

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2018  
BOARD ROOM AT 1035 15TH STREET**

**PRESENT:** BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Joe Anderson, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier. ABSENT: Mark Crawford  
STAFF: Steve Gray, Chris deNeui, Maggie Davis, Kevin Ericson, Meg Friederes, Dave Kroese, Cati Neumann, Dustin Smith, Brian Schaeffer.  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Alex Akers, Troy, Sara & Olivia Clausen  
OTHERS: Brett Van Waus

**1. Call to Order** at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda** The Board noted an additional fundraiser to be added to the consent agenda. Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried 4-0.

**3. Public Comment** - none

**4.1 Report: Mindfulness & Yoga - Central Elementary** Mrs. deNeui said that there is a group of Elementary teachers who are interested in a mindfulness/yoga program in the classroom. These teachers went to the Des Moines Public Schools to observe this research-based program. In August, the preschool, Kindergarten, and special program teachers and the paraeducators were trained in the program. As an example, Ms. Davis class is practicing mindfulness in the classroom – Mrs. Frideres is working with Ms. Davis on bringing mindfulness to the class. Mrs. Frideres said that mindfulness is defined as “purposely paying attention to the present without judgment”. The idea is to disengage the emotional part of brain. Ms. Davis’ student teacher wanted to do mindfulness in the classroom which equips students with tools to self-regulate and to work with gratitude. Ms. Davis said the work on the program with the students was exciting to see. Ms. Davis’ two students shared about mindfulness: Olivia Clausen said mindfulness also works at home with family members and Alex Akers who used mindfulness on math work and at home. Mrs. Neumann said she has worked with counselor Mrs. Kruse on mindfulness with second grade students with mindful breaks for sitting and breathing. Mrs. deNeui said that these are not new strategies but now are practiced with students so they know they should walk away or “count to ten”. All K-4 students are getting mindfulness at least once per week. Dr. Gray noted that Mrs. Kruse is on the State board about standards for social/mindful learning.

**4.2 Baseball Project - Dave Kroese** Mr. Kroese said the items in the Baseball Field Project schedule are coming along, including additional sidewalk from the concession to the batting cage as there is no grass between the two areas. Mr. Kroese said the Baseball Facility will be very nice but there is a need to keep “an eye” on quality. He said it has been nice working with the City. He said, with a good spring, the facility will be “OK”. May 25 is the first scheduled home game in the spring. He listed all items worked on and to be worked on with the project. Challenges have included a wet summer and early cold which has resulted in some items being reworked. Mr. Kroese said Snyder & Associates and Haila Engineering have been on site more than usual. Old Billy Sunday field will be a backup plan should the project not get completed on time.

**4.3 Policy Updates - First Reading** Policy updates for technology were sent to Mr. Wakeman for review and have been forwarded with the recommendation to be approved: Policy 712 “Technology & Data Security” and Policy 712 R1 “Security Requirements of Third-Party Vendors Regulation”. These policies will be at the next Board meeting for second reading approval.

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**5.1 Consider Application for Modified Allowable Growth (MAG)** Schaeffer noted that there are three items for Modified Allowable Growth that are approved annually prior to December 1: for increasing enrollment, for open enrollment out not on the previous fall’s count, and for English Language Learner (ELL) students who are educated beyond five years. For the District, there are two of these this year – open enrollment out (\$129,281 of MAG) and ELL beyond five years (\$23,710 of MAG). Motion by Maier, second by Anderson to approve Modified Allowable Growth totaling \$152,991. Motion Carried 4-0.

**5.2 Consider Quotes: Middle School Oven** There is an oven in the Middle School kitchen that is failing - two bids have been received on a new oven, from Martin Brothers (\$19,286) and from Dupey Equipment (\$19,902). This item will be paid from unexpected expenses from Physical Plant & Equipment Levy. Motion by Anderson to accept the bid on the oven from Martin Brothers for \$19,286. Second by Harter. Motion Carried 4-0.

**6. Consent Agenda** Motion by Harter, second by Maier to approve the consent agenda items:

- Board Minutes of the meeting of October 22
- Bills
- Appointments: Brittnee Chevalier – Associate; Libby Ehrig – Speech Coach; Zach Lillquist – Speech Coach; Heather Ludwig – Speech Coach; Robert Mittman – Speech Coach; Todd Sampson – Head Boys’ Soccer Coach; Larry Stufflebeem – Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach.
- Appointment of Volunteer Coach: Jim Pappas - Wrestling
- Resignations: Sam Hoover – Co-Head Soccer Coach, Lori Stephenson – Head Volleyball Coach
- Fundraisers: K Kids – bracelets for Breast Cancer Foundation; Junior Rotarians – Chuck a Duck; Art Plus Class at Middle School – crafts for sale for “Surprise & Delight” and care packages for Bliss Cancer Center
- Second Reading Approval of Policies: 213 – Public Participation in Board Meetings, 213.1 – Public Complaints, 705.1R1 – Suspension & Debarment of Vendors & Contractors Procedure; 710.1 – School Nutrition Policy

Motion Carried 4-0.

**7.1 Board Member Comments** Maier said that Coach Kleeman announced at the Football Banquet that 19 football team members were selected for all academic District Football. Dr. Gray said in economic development, there has been discussion of welding training for adults which could use the District IT facilities. Dr. Gray also indicated that he and Mr. Gross are exploring the possibility of a welding internship program with area businesses and DMACC. Pella has a similar program with Vermeer. Carsrud noted that Cornerstone Church and High School silver cord student volunteers provided daycare for the parent-teacher conferences.

**7.2 Board Calendar** was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

**8. Adjournment** at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board President

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Board Secretary