

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019
BOARD ROOM AT 1035 15TH STREET**

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Joe Anderson, Marty Chitty, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier.
STAFF: Steve Gray, Kevin Cooper, Kevin Ericson, Brian Schaeffer.
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Tracy Barker, Kylee Beving, Eliana Hornbuckle, Ben Humpal-Pash, Wyatt Lewis, Makayla Spaid, McKinely Spaid, Rowan Steele, Kim Stephens, Dave Sutherland, Ella Toot

Organizational Meeting of the New Board

Board Reorganization

- 1.1 Call to Order** at 6:30 p.m. by Board Secretary Brian Schaeffer
- 1.2 Roll Call** The record shows that Board members Tori Carsrud, Joe Anderson, Marty Chitty (newly elected), Leanne Harter (reelected – attending by phone), and Tom Maier (reelected) are present.
- 1.3 Oath of Office to New Members** The record shows that the new and reelected Board members took the Oath of Office at the Business Office:
- Marty Chitty was sworn in on Friday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m.
 - Leanne Harter was sworn in on Monday, November 18 at 9:28 a.m.
 - Tom Maier was sworn in on Wednesday, November 11 at 3:42 p.m.
- 1.4 Election of President** Chitty nominated Carsrud as Board President, second by Maier. Motion Carried 4-0 (Carsrud abstained). Tori Carsrud is elected Board President. Schaeffer gave chair of meeting to Carsrud.
- 1.5 Election of Vice-President** Anderson nominated Maier as Board Vice-President, second by Chitty. Motion Carried 4-0 (Maier abstained). Tom Maier is elected Board Vice-President.
- 1.6 Operating Procedures**
- a) Authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to issue payroll checks, pay utility bills and bills that carry a discount if paid within a specified time period** Motion by Chitty, second by Harter to approve this authorization. Motion Carried 5-0.
 - b) Appointment of Board member to committees** Motion by Chitty, second by Maier to approve the list of Board committee appointments. Motion Carried 5-0.
 - Ames Conference Board – Anderson
 - City/School Committee – Carsrud and Maier
 - Community Resource Center Board - Harter, Chitty alternate
 - IASB Delegate Assembly - Carsrud, Chitty alternate
 - IASB Legislative Liaison – Carsrud
 - IBC – Maier, Harter alternate
 - SIAC – Chitty
 - Story County Conference Board – Anderson

2. Approval of Agenda Motion by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Harter. Motion Carried 5-0.

3. Public Comment Tracy Barker asked to speak and stated she is troubled about the class sizes in the Third Grade classes. She said Mr. Barloon has 27 students and can “barely fit the desks in the classroom”. Ms. Barker said she is concerned that the students can’t learn and asked how to change class sizes and if there was a cap on class size. She said it’s not fair to teachers.

Kim Stephens said she met with Police Chief Ric Martinez to request stop signs be placed at 9th Street &

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H Avenue. Chief Martinez said that erecting stop signs requires City Council approval. Ms. Stephens asked to get the Board “on board” with this request. She said the intersection is uncontrolled and stop signs would decrease the number of negotiations required of drivers there.

Dave Sutherland, an unelected Board candidate, congratulated the Board members for their reelection. He said he encouraged the Board to be sure of the “lens they are looking through” for students.

4.1 FFA Update Mr. Cooper and FFA students Kylee Beving, Wyatt Lewis, Makayla Spaid, McKinley Spaid, Rowan Steele, and Ella Toot presented to the Board the activities they were involved in recently. Several participated in the National FFA Convention at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. Others, including two 8th grade students, had attended the FFA “Ignite & Amplify” conference.

Mr. Cooper also spoke of the FFA’s test plot of 37 acres of crops. Van Wahl Equipment donated use of a combine. The net proceeds from the crops was \$10,698.00 after costs. The 8th grade discovery ag class has included introductory flights, welding, and ag mechanics. The greenhouse has new plants, including banana, pineapple, and spinach and had a great pumpkin and mum sale.

Eliana Hornbuckle is not a FFA member but Mr. Cooper asked her to write a paper for the World Food Price Youth Institute. She said she chose the topic of food waste in India – waste is all post-consumer in United States while India’s waste is pre-consumer. The Institute included 15 students from 10 countries.

4.2 Board Retreat Dr. Gray asked the Board to review the dates in December provided for the Board retreat and state any conflicts. He noted that the Middle School facility study would be presented to the Board in January. Board consensus was to have the retreat in January.

4.3 Board Photos Dr. Gray said, at the next Board meeting, both group and individual pictures would be taken of the Board.

5.1 Drivers’ Education Contract Bids Dr. Gray said the District is required to offer one section of Drivers’ Education and, for the District, the expense is those students with fee waivers. The fee waiver cost is \$10.00 less with Street Smarts, the administration recommendation. The Street Smarts contract is for three years. Motion by Chitty, second by Harter to approve the Drivers’ Education contract with Street Smarts. Motion Carried 5-0.

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of November 4
- Bills
- Appointments: Chris Hinson – Middle School Baseball Coach, Chris Hinson – Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coach
- Resignations: Chris Hinson – Middle School Softball Coach
- Fundraisers: Athletics for t-shirts, FFA for poinsettias, Cheerleaders for Cheer Clinic, Cheerleaders for t-shirt sales

Motion Carried 5-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Student Board student member report: Ben noted that the first term has ended and some students have started new classes, He said, with the volleyball team at State, the High School was “empty” on that day. Other activities include the fall play and the start of basketball and speech. Anderson noted he attended the robotics presentation at the Middle School and it was great to

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see the collaboration. Chitty said he was glad to be back on the Board and complimented Eliana on her presentation. Dr. Gray said the topic of stop signs around the Elementary School was taken to the City-School Committee last year.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary