

# NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019

BOARD ROOM AT 1035 15TH STREET

**PRESENT:** BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier, Dave Sutherland. **ABSENT:** Joe Anderson  
**STAFF:** Steve Gray, Robert Mittman, Brian Schaeffer.  
**OTHERS:** Katie Mauch

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

**2. Approval of Agenda** Motion by Harter, second by Sutherland to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried 3-0.

**3. Public Comment** - none

**4.1 ACT College Readiness Report** The Board reviewed the District's students' scores for the ACT College Readiness Test for the 2019 graduation year. All scores, for English, Math, Reading, Science, and Composite, were up from 2018 and were higher than the State averages.

**4.2 Revenue Purpose Statement Election** The Board reviewed an article by Schaeffer, for the Revenue Purpose Statement (RPS), to be published in the next District newsletter. The next date allowed for the public vote on the RPS is March 3, 2020. Dr. Gray said to use future SAVE funds, this election needs to be set. When the Estes Construction completes its assessment of the Middle School facility, Dr. Gray suggested that Matt Gillaspie of Piper Jaffray come and speak about the different financing options, whether from G O Bonds, a SAVE bond, or a combination. Estes will be in the Middle School on Friday, November 15.

**The record shows that Board member Tom Maier arrived to the meeting at 6:42 p.m.**

**4.3 DMACC Adult Welding Opportunity - NCSD Facility** Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) is working with the Ames Chamber of Commerce to recruit under employed and unemployed workers for adult welding classes. DMACC is interested in hosting the classes at the District welding facility, potentially as early as Spring 2020. Dr. Gray reviewed a list of questions for this opportunity he asked of Angie Neville, DMACC Coordinator of Continuing Education, to clarify the District's role in this.

**5.1 LEP Modified Allowable Growth** School districts are annually allowed to apply for Allowable Costs for Limited English Proficient students over and above the benefit calculated on the Aid & Levy budget form. For the District for 2018-19, the amount was \$87,283.52. Motion by Harter, second by Sutherland to approve application of LEP Modified Allowable Growth of \$87,283.52. Motion Carried 4-0.

**5.2 Concussion Resolution** The concussion bill passed in the Legislature does not require any Board policy but requires the Board to adopt a return-to-play protocol resolution issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health. Motion by Maier, second by Harter to adopt the Return-to-Play Protocol Resolution (see minute book for resolution). Motion Carried 4-0.

**5.3 IASB Legislative Priorities** Through Board consensus, the Board has chosen the following items for their suggestions for the 2020 Legislative Resolution for the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB):

#### **#7. MENTAL HEALTH**

Supports efforts to establish comprehensive community mental health systems to offer preventative and treatment services and comprehensive school mental health programs that include in-school access for students to mental

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health professionals and provisions for reimbursement by Medicaid and private insurers. Supports additional ongoing teacher, administrator, and support staff training to improve the awareness and understanding of child emotional and mental health needs. Supports incentives for workforce development for mental health professionals in schools.

**#8. SPECIAL EDUCATION - STATE**

Supports predictable and timely state funding to serve students receiving special education services at a level that reflects the actual cost including educational programming and health care costs.

**#11. SCHOOL CALENDARS**

Supports the authority of locally elected school boards to determine the school calendar to best meet student needs, including start dates, year round schools, and other innovations.

**#20. SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID**

Supports setting supplemental state aid:

- For FY 2020, by January 31, 2019;
- For FY 2021 and future budget years, at least 14 months prior to the certification of the school's district budgets; and
- at a rate that sufficiently supports local districts' efforts to plan, create and sustain world-class schools.

Setting supplemental state aid within the statutory requirements allows districts to make sound financial decisions on programs, staffing levels, and providing the best possible education to all students. IASB supports a formula driven method for establishing the supplemental state aid growth rate if it is not set within the statutory requirements.

Motion by Harter, second by Sutherland to approve the four District legislative priorities for the IASB. Motion Carried 4-0.

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of October 7
- Bills
- Appointments: Kristin Cook – Administrative Assistant; Shawn Crain – Assistant Girls' Track Coach; Justin Evans – Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach; James Long – Middle School Wrestling Coach; Sochil Monfil – Elem Special Ed Associate; Matthew Myers – Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach; Mark Rhodes – Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach; Todd Sampson – Head Boys' Soccer; Kati Schumann – Food Service Worker, Tim Shill – Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach; Cassandra Taniguchi – Elem Special Ed Associate; Patrick Tufts – Head Baseball Coach
- Appointment of Volunteer Coach: Skyler Koder - Wrestling
- Fundraisers: Central Can Collection for Earth Day Tree Planting; Dance Team treats for new costumes, Dance Team – host dance for Dance Team items

Motion Carried 4-0.

**7.1 Board Member Comments** Sutherland said that the state of California has now mandated the start time for all schools at 8:30 a.m. He said, from research, it shows the change benefits kids. But the problem is what do with the gap between students' school start time and parents' work start time. Sutherland noted that the time mandate takes away local control of schools.

**7.2 Board Calendar** was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. November 21 will be the date that the Board attends the IASB convention date.

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**8. Adjournment** at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board President

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Board Secretary