments.

Agenda Item Eight: RPDP Request Enhancement Update

Dr. Negrete commented that last May the RPDP submitted a budget enhancement for 2% of our base budget and it did make it through the Governor's budget. There has been some confusion with legislators in thinking we are asking for a 2% COLA. The RPDPs submitted a request for a 2% budget enhancement and the Governor has asked for a 3% COLA. That is were the confusion has been. We have answered numerous questions regarding this issue and have been very clear we are not asking for a COLA, we are asking for a 2% budget enhancement on the base budget. Russell Klein asked if it was possible for both enhancements to get approved. Dr. Negrete responded by saying she did not know.

Dr. Negrete commented that the next meeting is May 8, 2019 and that budgets close May 18, 2019 and we should know more at that point.

Agenda Item Nine: Statewide Council Update – Adam Young

Adam Young was not present for the meeting. No update was given.

Agenda Item Ten: New Business – Todd Pehrson

Dr. Negrete gave recognition to Ketra Gardner for receiving her PhD. this fall and Treena Parker for being nationally board certified as of December. Both staff members have continued their learning and a very deep and successful way.

Agenda Item Eleven: Public Comment – Todd Pehrson

Comments from the public are invited at this time on topics not specifically addressed elsewhere in the agenda.

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item Twelve: Adjournment – Todd Pehrson (Action Item)

Mr. Pehrson thanked everyone for the participation and coming to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Puentes, April 18, 2019.