

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 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, Kevin Cooper, Kevin Ericson, Dustin Smith, Brian Schaeffer.  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Dan Bappe, Samantha Black, Michael Davidson, Brad Meinecke, Megan Mumm, Kaitlin Wegner

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

**Budget Hearing**

- a) **Presentation of the 2019-20 Budget** Schaeffer noted that the information for the 2019-20 Budget had been reviewed at the last Board meeting. He referred to the current Board packet which had the budget hearing notice, as published on Thursday, March 28, and the tax levy information.
- b) **Public Comment** Carsrud opened the budget hearing to public comment. No comments were made.
- c) **Approval of the Budget** Motion by Anderson, second by Harter to approve the 2019-20 Budget as published. Motion Carried 5-0.

**2. Approval of Agenda** The Board noted additional fundraisers for the consent agenda for this meeting. Motion by Crawford, second by Maier to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried 5-0.

**3. Public Comment** Brad Meinecke and Michael Davidson spoke as representatives of the Nevada Soccer Club for item 4.4 on the agenda ("Baseball Update") for using Billy Sunday Field for soccer. They said, with the Baseball Field being built at SCORE Park, the Club lost three soccer fields for the program. They said, with 400 kids participating in soccer, that the program needs more field space. At Harrington Park, the ballpark outfields are being used for soccer. They said the Nevada Soccer program has looked at different options for fields but nothing has been feasible. They said the program was very interested in Billy Sunday Field as an option for Nevada Soccer. Dan Bappe also spoke for item 4.4 as a representative for preserving Billy Sunday Field for the Middle School baseball program. He distributed a sheet of information why baseball should continue there. He said Billy Sunday Field should be retained as it is nicer than the current Middle School Field at Harrington Park, north of the Middle School. He said that he forwarded to the City petitions signed by many people urging that baseball be continued at Billy Sunday Field.

**4.1 FFA - Animal Ag Date** Senior students Samantha Black, Megan Mumm, and Kaitlin Wegner spoke about the FFA Animal Ag Date which was conducted this year for seventh and eighth grade students. In 2017, this event was conducted with first and second grade students. This year, eight different stations were set up for students to observe: veterinary, the ISU Rodeo Team, a nutritionist from Purina, tractors (equipment was donated for the day), the Sampson family as farmers, the State FFA Officers came to explain the FFA program, and an Animal Learning Center. The FFA received nice notes from students and teachers on the event. All three student speaking to the Board - Samantha, Megan, and Kaitlin - will receive State FFA Degree.

**4.2 National Honor Society** Mr. Asmus and Mr. Cooper spoke about the National Honor Society (NHS) program at Nevada High School. They said the program was open to all 10-12 graders with a 3.0 Grade

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Point Average required. The students are assessed for Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character at their initial application to NHS as staff members provide feedback regarding applicants. The students are inducted into NHS then the ceremony takes place. Those students not inducted are invited to a one-on-one meeting with Mr. Asmus or Mr. Smith to provide the students with feedback for areas to grow. The NHS sponsors the community blood drives in May and November. For students, the NHS sponsors the Crystal Ball and tutoring opportunities for students in need. Mr. Asmus said NHS is used as character builder for students rather than a resume builder.

**4.3 FY18 Audit** Schaeffer distributed the Fiscal Year 2018 audit report. The Board will review this and approve it at the next Board meeting.

**4.4 Baseball Update** Dr. Gray said that the City-School subcommittee on met again. The subcommittee reviewed the original plans to convert Billy Sunday Field to soccer and noted there are citizens who would like to continue baseball at Billy Sunday. The City (1) is willing to maintain Harrington Park or Billy Sunday Field for Middle School Baseball moving forward (City says the field choice is the District's), and (2) is not likely to participate financially in improvements at either field site. Dr. Gray said that High School Baseball will begin at Billy Sunday for 2019 and move to SCORE if work is complete on the new ballfield. Dr. Gray said the Administrative recommendation will be, beginning in 2020, that the Middle School and High School teams use SCORE with Harrington Field as backup for Middle School practices or games if conflicts arise.

Dr. Gray asked for the direction of the Board how to proceed with the fields. After questions from Anderson, Dr. Gray said that the City will not be participating in improvements at either field. He said that the lights at Billy Sunday have to be removed and the dugouts and outfield are substandard. Mr. Kroese is looking at improvements to Harrington Park. Maier asked about safety of the Middle School players at Billy Sunday, as transportation is easier to both Harrington and SCORE parks. Also, there is no shelter for players at Billy Sunday if the weather moves to severe status. Crawford said that there will also be transportation costs to Billy Sunday. He also said that the District has made branding and centralization a recent priorities and Harrington Park is close to the School campus. Harter asked if Harrington Park was restricted to continue as a baseball facility. Dr. Gray said the City said they were donated and named for that reason. Harter said she echoed the safety concerns for Middle School players. Dr. Gray said he would not feel good about getting MS students to Billy Sunday at their own accord. Anderson said he recognized the safety issue as he was involved in staying safe at Billy Sunday during a tornado. Carsrud asked about the needs at Harrington Park. Mr. Smith said there is no scoreboard and poor dugouts there but it was safe to play. Carsrud said, if there were any significant District costs for Harrington, it would be a concern. Dr. Gray said that costs would be similar to what was put into the District softball field. Dr. Gray said that the soccer program has a huge number of participants and previous commitments were made with the soccer club to have soccer at Billy Sunday. Consensus of the Board was to agree with the Administrative recommendations for the baseball fields.

**5.1 Resolution: Redemption of Series 2012 Bonds to Escrow** Schaeffer said, with the approval of budget in item 1, \$855,000 is being levied in the Debt Service Levy to retire General Obligation bonds. To do this, a Board resolution must be approved to put the levy into escrow for call of bonds in 2021. The total savings to taxpayers up to 2020 would be \$479,000. Motion by Crawford, second by Harter to approve the resolution authorizing the redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2012, dated December 1, 2012, approving a Second Amendment to Escrow and Amended and Substituted Pay Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement, and Levying a Tax for Fiscal Year 2019-20 for the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2012, dated December 1, 2012. Motion Carried 5-

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of March 25
- Bills
- Financial Reports
- Appointments: Nichole Feilmeier – Elementary Teacher
- Resignations: Heidi Grimm – High School Student Council Advisor
- Retirement: Stephen Jennings – Bus Driver
- Fundraisers: High School Football Camp; Sport Camps for Football & Boys' Basketball; Merchant Card Sales for Football; Graphic Edge on-line store for Football
- Application for Early Graduation upon successful completion of studies: Jonathan Gutierrez Cervantes at end of Term 3

Motion Carried 5-0.

**7.1 Board Member Comments** Crawford complimented administration and staff on recent hiring decisions.

**7.2 Board Calendar** was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

**8. Adjournment** at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board President

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Board Secretary