

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY AT 1001 15TH STREET

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Joe Anderson, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier **ABSENT:** Marty Chitty
STAFF: Steve Gray, Chris deNeui, Dave Kroese, Dustin Smith, Tony Sneiderman, Travis Temple, Joe Wakeman, Brian Schaeffer.
COMMUNITY MEMBER: Ben Humpel-Pash

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

2. Approval of Agenda Motion by Harter, second by Maier to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4-0.

3. Public Comment - none

4.1 Construction Schedule Items:

- a. Virtual Snow Days - Secondary Level** This discussion continued from the last regular Board meeting with Estes Construction who is doing the scheduling for the Middle School Project. Administration is concerned about snow days being added on to the end of the school year when construction would be scheduled. Administration says virtual learning snow days are allowed this school year. Staff is prepared to do virtual learning at the Middle School/High School on snow days. Virtual learning is impossible and not practical at the Elementary level. Most of those students are not independent learners. The actual last day would be June 2 - snow days after that would be scheduled for the Elementary on site.
- b. 2021-22 Calendar Draft** Dr. Gray reviewed a draft of 2021-22 school year. School would be started, to accommodate the Middle School Project, after Labor Day. The last day would be June 10, 2022. Carsrud liked the idea of Elementary snow days being made up. Discussion continued on snow days and calendar including the potential date change for graduation. Carsrud asked if it was possible to start classes with staggered dates for groups of students depending on their grade level. Dr. Gray said this could happen but some staff are shared between Middle School and High School. Dr. Gray said he would take this discussion out and bring it back at a future meeting. The plan is to proceed with virtual snow days at the Middle School and High School levels.

4.2 Elementary Update - Section Balances Mrs. deNeui and Mr. Temple spoke to the Board of their approach to potential class size section size issues due to incoming new students, as well as movement of on-line learners to on-site learning. At the Elementary, Mrs. deNeui said 33 students switched from on-line to in person (110 on-line learners to 87). She said this pushed small class sizes bigger. She cited various situations where classes are maxed out and what has been happening with on-line learners returning to the building. The idea now is for parents to make a decision which last a semester - deadlines need to be put in place for the decision. There will be a two weeks' survey for parents of on-line students to state their intentions. Elementary has four on-line teachers. Mrs. deNeui said the Elementary wants to do what's best for students both on-line and in person. Dr. Gray said it is getting to a point where Administration has to be firmer with parents but try to accommodate everyone.

4.3 Softball Dugouts Dr. Gray said some conceptual work has been completed on the softball dugouts. Mr. Kroese said the demolition of the old dugouts is scheduled for this week. Therefore, he would be

ready to start underground work.

4.4 Winter Activities - COVID-19 Mitigation Guidance Mr. Smith said, at the last Heart of Iowa Conference Athletic Directors meeting, conference-wide expectations were established for mitigating the COVID-19 virus. Masks would be mandatory except for eating, playing, and social distancing. All grade 7-12 events will be live-streamed - Ms. Huber found students to do this at the Middle School. The tech ambassadors are working to do the video. The written mitigation expectation includes all guidance from the State. Mr. Smith complimented Mrs. Niblock for her mitigation plans for the three fall plays.

5.1 MS Renovation: Authorization to Release Bid Documents Estes Construction is asking for authorization of the release of bid documents for the Middle School Project. On November 16, pre-bid meetings will be held with prospective contractors. Motion by Maier, second by Anderson to authorize the release of bid documents for the Middle School Project. Motion Carried 4-0

5.2 MS Renovation: Prioritization of Bid Alternates Administration was requesting the following prioritization of bid alternatives, in order, for the Middle School Project:

Alternate 1: Deduct mechanical system base bid of geothermal to cooling tower.

Alternate 4: Add new data cabling throughout

Alternate 2: Add replace original exterior HM frames and doors

Alternate 3: Add new carpet, paint and lighting in the band and vocal music rooms.

Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve the above prioritization of bid alternates. Motion Carried 4-0

5.3 Resolution to Establish November 16 Instructional Support Levy Hearing Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve the resolution to establish the Board meeting of November 16 the hearing date for extending the Instructional Support Levy. Motion Carried 4-0

5.4 Additional Board Meeting - MS Renovation Bids, December 14, 6:30 pm The Board reviewed a recommendation that the Board hold a December 14 Board meeting to accept Middle School Project bids. Carsrud suggested that the Board meeting for December 21 be moved to December 14 and combined with the bids acceptance. Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve moving the December 21 Board meeting to December 14 with Middle School Project bid acceptance. Motion Carried 4-0

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of October 19
- Bills
- Appointments: Ian Harris - Volunteer Boys' Soccer Coach; Kaitlynn Teachout - Middle School Associate
- Board Committees for 2020-21
- Fundraiser: Key Club for Angel Tree gifts for kids

Motion Carried 4-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Student Board member Ben congratulated Charlie Adams on her all-state band acceptance. He noted that the fall plays are being held this next weekend.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2020 (CONTINUED)

8. Adjournment at 8 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary