



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Aug 13, 2019 - Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Category	3. Items for Presentation, Discussion, Information and/or Action - • Public comment: any individual may address the public body concerning any item listed below. A completed "Citizen's Right to Speak" card must be submitted to the public body at the meeting. During the discussion of each item on the agenda, the President will invite the individual to come forward to speak.
Subject	3.04 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE OPERATIONAL PROCESSES TO REDUCE ANNUAL UNPAID MEAL CHARGES IN SCHOOLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY 7546, SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES, TO INCLUDE AN UPDATE ON NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM CHANGES TO STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FREE AND/OR REDUCED MEALS (FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY)
Type	Information

FROM: Pete Etchart, Chief Operations Officer

PRESENTER(S) & PRESENTATION TIME:

Lianka Soliz, Nutrition Services Director
 Mike Supple, Assistant Nutrition Services Director
 Kyle Rodriguez, Nutrition Services Sr. Accountant
 Mark Mathers, Chief Financial Officer
 Pete Etchart, Chief Operations Officer
 (20 minutes)

DATE REPORT WRITTEN: July 29, 2019

PURPOSE/SUMMARY: Nutrition Services in collaboration with the Business Office will provide an update to operational processes that have been implemented in accordance with Board Policy 7546, School Nutrition Services. Specific updates to be presented will include:

- Updates to 2018-19 School Year Unpaid Meal Balances and corresponding communication efforts
- Updates to National School Lunch Program provisions, including Provision II and Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which provide access to free school meals for approximately 20,000 students enrolled in the 40 participating District sites for 2019-20 School Year based upon enrollment projections.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The *Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act* (HHFKA, Public Law 111-296; December 13, 2010), required USDA to examine and report on current charge and alternate meal policies and practices of state agencies and local educational agencies (LEAs). HHFKA also required USDA to report on the feasibility of establishing national standards for such policies and, if applicable, make recommendations for implementation. Although standards were not set, school food authorities (SFAs) were required to adapt a board approved policy. Additionally, regulations at 7 CFR 210.12 and SP46-2016 required SFAs participating in the National School Lunch program to institute and clearly communicate a meal charge policy. WCSD adapted an updated policy (Board Policy 7546) to comply with USDA meal charge requirements in June 2017, and adopted updates to include communication tiers and household accountability for unpaid charges in June of 2018.

During the 2018-19 School Year, two (2) schools were operating meal services under Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and twenty-two (22) were operating under Provision II; the remaining schools were operating under traditional NSLP (National School Lunch Program) in which households completed meal applications, and students were charged according to their eligibility. Changes to the demographics in Washoe County and the qualification system have allowed additional schools to adopt CEP, thereby extended free meal benefits to more students and positively impacting the unpaid meal balance and free access to meals throughout the school day.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

Date: June 12, 2018

Related Action: [The Board of Trustees provided final approval to the proposed revision of Board Policy 7546, School Nutrition Services.](#)

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agenda item supports Goal 4, "Establish a system that is effective, efficient, transparent, and accountable," of *Envision WCSD 2020*.

BOARD POLICY:

[Board Policy 7546 - School Nutrition Services](#)

LEGAL: Regulations at [7 CFR 210.14\(E\)](#).

FINANCIAL: Nutrition Services will utilize non-federal revenue to cover all unpaid meal balances on free and reduced students' accounts, reducing the burden to the General Fund \$51,632. Additionally, the expansion of Community Eligibility Provision will increase revenue to the Nutrition Services enterprise fund an estimated \$500,000 based on 2019-20 School Year enrollment projections and meal participation targets.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: This item is for presentation and discussion only.