

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY AT 1001 15TH STREET

**PRESENT:** BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Joe Anderson, Marty Chitty, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier  
STAFF: Steve Gray, Dave Kroese, Tony Sneiderman, Joe Wakeman, Brian Schaeffer.  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ben Humpel-Pash, Kerry Weig  
OTHERS: Ryan Haaland

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

**2. Approval of Agenda** Motion by Anderson, second by Harter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried 5-0.

**3. Public Comment** - none

**4.1 MS Project Update**

- a. Estes Construction Update** Ryan Haaland from Estes reviewed the budgeted amounts for the Middle School Renovation Project: the current estimated cost of the project is \$9,483,500; the bond issue was approved for \$9.14 million. Mr. Haaland noted the addition of a fire suppression system at the request of the City of Nevada. Chitty noted changes from the past in the cost estimate and asked about changes to the amount. Ms. Weig from Invision Architects said that architects have been making adjustments to lower the cost estimate. Mr. Haaland listed those changes. He said these changes had been made in conversations with Dr. Gray and Mr. Kroese. An option is to consider an alternate HVAC system rather than geothermal. The option would be to replace the current heat pump system in the Middle School with similar system. Anderson and Chitty had questions on the HVAC system. The Board expressed concerns that geothermal would not be used as it had in the other facility renovations. Carsrud asked about contingent amounts placed in the project estimate. Chitty asked Estes what HVAC system was recommend. Mr. Haaland suggested a base bid of a boiler base with geothermal as an alternate. Student Board member Ben encouraged the most environmentally friendly system for HVAC.
- b. Invision Architects Update** Ms. Weig review the current plans for the Middle School Renovation Project. She said, at the next meeting, there would be a finishes update. She said with the current plans, the administrative offices will not have to be a total demolition and co-learning spaces may use existing walls.

**5.1 MS Project Add & Deduct Options** The Board reviewed the list of project deductions and alternate bids that Dr. Gray had prepared. The Board also continued discussion on using geothermal for HVAC. Chitty said that the District has the experience with geothermal for HVAC. Motion by Maier to approve the list of project deductions and alternates (listed below). Second by Chitty. Harter suggested that a survey of the non-money benefits of geothermal be considered for a presentation. Motion Carried 5-0.

Deductions:

Lower Wrestling Ceiling to 12 feet	deduct \$22,000
Reuse Existing Marker/Tack Boards	deduct \$100,000
Wall padding removal	deduct \$2,000
New Wall Padding in wrestling	deduct \$28,500
Deduct Tuck Pointing	deduct \$13,500

Items to Alternative Bid:

- #1 HVAC: Geothermal as base bid, and cooling tower heat pump system as an alternate
- #7 Hollow metal frames in the facility
- #18 New carpet, paint, and lighting in the band and vocal music rooms
- #20 New data cabling throughout

**5.2 Annual Meeting Items**

- a. **Certified Annual Report (CAR)** Schaeffer provided the Board financial reports for the year ended June 30, 2020. This information was transmitted to the State on Friday, September 25. For the General Fund, revenues increased from \$18,097,275 in Fiscal 2018-19 of to \$18,863,515 in Fiscal 2019-20. Expenditures increased from \$18,059,945 in Fiscal 2018-19 of to \$18,366,467 in 2019-20. The balance of revenues over expenditures for 2019-20 is \$497,078. The General Fund Solvency Ratio improved from 15.21% for 2018-19 to 15.44% for 2019-20.

For the Nutrition Fund, revenues increased from \$877,030 in Fiscal 2018-19 to \$911,261 in Fiscal 2019-20. Expenditures decreased in Fiscal 2018-19 of \$1,025,974 to \$911,261 in 2019-20. For each of these expenditure amounts, in 2018-19, depreciation was \$34,378 and, in 2019-20, depreciation was \$33,975. After removing depreciation (a non-cash item), there was a net loss in the Nutrition Fund of (\$11,958) in 2018-19 and a net gain in the Nutrition Fund of \$122,892 in 2019-20. Motion by Harter, second by Maier to accept the Certified Annual Report for the 2019-20 school year. Motion Carried 5-0.

- b. **District Depositories** The Board is required by statute to approve the annual depositories with the following resolution: "For the 2020-21 school year, Nevada Community School District will utilize the following depository institutions, Availa Bank, Great Western Bank, and State Bank & Trust Company, all of Nevada. The maximum deposit amounts will be set at \$3,000,000 at Availa Bank and State Bank & Trust Company and \$8,000,000 at Great Western Bank." Motion by Chitty, second by Maier to approve the depository resolution. Motion Carried 5-0.
- c. **Appointment of District Legal Counsel** Administration requested that Ahlers & Cooney be approved as District legal counsel. Motion by Harter, second by Anderson to approve Ahlers & Cooney. Motion Carried 5-0.

**5.3 Modified Allowable Growth: Special Education & Limited English Proficient (LEP)**

Administration asked that Modified Allowable Growth be approved for the results of the 2019-20 Fiscal Year: for Special Education (\$370,159.63) and for LEP (\$63,453.13). Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve the Modified Allowable Growth amounts. Motion Carried 5-0.

**5.4 Policy Update: 710.4 Meal Charges – 2nd reading** Food Service Director Billie Veach had asked the Board to approve the in Board Policy 710.4 "Meal Charges" a change that there would be a purchase of no food ala carte items if the balance in the family meal account is zero. Motion by Maier to approve the change to Board Policy 710.4 on the second reading, second by Harter. Motion Carried 5-0.

**5.5 Vehicle Bids** Via State bid system, Administration would like approval to purchase two Ford trucks, a F150 Model and a F350 Model via the PPEL. Mr. Kroese said he was waiting on snow bids which may have changed the trucks to be bid. The F350 would be fitted with a snow blade. Motion by Chitty, second by Maier to approve the Ford truck bids. Motion Carried 5-0

**5.6 Snow Removal Bids** Mr. Kroese recommended J & M Lawn & Landscape receive the bid for snow

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removal for three years. Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve the snow removal bid from J & M Lawn & Landscape. Motion Carried 5-0

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

- Bills
- Fundraisers: Football – State t-shirt

Motion Carried 5-0.

**7.1 Board Member Comments** Student Board member Ben said the High School was moving towards the end of the term. He said the High School clubs were starting late this year. He said the fall plays will be with three casts (one per night of presentation).

**7.2 Board Calendar** was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**8. Adjournment** at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board President

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Board Secretary