

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018
BOARD ROOM AT 1035 15TH STREET**

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Joe Anderson, Mark Crawford, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier. **ABSENT:** Tori Carsrud
STAFF: Steve Gray, Kody Asmus, Kevin Ericson, Justin Gross, Dustin Smith, Brian Schaeffer.

1. Call to Order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-President Tom Maier.

2. Approval of Agenda The Board noted additional personnel, fundraisers, and an overnight trip for the consent agenda. Motion by Harter, second by Anderson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried 4-0.

3. Public Hearing As published in the *Nevada Journal* on Thursday, July 5, this was the time and place for the public hearing on the resolution to expend funds from the District's Flexibility Account for General Fund purposes. Funds in the amount of \$59,562 were unexpended and unobligated from Professional Development funds. Maier opened the public hearing. Dr. Gray said the funds being requested are Teachers' Quality carryover for Professional Development and are based on the needs being met for the program. There was no public comment in the hearing and Maier closed the hearing.

Resolution Motion by Anderson, second by Crawford to approve the resolution approving the transfer of \$59,562 of professional development funds to the General Fund Flexibility Account. Motion Carried 4-0 (see minute book for full resolution).

4. Public Comment - none

5.1 Student Achievement Data - Justin Gross Assistant Superintendent Justin Gross reviewed the Student Achievement Data Report with the Board.

5.2 Raccoon River Conference Invitation Athletic Director Dustin Smith reviewed with the Board information on the athletic conferences. He said, on April 18, Carlisle Schools' superintendent sent out an invitation to area schools about meeting for information on the Raccoon River Conference (RCC). Both Gilbert Schools and North Polk Schools are leaving the Heart of Iowa Conference (HOIC) for the RCC in 2020-21. Nevada Schools' held a meeting with other area schools to recruit schools to HOIC. Mr. Smith said it was a good meeting but there has been no moves from these other schools in 2020-21. PCM Schools are stating if only six teams remain in the HOIC, they will move on to a conference south of the HOIC. Mr. Smith said that competition problems exist with a conference with smaller schools as there may be no 9th grade games or only one Middle School team. He said with the RCC, travel becomes a concern with games in Carroll and Winterset. Regardless of Nevada's conference alignment, the District will keep games with Roland-Story, South Hamilton, and Saydel. With a school comparison, Nevada would have the lowest BEDS enrollment count in the RCC, if the change would be made. Potentially there could be divisions within the RCC if there would be 12 teams. The RCC has indicated that, on September 15, they will be giving formal invitations to select schools to join the RCC. Mr. Smith said the HOIC has been a good conference but, if the above scenario proceeds, the HOIC may not continue to be a conference.

6.1 Consider Policy Update 501.9 First Reading Mr. Asmus is suggesting a change in the High School

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Student Handbook (see item 6.2 below) which would also require a change in Board Policy 501.9 “Student Absences – Excused”. This change would require students, who wanted to participate in an activity the same day, the requirement to attend school the full day rather than only a half day. Motion by Crawford to approve the change to Board Policy 501.9 on the first reading and waive the second reading. Second by Harter. Motion Carried 4-0.

6.2 Consider HS Handbook Updates Mr. Asmus reviewed changes that he was requesting to the High School Student Handbook for the new school year. These changes include the goals for the High School, grade checks, seminar expectations, activity participation when absent (see item 6.1 above), and on-line courses. Motion by Harter, second by Anderson to approve the High School Student Handbook changes. Motion Carried 4-0.

6.3 Consider Phase 2 Iowa Cubs Sports Turf - Softball Outfield Drainage Work completed this year on the softball field did not include the outfield. A rainy spring necessitated the postponement of many games this season due to the wet outfield. Iowa Cubs Sport Turf will install 780 feet of six-inch tile (\$7,800) and removal of existing turf, a laser grade, and re-sod work (\$23,000). Motion by Crawford, second by Anderson to approve the work on the softball field by Iowa Cubs Sport Turf. Motion Carried 4-0.

6.4 Identify IASB Legislative Priorities The Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) is requesting that all Iowa school boards submit their priorities for consideration for the next Legislative session. Motion by Crawford to submit the following priorities, second by Harter. Motion Carried 4-0.

7. MENTAL HEALTH

Supports increased statewide access to and funding for mental health services for children.

20. SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID

Supports setting supplemental state aid:

- For FY 2019, by January 31, 2018;
- For FY 2020 and future budget years, at least 14 months prior to the certification of the school's district budgets; and

• At a rate that sufficiently supports local districts' efforts to plan, create and sustain world-class schools

Supports a formula driven method for establishing the supplemental state aid growth rate if it is not set within the statutory requirements.

26. UNFUNDED MANDATES

Opposes any new mandate that does not provide sufficient and sustainable funding for successful implementation.

27. SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education)

Supports repeal of the December 31, 2029 sunset on the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure.

Supports reserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure including the tax equity provisions in the following manner:

- No diversions or expansions of allowable uses prior to the current 2029 sunset date;
- Continued growth in the per pupil amount beyond the 2029 sunset date.

7. Consent Agenda Motion by Harter, second by Crawford to approve the consent agenda items:

- Board Minutes of the meeting of June 11
- Bills

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- May Financial Reports
- Appointments: Chelsea Germer – 4th Grade Teacher, Randi Pool – Instructional Model for TLC Program
- Lane Change: Kimberly Huegerich – from MA 9 to MA 15-9
- Contract Modifications: Erin Munson-Klopstad salary change on Instructional Model TLC, Carla Creswell change from Instructional Model TLC to Learning Team Coach TLC
- Contract Correction: Kris Moore – Food Service hourly rate
- Volunteer Coaches for 2018-19: Shawn Crain – Cross Country, Robert Imprecover – Boys’ Track, Jim Kieffer – Boys’ Golf, Carl Pelzer – Boys’ Track, John Sletten – Boys’ Track, Caden Trygstad – Cross Country.
- Resignations: Dennis Van Allen – Bus Driver
- Fundraisers: For Boys & Girls Golf: Jamboree Best Ball for Spring 2019, For FFA: Chapter Fruit Sales all 2019, For FFA: Poinsettia Sales Christmas 2019, For FFA: Plant Sale Spring 2019, For Speech: Concessions for State Individual Speech, For Junior Class: Parent donations for prom fund, For Junior Class: ABWA Craft Fair concession, For Football Cheerleading: sale of glow necklaces and wands at 4th of July Fireworks, For Football Cheerleading: sell fruit cups at RAGBRAI
- Overnight Trip Approval: Wrestling Camp at Luther College – July 11-14

Motion Carried 4- 0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Maier noted changes seen in the Middle School gym thus far: better lights and new paint. Anderson thanked Mr. Smith for his Middle School Baseball team work on tough season with weather and participation. Anderson also said that Coaches Long & Pelzer did good job with the challenges in Middle School Baseball.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, August 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary