

**NYE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. White, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME

Mr. White welcomed everyone to the Board of Trustees meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Robert White, Vice President; David Harris, Clerk; Larry Small, Member; Nathan Gent, Member; and Chelsy Fischer, Member.

Martin Daffer, Member, arrived at the meeting at 4:33 pm.

Leslie Campos, President, joined the meeting via Zoom at 5:04 pm.

Executive Cabinet/District Office staff in attendance: Joe Gent, Superintendent; Laura Weir, Assistant Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent; Genoveva Lopez-Angelo; Michelle “Chelle” Wright, Human Resources Director; Brian Kunzi, Legal Counsel; Ray Ritchie, Chief Operating Officer; Nate Cardinal, Director of Maintenance Operations, Safety, and Security; Robert Williams, Director of Technology; Justin Deverse, Assistant Director of Technology; and Iliana Garcia, Executive Assistant.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No change.

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Public comment commenced at 4:35 p.m., with a total of forty-two (42) community members, parents, and staff participating, including twenty-five (25) in person and sixteen (17) via email. The overwhelming majority of the remarks strongly opposed the proposed \$8.5 million deficit reduction plan, specifically protesting potential cuts to social workers, campus monitors, health aides, and classroom teachers. Commenters urged the Board to protect classrooms and shift the fiscal burden away from frontline personnel toward upper-level administration. Specific concerns were raised regarding the safety and liability risks of reducing vital campus support staff, alongside the negative academic impact that increased primary class sizes and multi-grade combination classes would have on foundational literacy and special education services. Additionally, participants called for greater fiscal transparency and accountability, debating the long-term sustainability of historical salary adjustments against the immediate realities of rising inflation and expanding teacher workloads.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026-2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mr. Ritchie presented the recommended 2026–2027 Tentative budget. Discussion ensued.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF THE 2026-2027 FINAL BUDGET

Mr. Ritchie presented the 2026-2027 final budget. Discussion Ensued

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Final Budget with the addition that Critical Needs teachers be classified as full-time employees eligible for full benefits while being placed at the entry step of the teacher salary schedule. Mr. Daffer seconded; Mrs. Campos called for a roll call vote, which resulted as follows: Mr. Small, Aye; Mr. White, Nay; Mr. Daffer, Aye; Mr. Harris, Aye; Mr. Gent, Aye; Mrs. Fischer, Nay; and Mrs. Campos, Aye. The motion passed to approve the Final Budget with a 5-2 vote.

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT:

Two public comments were made, one in person and one received via email.

ADJOURNMENT:

8:46 PM

By _____

David Harris, Clerk