

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019
BOARD ROOM AT 1035 15TH STREET**

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

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

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

3. Public Comment - none

4.1 Report: Professional Development - Climbing the Mountain Mrs. Hillman, District Technology Integrationalist, was present to report on individualized professional development which is “Climb the Mountain” in the District. Mrs. Hillman said that teachers put their focus on any weaknesses they may have, then they narrow professional development to an interest. They then meet with a Learning Team Coach and start with research. Later, they meet again with the Coach and review their summarized progress. Then the topic researched is implemented in the classroom. The teacher may do a “Cub Talks” presentation. They then receive a mentor flag and the summit of “Climb the Mountain” has been achieved. They may make a presentation outside of the District: at a conference, on a blog, for pre-service teachers at the University of Northern Iowa or Keystone AEA (recently started for teachers here). Graduate or research credit is possible. Mrs. Hillman reviewed the list of current topics happening with some teachers. An example at the High School: Mrs. Wessels completed an Executive Functions professional development track and become a mentor. Ten to fifteen reach the summit each year and the professional development work may over two years.

Mrs. Hillman also gave a quick review of the on-line software package “Seesaw”. Seesaw serves as a portfolio for students. Students log in to their student journal, may create an item such as a drawing and a voice recording, and the teacher approves the item created. Parents receive a message of the item posted. The portfolio stays with the student each year. The software helps encourage a student at home to have a conversation with his/her parents. The focus is PK to Grade 5 for this software with encouragement for use in the Middle and High Schools later.

4.2 High School 2019-20 Course Guide Mr. Asmus noted the changes to the High School Course Guide for 2019-20 to be approved by the Board at their next meeting.

5.1 HOIAC Student Admission As discussed at the last Board meeting, administration was requesting approval to raise the student admission price from \$3 to \$5 for the Heart of Iowa Conference events. Dr. Gray said that some schools may be having problems covering expenses for events. Motion by Anderson to raise the student admission from \$3 to \$5, second by Harter. Motion Failed 3-1 (aye: Anderson).

5.2 Baseball Field Batting Cages Surface pads/turf for the batting cages at the new ballfield are owner provided. The quotes were for \$11,625 for materials only or \$13,000 for materials and installation by Iowa Cubs Turf Management. Motion by Crawford, second by Anderson to approve the quote of \$11,625 for the pads and turf for the batting cages. Motion Carried 4-0.

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of January 14
- Bills
- Resignations: Corey Long – MS Baseball Coach, MS Volleyball Coach. Tyler Struck – MS Football Coach.
- Fundraisers: Earth Day Project at Elementary – can & bottle drive, Boys’ Basketball: frozen pizza sales; Drama – Ads for musical playbill, donation jars at intermission of play
- Second Reading Approval of Board Policies: 505.5 “Graduation Requirements” and 713 “Use of Logo & Branding Policy”

Motion Carried 4-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Crawford thanked the transportation staff for the many student bussing runs. Crawford also complimented the “parent prom” and thanked to organizers for the fun. The Board also discussed “snow days” which have closed the schools: 3 so far (5 by the end of the week).

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary