

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

BOARD ROOM AT 1035 15TH STREET

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Joe Anderson, Marty Chitty, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier (see **Call to Order** below)
STAFF: Steve Gray, Chris deNeui, Dave Kroese, Travis Temple, Joe Wakeman, Brian Schaeffer.
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ben Humpal-Pash

1. Call to Order at 6:30 p.m. All participants attended the meeting via Internet Stream as allowed by Board Policy 210.6.

2. Approval of Agenda The Board noted additional personnel and a fundraiser to be added to the consent agenda. Motion by Anderson, second by Harter to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried 4-0 (Chitty was not yet present on the Internet stream).

3. Public Comment - none

4.1 COVID-19 Closure Update Dr. Gray said, since the last Board meeting, a number of COVID-19 issues had been settled including the dates of the prom, graduation, and student awards. The 4th term classes have been uploaded for the High School for the required on-line learning. Teachers in grades K-8 are scheduled to participate in professional development for the potential of holding required on-line classes. The Iowa Department of Education is requiring school districts to create and report on “return to learn” plans for the 2020-21 school year. Under current distancing rules, summer programs for the Resource Center and Food for Thought would not be held. Friday, May 15 may be the decision date from the governor which would affect those program. May 15 could also be the date which a decision is made on whether High School summer sports would be held this year. Carsrud asked if the on-line classes were being held on Canvas software. Dr. Gray said Canvas is being used and there was an advantage with Canvas with student equity. Carsrud asked if Canvas could be used for PK-8 classes. Dr. Gray said “yes” and added that younger students may have to have supplementary work. Anderson asked if new devices had to be acquired for the on-line classes. Dr. Gray said “no” as the on-line classes were being handled in-house. He said that there had been additional software purchased for the on-line Canvas program.

Carsrud said that there had been many compliments from the community for the plan that High School year-end events will happen. Dr. Gray said that, hopefully, these events won't have to be virtual. Student Board member Ben said that the Canvas software was a great on-line environment.

4.2 Central Elementary - CKH National Showcase School (4th Consecutive Year) The Board noted that Nevada Central Elementary School had be selected as a Capturing Kids' Hearts (CKH) for the fourth consecutive year. The Board congratulated Mrs. deNeui and Mr. Temple. Dr. Gray said registration for training new staff on the CKH program has begun.

4.3 Early Kindergarten & PreSchool Projected Enrollments Mrs. deNeui directed the Board to enrollment projections for next school year for Early Kindergarten and PreSchool. These enrollment numbers show that, for 2020-21, 68 students have registered for PreSchool, 34 for Early Kindergarten, and 108 for Kindergarten. She said she is confident that this will increase by 8 for Kindergarten and 10 for PreSchool. She has proposed increasing Early Kindergarten to full days in 2020-21 from half days this school year. She said there would be more social/emotional learning and more time allowed for math. She said she is proposing to have three Early Kindergarten teachers next school year. Anderson asked

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about the impact on the program at the Resource Center. Mrs. deNeui said this would help the Resource Center by opening up PreSchool spots there. Carsrud said that Early Kindergarten with three teachers all day would be good and would give more opportunity for students. Mrs. deNeui said, if all day Early Kindergarten is approved, Mrs. Boswell's position would be hired in time for approval at the next Board meeting.

5.1 Consider Full-Day Early-Kindergarten Proposal See information and discussion in item 4.3 above. Motion by Maier, second by Anderson to approve full-day Early Kindergarten starting in the 2020-21 school year. Motion Carried 5-0.

5.2 Technology Quotes

- a. **High School Chromebook 4-Year Rotation** Mr. Wakeman said he recommended purchase of 500 Lenovo 500e Chromebooks for the High School rotation from FireFly Computers. Cost each would be \$404; total \$202,000. Accidental damage would be covered on these Chromebooks. A small amount of the old Chromebooks would be held back, with the remaining recycled. Motion by Anderson, second by Harter to approve purchase of the High School Chromebooks from the SAVE Fund. Motion Carried 5-0.
- b. **Elementary Staff Apple Laptop 4-Year Rotation** Mr. Wakeman said he recommended the bid from Apple be approved for 60 five-packs of MacBook Air Computers from the PPEL Fund for \$52,740. Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve the purchase of the Apple Laptop computers. Motion Carried 5-0.
- c. **District Copiers** Mr. Wakeman said the copiers and printers are on five-year leases and all will be replaced. Printers purchased recently will be added to the lease. He said there would be a significant reduction on the operating cost for the printers. Service would be handled through Premier with financing via the PACE buying cooperative. The buying cooperatives were competitively bid through three companies. The savings to the District with the new equipment: \$35,611 per year over the current equipment. Motion by Harter, second by Anderson to approve the new lease for copiers and printers. Motion Carried 5-0.

5.3 Budget Guarantee Resolution Schaeffer said he was recommended the Board approve the Budget Guarantee Resolution for the 2020-21 school year. With the current plan for Supplementary State Aid, the Budget Guarantee Resolution would not be necessary. However, due to the potential revenue decrease at the State from COVID-19, the Supplementary State Aid may change. Motion by Anderson, second by Harter to approve the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Nevada Community School District, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the regular program budget adjustments as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.”

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 April 20
- Bills
- Appointments: Trevor Arganbright – High School Special Ed Teacher; John Bass – Softball Coach; Miranda Jones – Food Service Worker; Carries Klinge – EK Associate; Kristy Ryan – High School Spanish Teacher
- Resignations: Lisa Hartman – Middle School Principal (updated resignation date), Ashley Moffitt – Elementary

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Associate; Dan Tuhn – Assistant High School Girls’ Basketball Coach

- Corrections from April 20 for pay: Sarah Gilchrist – Middle School Cross Country Coach, Terri Leslie – Food Service Worker, Zach Lillquist – 7th Grade Baseball Coach
- Corrections from April 20 (omitted): Treasa VanderHart – Bus Driver
- Fundraisers: Middle School for materials for at-home enrichment
- Change Order: Baseball Stadium (deduct \$24,048, \$10,000 to District, \$14,048 to City)

Motion Carried 5-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Maier asked about the High School Principal interview schedule on May 15. Dr. Gray said he would distribute this schedule soon. Harter asked about any High School connectivity issues for the required on-line learning. Mr. Wakeman reviewed the process for follow-up with this. There were ten who had connectivity issues which was able to be reduced to two. Carsrud complimented the yard signs for the senior students and thanked all who supported them.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Student Board member Ben complimented everyone at the High School on how May was working out for students.

8. Adjournment at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary