



Board Meeting Summary / September 2025

STUDENT SHOWCASE



NJUHSD FFA Celebrations

Nevada Union and Bear River FFA representatives, Owen Mello, Taylor Browning, Rylee Rist, Eliana Henslee, Audra Paasch, Viviana Velazquez, Dakota Graham, and Harmony DeCastro were celebrated by the Board. It was also noted that the Nevada County Ag Mechanic sales for 2025 were \$166,259.50 and the Livestock Auction (after bump ups) sales were \$1,296,498.60 which is a record.

NJUHSD Academic Achievements

2025 Seal of Biliteracy Graduates = 73

2025 Golden State Seal of Merit Graduates = 156

Gold Star Recipients 2025 = 138

REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

NJUHSTA President, Kelly Good provided a report that included anxiety around early progress reporting for students, updates on the new FLEX intervention and Minga program for tardies and cell phone violations, and concerns about class size overages and their impact on teachers and students. She expressed appreciation for the district's efforts to hire part-time teachers and noted negotiations with the district have been progressing positively toward balancing fiscal responsibility and staff well-being.

CSEA Chief Union Steward, Brandy Sanders provided a report that included strong growth in the chapter, a successful Professional Development Day that fostered collaboration across sites, and appreciation for staff efforts in keeping schools running smoothly. She noted the negotiations team, now expanded to include a broader representation, is set to begin talks with the district and is optimistic about reaching a collaborative agreement that benefits classified staff. She noted the transition to a new health insurance plan has been challenging and forced difficult decisions and financial strain for members. She shared the chapter remains optimistic about future progress and positive outcomes.

Superintendent Frisella publicly apologized to the First Baptist Church for the hate motivated vandalism they suffered at the hands of district students. He noted that these behaviors are not tolerated and that there will be punitive consequences and opportunities for restoration and repair. He highlighted the film, "The RAYS of Change" showcasing the RAYS program which will be airing at the Del Oro Theater on October 9th. He noted participation in Safety Week on all campuses that provided opportunities for calibrating our district safety practices. He thanked the Board for their participation in a productive workshop and offered a glimpse of the agenda for the all staff PD day, including Upstander training, Google Suite education and collaboration time.

BOARD REPORTS



Trustee Michael Howe (Student Representative) provided a report that included an invitation to the campus culture club as a place to express problems and work on restorative justice practices. He reported that Minga is working pretty well and makes it easier for teachers to issue consequences for lower level infractions.

Trustee Olivia Pritchett (Area 1) expressed concern about the public comments and noted that even if you have not experienced these infractions, the fear is real and all students matter. She shared that the Board retreat was productive. She noted a few activities and acknowledged staff for their hard work. She encouraged everyone to attend the school activities as an opportunity to connect as a community.

Clerk Wendy Willoughby (Area 2) highlighted the Board's time together for professional development as a model for students and the community to be lifelong learners. She expressed her desire to continue working together collaboratively. In her opening remarks emphasized the role of public education in preparing well-rounded, critical thinkers who can contribute to society. She noted the importance of listening to all voices, especially students, whose perspectives carry special weight since they cannot elect their representatives.

Trustee Kelly Clark (Area 3) reported that she enjoyed taking her grandchildren to a NU football game and also attended the girls volleyball game. She was encouraged to see students involved in so many activities and hopes to promote kindness within the community to support all students.

President Andrew Klein (Area 4) did not provide a report.

Vice President Ken Johnson (Area 5) expressed the need to focus on action not words, noting that Ed Code provides protection for students and he expects to enforce that protection. He also shared excitement in attending a ribbon cutting ceremony for the walking trail on Combie Road that will keep students safe.

ITEMS OF INTEREST/ACTION TAKEN

- The Board accepted donations from Patricia Riley, SPD Market, Sue Santana, M&M Machine, Drivers Ed Direct, LLC, Annette Davis, Bill & Sandy Kelley, The Blackbaud Giving Fund, and Wholesale Outlet, Inc.
- JVs were approved with Tripp Auto Body and Fisar Tire & Auto.
- The Board accepted a Grant Award of \$86,669.
- The Unaudited Actual financial statements for 2024/25 were approved.
- The Superintendent Goals 2025/2026 were approved.

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

The meeting recording can be found [HERE](#) when published.

** This is a summary only, official minutes are approved at the next regular Board meeting.*



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