

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019
BOARD ROOM AT 1035 15TH STREET**

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Joe Anderson, Mark Crawford, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier.

STAFF: Steve Gray, Kody Asmus, Shawna Dumbaugh, Kevin Ericson, Lisa Hartman, McGaffin, Wade Presley, Tony Sneiderman, Brian Schaeffer.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Taylyn Angus, Brooke Axmear, Aloria Cornelius, Jillian Hawbaker, Officer Ryan Hutton, Brett Van Waus

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

2. Approval of Agenda The Board noted an additional personnel item for the consent agenda. Motion by Anderson, second Maier. Motion Carried 4-0 (Harter had not yet arrived to the meeting)

3. Public Comment - none

4.1 Report: Middle School Cub Prime Time Dr. Hartman said the Middle School desired to do something different with seminar time – it is now known as Cub Prime Time. In Cub Prime Time, the teachers schedule assistance for students needing it; otherwise, students schedule their time with various enrichment activities. Students Taylyn Angus, Brooke Axmear, Aloria Cornelius, and Jillian Hawbaker and gave examples of service work they had completed: holiday card time, collecting food items for Cubbie’s Cupboard, making cookies to donate, and receiving donations for foster care students. On the foster care donations, an announcement was made that the students were receiving donations and these students stood at the school entries each morning to receive donations. These students also collected donated bags to help foster kids with the County Attorney’s Office. Dr. Hartman said these students had a brag: they were the top group at collecting donations for the county.

4.2 Policy 703 Addition: Use of Logo & Branding - First Reading Dr. Gray said that Policy 703 “Use of Logo & Branding” is a new policy recommended by Technology Director Joe Wakeman. The Board suggested several adjustments of the policy to be approved at the next Board meeting.

4.3 Policy 505.5 Revision: Graduation Requirements - First Reading Administration was asking the Board to review Policy 505.5 “Graduation Requirements” to add Psychology or Sociology as a requirement to start for this year’s sophomores when they graduate. Mr. Asmus said this was according to the new Social Studies standards with these being implemented a year ahead of State requirements.

4.4 Heart of Iowa Conference Updates Dr. Gray noted information from Mr. Smith on the Heart of Iowa Conference: 1) the West Marshall District has been invited to join the conference; and 2) the conference recommended that the student admission to athletic events be raised from \$3 to \$5. Dr. Gray said the increase in admission would affect mostly those students going to away games. The change in admission will be on the approval agenda for the next Board meeting.

5.1 2020 Band/Chorus Trip Choir Director Mrs. Dumbaugh and Band Director Mr. Presley reviewed information for the proposed Band/Chorus Trip for Spring Break 2020 which is every four years. The proposal is to go to Orlando with charter busses transporting everyone. This trip would be organized by Group Dynamics of Winterset who handled the arrangements for the last music trip. Motion by Crawford, second by Harter to approve the 2020 Band/Chorus Trip. Motion Carried 5-0.

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5.2 Special Education: Middle School Skills Classroom A renovation at the Middle School will be required to accommodate the Life Skills Class in 2019-20. Mr. Kroese, Buildings & Grounds Director, is estimating costs for the renovation at a minimum of \$28,500. The Life Skills class will then be District-Wide. Motion by Maier, second by Anderson to approve the renovation to accommodate the Middle School Life Skills class. Motion Carried 5-0.

5.3 Updated At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Plan Dr. Gray noted in Board materials the updated At-Risk/Dropout plan revised by Mr. Gross. This annual application and review of the program is required for the Modified Allowable Growth (MAG) application (see next item below). Motion by Crawford, second by Harter to approve the updated At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Plan. Motion Carried 5-0.

5.4 Application for Modified Allowable Growth (MAG) - At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Motion by Maier to approve the request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplementary Aid for the 2019-20 Dropout Prevention Program in the amount of \$497,253, for expenditures necessary to implement the 2019-20 At-Risk and Dropout Prevention Program plans as approved by the Nevada CSD Board. Second by Anderson. Motion Carried 5-0.

5.5 SBRC Application for Woodward/Grandwood Academy Costs Schaeffer noted that, in the past, the District has not been allowed to recover administrative costs for special education students. An exception to this is students sent to the Grandwood and Woodward Academies in the Woodward-Granger School District. For the Grandwood facility, the portion of the administrative costs for the District are \$8,382.53, and for Woodward Academy, the portion of the administrative costs are \$2,471.18. Motion by Harter, second by Crawford to approve applying to the SBRC for administrative costs of \$10,853.71. Motion Carried 5-0.

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

- Board Minutes of the meetings of December 8, December 10, and January 7
- Bills
- Financial Reports for November and December
- Appointments: Jeane Makey – Van Driver
- Family & Medical Leave Act: Catie Neuman
- Resignations: Jenny Adelmund – Dance Team Coach; Tiffany Bleeker – Van Driver; Gabrielle Bradford – Flagline Coach; Abigail Hansen – Assistant Volleyball Coach; Mark Hersom – Girls’ Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach; Ken Leighty – Bus Driver.
- Fundraisers: HS Student Council for Pennies for Patients, LLS Society; HS Music – selling Yankee Candles; HS Track – Graphic Edge clothing items; MS Student Council – change for LLS Society; TeamMates Mentoring – Free will donations for background checks; Nevada Robotics Team – concession stand at league championship to support Robotics Team.
- Early Graduation Applications, provided that graduation requirements are completed: Adien Alderson – end of Term 2; Hanah Anderson-Earles – end of Term 2; Alexis Black – end of Term 2; Alexis Crane – end of Term 2; Lydia Deveno – at end of junior year; Leah Purvis - at end of junior year; Johnathan Runneals – end of Term 2; Dennis Scott – end of Term 2.

Motion Carried 5-0.

7. Closed Session: Student Discipline Hearing Motion by Crawford to go into closed session at 7:18 p.m. as provided in Section 21.5(1)(e) of the Iowa Code to conduct a hearing to determine whether to

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suspend or expel a student. Second by Harter. Roll Call Vote: Crawford – aye; Anderson – aye; Carsrud – aye; Maier – aye; Harter – aye. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion to go out of closed Board session by Anderson at 7:28 p.m., second by Harter. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by Maier, second by Crawford to approve the recommendation of administration of a one-year expulsion for the student discussed in the closed session while giving the student the opportunity to complete on-line core courses at the public library with 65 minutes of instruction each day to meet the requirements of the student’s IEP (Mondays 12:50-1:55 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday 11:20 a.m.-12:25 p.m. – student must be present within 15 minutes of time or teacher will return to the High School and an absence of 30 consecutive school days will be a refusal of special education services) during the expulsion. Motion Carried 5-0.

8.1 Board Member Comments Harter reviewed information for the City of Ames’ Assessors’ Office meeting.

8.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, January 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary