

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 20, 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, Kody Asmus, Chris deNeui, Kristian Einsweiler, Dave Kroese, Tony Sniederma, Joe Wakeman, Brian Schaeffer.

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 was asked to add bills to be paid to the consent agenda. Motion by Anderson, second by Chitty to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried 4-0 (Board member Tom Maier had not yet arrived to the meeting).
3. **Public Comment** Dr. Gray said there were two public comments on the Return to School (RTS) Plan which would be covered in the following information.

4.1 Return to School: Parent Survey Data Dr. Gray reviewed the RTS parent survey issued by the District.

5.1 Return to School Plan 2020-21 Dr. Gray reviewed the District RTS Action Plan. He said the RTS assurances were provided to the state on July 1. This plan is a fluid guiding document – there are still tweaks to come and the document is changing daily. Dr. Gray reviewed Guiding Principles, Delivery Models: 1) On-Site, District determined (default plan to be used starting August 24), 2) Required Continuous On-Line Learning, State determined (teachers will use Canvas platform for instruction; or 3) Hybrid Learning – District Level, District or State determined (each household will be A or B day over two-week period, students will be on site half of time) OR Hybrid Learning – Individually determined (parents’ choice during registration starting July 27 – this tells staff who is coming and who is on-line).

For Health & Safety Mitigation overview for on-site learning: face coverings (masks and/or face shields) are highly recommended. Face coverings will be required on the bus, going to nurses’ office, participating in music classes, and other areas to be determined. Students need to secure and launder masks daily. Temperature checks are encouraged at home. On registration, parents need to especially update contact information. Social distancing will occur to extent possible. Contact tracing – Iowa Department of Public Health will release guidance but the plan is that public health will notify school if there are positive cases in school. The superintendent will then communicate all parents via “snow day” communications. Also reviewed were situations where there is a sick child at school, training of staff, sanitation, and transportation. Dr. Gray also reviewed separate sections on “Equity & Meeting the Needs of All Learners”, “Staff Roles & Responsibilities”, “Student Roles & Responsibilities”, and “Family Roles & Responsibilities”. Parents were encouraged to review the information on the District web site.

Dr. Gray responded to questions by the Board and noted that substitute teacher requirements have been relaxed by the governor. Motion by Chitty, second by Anderson to adopt the RTS plan as presented. Harter asked if there was a way to review the options presented with families. Mr. Wakeman said the options will be clearer during registration. Motion Carried 5-0.

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5.2 Additional Elementary Roof Repair Mr. Kroese said time allows additional roof repairs at Central Elementary. This would be the section over east gym entrance. Motion by Chitty, second by Harter to approve the additional Elementary roof repair at a cost of \$15,230. Motion Carried 5-0.

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

- Bills
- Appointments: Kasey Horn – Elementary Special Ed Teacher
- Appointment of Volunteer Coaches: John Bass (Boys' Basketball), Casey Betting (Boys' Soccer), Shawn Crain (Softball), Patrick Donovan (Esports), Bill Fischer (Boys' Cross Country – pending coaching authorization), Sarah Gilchrist (Middle School Track), Emma Griffin (Girls' Golf), Ted Johnson (Girls' Cross Country), Carl Pelzer (Boys' Track),

Motion Carried 5-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Anderson congratulated both the baseball and softball team on having a season despite COVID-19. He also congratulated the coaches and Mr. Smith. Chitty spoke to the success of graduation: as parent and a Board member. He said all went right. Harter thanked everyone who worked so hard on graduation. She said it was an amazing amount of planning and organization.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, August 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary