

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019
BOARD ROOM AT 1035 15TH STREET**

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Joe Anderson, Marty Chitty, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier
STAFF: Justin Gross, Kevin Ericson, Joe Wakeman, Brian Schaeffer.
OTHERS: Katie Mauch

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

2. Approval of Agenda The Board noted additional personnel, bills, and fundraisers for the consent agenda. Motion by Chitty to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Anderson. Motion Carried 5-0.

3. Public Comment - none

4.1 Annual Student Achievement Report - Justin Gross Mr. Gross noted that the annual student achievement report was in Board materials shows last year's testing data. This information included a review of goals as submitted to the State. A new system of information requested by the State is literacy data. The test results shows how many students screened and how many students at benchmark. The students at the benchmark increased during the year. On the literacy scores, the District Kindergarten class is a concern. Mr. Gross then reviewed the Iowa State Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) testing results which were a much more rigorous testing and were given on-line. Mr. Gross said, after the test is given again in April 2020, the District then can look at students' growth which "gets to the heart of where they're at". With the computer-adaptive testing in place for ISASP, student testing will be individualized. For those who have higher scores, the questions get tougher. Mr. Gross noted that the teachers are aware of the test scores but each building uses the data differently. The student achievement report included eight-year trend data for ACT for seniors only. Information on the PSAT was also included which are the test scores used for national merit which is a rigorous test but two-thirds of the students are meeting the benchmarks. Mr. Gross also reviewed the District average daily attendance and graduation rate. Chitty asked about data which shows college attendance trending down. Mr. Gross said this is due mostly to college cost. Mr. Gross noted more students are participating in work-based learning.

4.2 iJAG: Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates Dr. Gray, Mr. Gross, and Mr. Asmus met with iJAG representative Jennifer Meier in regard to the possibility of bringing the year-long work-based program to the High School for students who meet an at-risk criteria. Cost to the District would be \$22,500 per year. This program is from the Governor's Future-Ready Plan. Interest from 40-50 students is required. Mr. Gross said the District is interested but administration needs to gauge student interest. Administration will return in the spring for Board approval, if there is enough interest. Chitty asked how this program is being presented to parents. Ms. Meier is sending materials for distribution to students and parents.

4.3 Nutrition Fund Update Schaeffer reviewed the October 2019 Nutrition Fund financial statement with the Board.

5.1 Revenue Purpose Statement Administration presented a resolution for Board approval which calls for an election on March 3, 2020 for approval of the Revenue Purpose Statement. Schaeffer explained, that, with the most recent Legislative session, an extension of SAVE funding via local option sales tax was extended until 2051. But the Legislature required that a new election be held for the Revenue Purpose

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Statement for the new funds. The District has the choice of replacing the old Revenue Purpose Statement or placing the new Revenue Purpose Statement after the old Revenue Purpose Statement expires. This resolution directs that the old Revenue Purpose Statement be replaced. Motion by Harter, second by Maier to approve the Resolution Approving Revenue Purpose Statement, Ordering an Election on a Revenue Purpose Statement to Authorize Expenditures From Revenue Received From the State Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund, and Ordering the Publication of a Notice of Election (see minute book for full resolution). Motion Carried 5-0.

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of November 18
- Bills
- October Financial Reports
- Appointments: Ashley Jones – Elementary Associate
- Resignations: Lisa Hartman – Middle School Principal, Jodie Hunt – Food Service Worker
- Early Graduates Upon Successful Completion of Studies: Jocelynn Bainter – end of Term 1, Sydney Boelman – end of Term 2, Amber Jennings – end of Term 2, Riley Loux – end of Term 1, Carter Melton – end of Term 1, Hannah Murray – end of Term 2, Gage Sawyer – end of Term 2
- Fundraisers: High School Student Council – Pay to make half-court shot donated to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, High School Band & Chorus – chocolate sales for 2020 Orlando Trip

Motion Carried 5-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Student Board member report: Ben said noted a few changes: musical audition information has been distributed, first mega-night basketball games, the student council shopped for Angel Tree, and robotics competition will be hosted in January in Nevada.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, December 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary