

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020

BOARD ROOM AT 1035 15TH STREET

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Joe Anderson, Marty Chitty, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier **ABSENT:** Tori Carsrud (see **Call to Order** below)
STAFF: Steve Gray, Dave Kroese, Jason Sampson, Joe Wakeman, Brian Schaeffer.
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ben Humpal-Pash, Kerry Weig
OTHERS: Chad **from Estes**

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

2. Approval of Agenda The Board noted two additions to the personnel portion of the consent agenda. Motion by Maier, second by Chitty to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried 4-0

3. Public Comment - none

4.1 Return to Learn Planning Update – Dr. Steve Gray Dr. Gray said that, due to the COVID-19 virus, Story County school superintendents are meeting with the Story County Emergency Planning and Story County Health to help with the planning for return to learn. On July 1, the list of assurances from school districts was due to the Iowa Department of Education (DE). The details to meet the assurances would include the following plans: 1) students and teachers on site; 2) a hybrid plan of half one day/half another; or 3) continuous on-line learning. Dr. Gray said that schools will need a model to move between plans. The current District plan is to have student and teachers on site. He said parents are to see a survey this week for returning to school.

Personal protective equipment using masks are not being required by DE. Dr. Gray said the District has 2,000 cloth masks on site and disposable masks are on order. Dr. Gray noted that the Ames school district is requiring masks at all times. He said, at Nevada, associates may have to ride busses. Seating charts will be important. An exposure to COVID-19 is considered being within six feet of someone with the virus for 15 minutes is an exposure. Face shields are being ordered and plastic protective sheets are being installed in offices. Staggered times and lunch limits are being considered. On-line trainings being required for all staff. Hand sanitizers are in all areas and there will be increased sanitization. Dr. Gray said he was recommending that the Board meet on July 20 for review of a detailed COVID-19 plan. On-line registration starts on July 27 and parents will want to know the District's plans. Dr. Gray said there will be a communication to families this week. Chitty asked if there was any ultimate legal authority for the plans. Dr. Gray said the authority, for now, was the local school boards. He said an important metric will be established by Story County Health. Maier said the Board appreciates the work being done behind the scenes.

4.2 MS Renovation Planning & Conceptual Update - INVISION Architects Kerry Weig from INVISION Architects said that she was bringing forward a plan for Board review after the architectural staff completed discovery work. Ms. Weig said that the project drivers included: a total renovation of the Central Office, having staff workrooms and pods for co-learning space, shifting of classrooms, renovation of restrooms to make them ADA compliant, moving the art room, renovating the commons for better space, and areas for growth if necessary. Deferred maintenance was examined including the roof and a mechanical system update with a geothermal well system. Corridors will be redone and lockers will be

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replaced. Each of the classrooms will have a finish upgrade

The architects also had a discussion with the City for sprinkler coverage for the Middle School. Ms. Weig said it was a struggle for her staff to get the Middle School areas below the requirements to have no sprinkling in the Middle School. The cost will be \$400,000 to to \$500,000. Chad Alley from Estes Construction said sprinklers would be the most cost effective to do during the project. Ms. Weig said the sprinkler change was a shift in building codes which states that work over a certain percentage of a facility must meet current codes. The City says mechanical work and a roof would necessitate sprinklers. The City issues the permit for the Middle School.

Ms. Weig reviewed the images of the proposed changes in the Middle School facility including the commons and the co-learning spaces. Maier complimented the co-learning spaces. Ms. Weig said the information presented will be shared with the community in August.

4.3 Summer Maintenance Update – Dave Kroese Mr. Kroese said he and the maintenance staff have had a lengthy list of projects but has had more time this summer to complete them. He reviewed these projects in detail. He also reviewed COVID-19 preparation which are ongoing. All three buildings have had a deep summer cleaning.

5.1 Acceptance of Petitions - Middle School Facility Improvements The Board received petitions calling for an election to issue bonds for renovations of the Middle School. Statute requires that 252 signatures be on petitions presented - more than 300 are listed. Motion by Anderson to accept the petitions presented. Second by Harter. Motion Carried 4-0.

5.2 Resolution - General Obligation Bond vote September 8, 2020 Motion by Anderson, second by Harter to approve the Resolution Ordering an Election (on Tuesday, September 8) on the Issuance of \$9,140,000 General Obligation School Bonds. Motion Carried 4-0.

5.3 Bus Purchase Mr. Sampson said that the bus fleet is having issues with rusting. He recommended the purchase of a 2020 bus with a Cummins engine and an Eaton Transmission. Motion by Chitty to purchase a new 2020 77-passenger diesel bus for \$86,000 from Hogle Bus Company, second by Harter. Motion Carried 4-0.

5.4 Fuel Bids New Century Farm Service presented the only bid for fuel for the 2020-21 school year. Motion by Chitty, second by Anderson to accept the fuel bid for 2020-21 from New Century Farm Service. Motion Carried 4-0.

5.5 Ahlers & Cooney Legal Waiver Story County Superintendents have been working with United Way for past few years to learn more about their request to begin Data Sharing Agreements. They would create a Data Warehouse to better use trends to guide their resources and programming. The Story County Data Warehouse would be operated by Iowa State University. It has been approved by the Iowa State IRB process, as well as their legal counsel. Story County Superintendents have now requested that our legal counsel (Ahlers & Cooney) review on behalf of the Story County School Districts. Given that Ahlers & Cooney has an existing relationship with the Story County School Districts, as well as the Board of Regents/ISU, Ahlers & Cooney requests approval of the legal waiver. Motion by Chitty, second by Anderson to approve the legal waiver. Motion Carried 4-0.

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5.6 IASB Legislative Priorities Based on feedback from Board members, the following priorities will be forwarded to the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB):

- Special Ed Funding, State
- School Calendars – Local Control
- State Supplemental Aid
- Local Accountability & Decision Making
- Elections – 4 special elections date per year

Motion by Chitty, second by Harter to approve the Board’s IASB Legislative Priorities. Motion Carried 4-0.

5.7 Consider Additional Board meeting – July 27 Dr. Gray said he recommended the Board hold a meeting on July 20 for the Return to School Plan to be reviewed. Motion by Anderson, second by Harter to approve the Board meeting to be held on July 20. Motion Carried 4-0.

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of June 15
- Bills
- Appointments: Cody Good – Assistant Football Coach; Katherine Schultz – Middle School Science Teacher; Emily Shuka - TLC
- Resignations: Kasey Horn – Elementary Special Ed Teacher
- Lane Change: Jennifer Wessels – BA+15 to BA+30
- Fundraisers: Strength Training Camp for Grades 7-8, High School Volleyball Apparel Order, High School Volleyball Summer Camp for grades 3-12

Motion Carried 4-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Chitty thanked all community members who signed the petitions and Anderson thanked all who took the time to collect signatures. Student Board Member Ben said students are ready to go back to school and he was thankful for those who work for the new normal.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, August 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. A special meeting will be held on Monday, July 20.

8. Adjournment at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary