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Neal Humphrey

Neal Humphrey said he leaves this job with a sense of disappointment that things didn't work out, but with no sense of personal failure. He feels they have been doing the right things and as rapidly and as humanely possible. They needed four or five extra months for work, but that wasn't possible. He wished he could say that he it was a successful experience. He said maybe he is not the type of administrator that is needed. What might be needed is a hard-nosed person with more of an ego sense who would present themselves as being right even though they don't believe they are. He said he is what he is. He said a very limited number of people have said that he let them down. The more general reaction is he has been correct in his assessment and he did the right thing. People have written and called him and said they would have done the same thing if they had been in his position.

McCarthy asked if there were other things about leaving. Humphrey said Alaska is a beautiful state. His wife felt right at home and fit into the community. His daughter enjoyed her high school experience. He didn't think the cold weather was as bad as advertised.

McCarthy asked about challenges for him. Humphrey said they are returning to Reno and he has applied for a faculty position.

Discussion about use of the material they covered in the interview.