

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 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, Joe Wakeman, Brian Schaeffer.  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ben Humpal-Pash, Kerry Weig  
OTHERS: Mike Carroll, Mike Dean, Brad Leeper, Laura Peterson

**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 the addition of the appointment of the new High School Principal for personnel. Motion by Harter, second by Anderson to approve the agenda as revised. Motion Carried 5-0.

**3. Public Comment - none**

**4.1 National History Day Recognition** The Board noted those students in the Middle School who received recognition for the History Day competition: Abby Holm & Gwen Zrostlik qualified for national competition with their report “Breaking Mental Health Barriers”; Taylyn Angus & Ria Patel qualified as alternates to national competition with their report “The Civil Rights Movement for the Deaf”; and Olivia Axmer, Kaelyn Banks, Lynze Geerdes, and Madalyn Gibson qualified as finalists. Mr. Davis and retired Nevada teacher Karen Ross helped the students with their projects.

**4.2 Middle School Renovation Project Presentation - INVISION Architects & Estes Construction** Brad Leeper, INVISION education partner, said he was the partner in charge to help explore goals for a Middle School renovation. Mike Carroll from Estes Construction said he was appearing for Chad Alley and Ryan Holland who will be the Estes lead people for the Middle School renovation. Kerry Weig (from Nevada), Managing Architect, introduced the remaining team members: Mike Dean and Laura Peterson. The INVISION staff reviewed project management and a proposed timeline for the Middle School renovation. The idea for design is to incorporate 21st century learning in the facility. INVISION says they’ll engage everyone in the process using Discovery, Strategy, and Implementation steps. The schedule shows that INVISION will meet with staff and students in May, refine the options in June, have ballot language by July 17, and proceed in August with community outreach. The estimated budget for the project was reviewed. INVISION said that the Middle School building needs a finish update. Chitty said that former Boards monitored facility improvements by having Maintenance Director Dave Kroese involved and having an actively engaged Board. Ms. Weig said the Board will receive whatever updates it wants. Chitty said the more information, the better.

**5.1 Determination of Summer Programming** Dr. Gray said he was recommending cancelling the following summer programs, based on the COVID-19 data for central Iowa, as well as State requirements and CDC guidelines for the reopening of businesses (PPE, group size, sanitation requirements, and social distancing):

- Nevada Community Resource Program
- Food for Thought Enrichment Program
- Central Elementary Summer School

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Dr. Gray said the District may do some Title I reading work with students in August on a small scale. Carsrud asked if special education students will get their services. Dr. Gray said if those students' IEPs call for that instruction. He said the USDA has extended the waiver for "grab and go" meals so this program will continue. This program will continue right up to the first school meeting in August. The Board said that the three programs have been a great asset to the District and it is sad that they will be cancelled. Motion by Chitty, second by Maier to cancel the Nevada Community Resource, Food for Thought Enrichment, and Central Elementary Summer School programs for the Summer of 2020. Motion Carried 5-0.

**5.2 Baxter Sharing Agreement - Transportation Director - Basic Bus Maintenance** Dr. Gray said he was recommending a 20% sharing agreement with the Baxter School District for basic bus maintenance for the 2020-21 school year. This would qualify for the State operational sharing. The distribution of funds would be split three ways with Baxter, Colo-NESCO and Nevada. The bus work will be in Nevada. Motion by Harter, second by Chitty to approve the bus maintenance sharing with Baxter for 2020-21. Motion Carried 5-0.

### 5.3 Middle School Renovation Project - Contracts

- a. **INVISION Architects** Dr. Gray asked the Board to approve INVISION's contract to move forward with the planning for the Middle School. He said, by next month, the Board will need to decide to take the Middle School Project to the voters for a G O Bond. INVISION will work on conceptual planning, HVAC, and roof.
- b. **Estes Construction** Dr. Gray asked that the contract for Estes Construction's construction management on the Middle School be approved. The pricing on the contract starts when the Middle School project starts.

Motion by Chitty, second by Anderson to approve the Middle School Renovation Project contracts with INVISION Architects and Estes Construction. 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 May 4
- Bills
- Financial Reports
- Appointments: Shawna Dumbaugh – Assistant Drama Coach; Heather Egeland – Resource Center Associate; Kristian Einsweiler – High School Principal; Alan Erickson – Assistant Drama Coach; Justin Kuethé – Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach; Seth Meyne – Assistant Wrestling Coach; James Mills – First Tech Challenge Sponsor; Karen Niblock – Head Drama Coach; Ashtyn Vandersnick – Early Kindergarten Teacher; Tonya Wiley Williams – Resource Center Associate.
- Appointment of TLC positions for 2020-21
- Appointment of Volunteers: Kate Sutton – High School Drama
- Lane Changes: Holly Funke, Chelsea Germer, Shelby Myers, and Holly Phillips – all from BA to BA 15
- Resignations: Belicia Barker – Associate; Ryan Brown – Head Boys' Golf Coach; Randi Heintz – Associate; Kate Sutton- Assistant Drama Coach
- Policy 603.1 - 1st Reading EK to Full Day (Waive second Reading)

Motion Carried 5-0.

**7.1 Board Member Comments** Student Board Member Ben said the on-line system for required High School learning works better each day. On Wednesday, the High School student awards will be presented virtually. An announcement has been made that the United Methodist's Kids at First program will not be offered next school year for late-start Mondays. Carsrud thanked the Methodist Church for

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the program. The program has been offered since 2011. Chitty congratulated to Class of 2020.

**7.2 Board Calendar** was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Plans are to continue with the Internet streaming meeting.

**8. Closed Session to Discuss Purchase of Real Estate** Motion by Harter, second by Chitty at 7:39 p.m. to approve entering into closed session to discuss purchase of real estate as provided in Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the District would have to pay for that property. Roll Call vote: Maier – aye; Harter – aye; Chitty – aye; Anderson – aye; Carsrud – aye. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by Harter to go out of closed session at 8:11 p.m. Second by Anderson. Motion Carried 5-0.

**9. Adjournment** at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board President

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Board Secretary