



## Board Meeting Summary / August 2025

### STUDENT SHOWCASE



### Student Board Representative - Michael Howe

Michael Howe, winner of the district-wide election, took the Oath of Office as the 2025/26 Student Board Representative. Pictured here with Superintendent Dan Frisella

### REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

**NJUHSTA President, Kelly Good** expressed appreciation for teachers, staff, and community members who supported students over the summer, especially through CTE and fair programs. They welcomed 26 new certificated staff, noted the need to retain employees through culture, benefits, and pay, and shared highlights from the recent PD day focused on team building. With solar projects nearly complete, the district is positioned for a smooth start to the year. NJUHSTA's

priorities moving forward are consistency, camaraderie, and communication, with an open invitation for continued engagement from all educational partners.

**CSEA President, Kayla Bardsley** provided a written statement that was read by Superintendent Frisella. She welcomed the start of the 2025/26 school year and thanked those who attended the recent PD day. She noted 18 new classified employees were introduced at Monday's orientation. The first chapter meeting is scheduled for August 29, and negotiations will resume in September.

**Superintendent Frisella** welcomed everyone back and reported a productive summer focused on district operations. Key highlights included the management advance, which emphasized consistency in student discipline and strengthening instructional leadership, with a more detailed report planned for September. The district welcomed 51 new staff members (26 classified, 25 certificated). Staff and students had a strong presence at the county fair. Preliminary CAASPP scores showed continued academic progress, with gains in both ELA and math for the third consecutive year. The district is implementing Minga to streamline student IDs, hall passes, flex time, and discipline reporting. A new healthcare provider, Assured Health, was adopted following a collaborative process. Staff development day fostered team building and positive relationships. He also shared a personal note of welcoming his own child as a new district freshman.

## BOARD REPORTS



**Trustee Michael Howe (Student Representative)** shared that his first day on the job was positive and highlighted the county fair as an incredible experience, noting strong student involvement in animal care and agricultural projects. He expressed enthusiasm for beginning his role as Student Trustee, upcoming projects, and serving the students of the district.

**Trustee Olivia Pritchett (Area 1)** shared gratitude for her children's educational journeys and pride in public education. She highlighted positive back-to-school events, including Nevada Union's breakfast supported by generous parent contributions, and encouraged attendance at the upcoming Bear River vs. Nevada Union football scrimmage. She extended a warm welcome to Assistant Superintendent Griffin, with optimism for the year ahead and a recommitment to serving students.

**Clerk Wendy Willoughby (Area 2)** welcomed Assistant Superintendent Griffin and highlighted the success of the county fair, noting that community contributions appear to have exceeded last year's totals. She praised the quality of student projects, and expressed appreciation for staff development day, especially the team-building activities. She also addressed community questions regarding the "Every Student Belongs" resolution, clarifying that under Robert's Rules, only board members who voted in favor of an item may bring it back for reconsideration.

**Trustee Kelly Clark (Area 3)** reflected on the recent staff development day, noting its focus on team building and motivation. After a restful summer with family and friends, she expressed excitement for the new school year, acknowledging potential challenges but looking forward to district accomplishments, celebrations, and student activities.

**President Andrew Klein (Area 4)** shared that he had a quiet summer due to family losses but remained in correspondence with the district. He enjoyed attending the recent staff development day, highlighting the camaraderie, water slide activity, and lighthearted competition among staff.

**Vice President Ken Johnson (Area 5)** expressed concern that teachers left the district over the summer. He commented that while state test scores should be viewed cautiously due to low student motivation, the recent gains are still positive. He also highlighted the importance of student voter registration, noting that California now allows 16 and 17 year-olds to preregister to vote, which he previously encouraged in his government and economics classes.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST/ACTION TAKEN

- The Board accepted donations from The Nevada Union Class of 1981, The Heidi Smith Memorial Scholarship, The Bill Smith Memorial Scholarship, John Vaughan, Diane Pingree, The Ruth and Clifford Phelps Scholarship, The Blackbaud Giving Trust, Brandon Handy, NJUHSD Foundation, Michelle Sanders Lewis, Andrew Langdon, Any Burton, Drivers Ed Direct, LLC., SPD Market, Ridgeline Pediatric Day Health, Julie & Edward Goldman, Edwin & Casey Klein, Timothy Maxwell, Donna Owens, Nevada County Resource Conservation District, Hansen Bros. Enterprises, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, NUHS Athletic Department, Special Olympics of Northern California, Mike Bratton/State Farm Insurance, Robert W. Baird & Co., NJUHSTA, Billingsley Consulting, Virginia Ann Vassar, The County of Nevada, EZ Way Driving School/Banyan Tree, Inc., and Seeley Insurance Services.
- The Consolidated Application (Con App) was approved.
- The CalWorks Program contract was approved.
- Dual Enrollment Contracts with Sierra Joint Community College District were approved.
- Professional Development agreements with Leadership Legacy and True North Consulting were approved.
- Changes to the Student Distribution and Growth Plan were approved.
- A Grant of \$35,000 for Specialized Secondary Programs was accepted.

For details or additional information, please see the full meeting agenda [HERE](#).

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