

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019
BOARD ROOM AT 1035 15TH STREET**

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Joe Anderson, Mark Crawford, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier.
STAFF: Kody Asmus, Kevin Ericson, Deb Haywood, Brian Schaeffer.
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Olivia Clausen, Hailey Gruhn, Olivia Henderson, Forrest Link, Chloe Moffitt

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

2. Approval of Agenda The Board noted additional items for bills and fundraisers to be approved on the consent agenda. Motion by Crawford, second by Harter to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried 4-0 (Maier had not yet arrived to the meeting.)

3. Public Comment - none

4.1 Presentation: Young Writers Mrs. Haywood said that Central Elementary has a Young Writers group which was formed in 2016-17 to encourage students to write. Third and fourth grade students, as the Young Writers group, meet to decide about writing contests. A guidelines list has been created by the Young Writers group which is used to check participants' entries in the writing contests. The winners are chosen then the group celebrates the winners. Some students enter their writing into Boone-Story County competition. Some writing has also had success at the State level. The current Young Writers group of students recruits the next group. The group has held three writing contests this year so far.

4.2 Presentation: Preliminary FY20 Budget Schaeffer reviewed information related to the Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget proposal. State Supplemental Aid has been approved at 2.06% by the Legislature and, combined with a slight District enrollment drop of 8.7 students from the previous year, means that there is no budget guarantee and a drop in aid of \$221,479. The overall financial condition of the District is good and was compared with ten other school districts with similar student enrollments. The recommended tax levy will be the same as the current budget year, including the recommendation that the Board continue the full \$2.70 debt service tax levy to escrow funds to retire more G O Bonds on June 1, 2021 when these bonds are callable. A debt service fund report was included in Board materials which showed the interest savings of retiring bonds.

Schaeffer also reviewed the Comprehensive Financial Planning Model for the fiscal years' budgets between 2020 through 2024. The projection for the Unspent Authorized Budget, based on current estimates, shows that the District solvency ratio is acceptable through 2022. In 2023, the solvency ratio drops to 11% and more in 2024 where spending over breakeven is estimated to exceed \$1 million. Due to continued low levels of school funding, the future beyond 2019-20 is a concern. Future spending levels will have to be monitored very closely.

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

- Board Minutes of the meetings of February 25 and March 11
- Bills
- Appointments: Justin Kuethe – Assistant Varsity Football Coach
- Policy Second Reading: 503.4 Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct
- Overnight Trip Request: Golf Meets at Pella, Spencer, and Fort Dodge
- Fundraisers: High School Softball – Ace Fundraising for Casey's & Buffalo Wild Wing Cards; High School Softball – Graphic Edge Website for Apparel; High School Baseball - Graphic Edge Website for Apparel

NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2019 (CONTINUED)

Motion Carried 5-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Crawford reviewed the current work on the Baseball Field Project. The City has received a citizens' petition requesting that Middle School baseball games be held at Billy Sunday Field. The City says it is a District decision as it is a District program. The Board suggested a City-School meeting in April. Harter complimented Mr. Asmus' message at the National Honor Society (NHS) induction. Maier suggested that the NHS make a presentation of their projects to the Board.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, April 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary