

NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY AT 1001 15TH STREET

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Joe Anderson, Marty Chitty, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier
STAFF: Kody Asmus, Kevin Cooper, Dave Kroese, Dustin Smith, Tony Sneiderman, Joe Wakeman, Brian Schaeffer.
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Kerry Weig
OTHERS: Randy Sharp

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

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

3. Public Comment - none

4.1 FFA Update Mr. Cooper spoke to the Board about the ag skills class for 8th grade students: 27 students are on the roster this year, the same as last year. He showed a picture of the 8th grade students lined up on a Saturday morning to learn welding skills. Also, there have been field trips including a trip to Couser's feeding lot for cattle. The students reviewed there the different feedstuffs for the cattle. Coursework includes welding and greenhouse work. Mr. Cooper said these 8th grade students are then prepared for freshman class competition including State meats evaluation. This involves 20 hours of outside of school studying and 4.5 hours on a virtual conference on a Saturday in September. A freshman this year, Nick Larson, will go to West Fork School for soil evaluation contest.

Mr. Cooper updated the Board on High School FFA activities since school started: first day of school, ag students were in the classroom preparing for state livestock contests. Cash was raised for pumpkins and mums sales. Watermelons were given to Food Service for school lunch, some went to Cubbie's Cupboard Food Pantry. Bianca Sponseller is attending the 2020 World Food Prize program virtually.

4.2 Middle School Project

- a. Invision Architects Update** Ms. Weig, architect from Invision, noted that the bids for the Middle School Renovation will to be received on December 10. She said, for the design work, the staff did visual listening. Natural daylight was emphasized and an internal palette was designed reviewed with the Board. Rendering for corridors, the commons, administration, and wrestling were shown. The Board had questions about the wrestling room. Ms. Weig noted that the size of the wrestling room was fixed as the east wall was as far as it could go without reconstruction outside.
- b. Estes Construction Update** Mr. Sharp from Estes Construction reviewed the scheduling of the Middle School Renovation project. He said phasing the project over two summers would require running two mechanical systems which would be very expensive. Bids for the project will be taken on December 10 and the contract will be awarded in January. June 2 would be the last day of school when work could start. During spring break, ceiling tiles could be taken out to measure for duct work or for any interfering items. Two items that could be started are drilling for geothermal and work on the wrestling room when the frost is out of the ground. For some areas, work may continue into September or October. School may have to start after Labor Day for the 2021-22 school year. Mr. Sharp said the project schedule will continue to be refined. Anderson asked if on-line learning could be an option for the Middle School during construction. Mr.

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Asmus said learning would be better if face to face. Mr. Sneiderman said several students will not participate in on-line learning.

5.1 Concrete Work for Softball Dugouts Mr. Kroese said that, in the derecho, one softball dugout was destroyed and one damaged. Funds have been received from insurance for the repairs. He said for summer softball, he would try for a May 1 completion date. He said ground work could be started yet this year. Design of the dugouts was discussed with the Board. Mr. Kroese said he was asking permission to proceed with the underground work for the dugouts. Motion by Chitty to approve soliciting concrete work for new dugouts not to exceed \$25,000, second by Harter. The Board asked for a design and costing build out prior to the next Board meeting. Motion Carried 5-0

5.2 HOIAC Fees Mr. Smith said the seven athletic directors in the schools in the Heart of Iowa Conference are suggesting to the school boards that the admission fee for both for adults and students be \$5.00 for varsity events. Mr. Smith reviewed the rationale for raising to \$5 and \$5. After discussion, Chitty made the motion to adopt the \$5 and \$5 admissions structure. Second by Harter. Motion Carried 3-2. (Chitty, Carsrud nays)

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

- Board Minutes of the meetings of September 21 and October 5
- Bills
- Appointments: Greg Baethke – Volunteer Coach Basketball, Michael Davidson – Head Boys' Golf
- Resignations: Greg Baethke – Varsity Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach, Ashlyn Fritz – Middle School Associate
- Committees: **School Improvement Advisory Committee** for 2020-21: Kody Asmus, Ryan Brown, Audrey Gibson, Jeremy Hansen, Andrew Henderson, Stacie Herridge, Zach Lilliquist, Jessie McGaffin, Jacob Mumm, Catherine Neuman, Bianca Sponseller, Cara Welding. **2020-21 Early Childhood – Preschool Parent Advisory Committee** for 2020-21: Mike Emery, Katie Emery, Keisha Kleeman, Lisa Ott, Nathan Ramthun, Stephanie Sobotka, Stephanie Spence, Brittany Steirbick.

Motion Carried 5-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Carsrud congratulated the fall sports teams for their successful seasons.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary