

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY AT 1001 15TH STREET

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Joe Anderson, Marty Chitty, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier
STAFF: Steve Gray, Kody Asmus, Chris deNeui, Kevin Ericson, Shawna Dumbaugh, Tony Sneiderman, Joe Wakeman,
Brian Schaeffer.
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ben Humpal-Pash
OTHERS: Drew Barker

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

2. Approval of Agenda The Board noted additional personnel for the consent agenda. Motion by Harter, second by Maier to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried 5-0.

3. Public Comment - none

4.1 Online Academy Overview – Dr. Asmus Dr. Asmus reviewed the possibility of the District establishing an on-line academy program. This authorization originates in Iowa Code 256.2(3). For now, there are students in the District that use the Edmentum. The on-line class concept changed with SF 2310 (2020) in the Legislature. Dr. Asmus gave the Board an outline of on-line learning. On-line learning can be developed by a school district or by a private entity. The on-line program needs to be approved by the Iowa Department of Education. Dr. Asmus also reviewed the on-line academy application process. He said he would work with the building administrators to outline expectations for a program for the 2021-22 year and beyond.

4.2 Student Achievement Data Dr. Asmus reviewed recent student achievement data. He said Formative Assessments Systems for Teachers (FASTs) are required for grades K-6 in literacy and can be a local decision in math testing. For grades K-1, the FAST test is for Early Reading and for grades 2-8, the FAST test is for aReading. The testing goals are 80% proficient. Dr. Asmus reviewed the scores which showed some decline. He said the tier 1 response for the literacy decline is the FAB 4 & Guided Reading program. The focus for Math now is the scope and sequence of delivery and the reevaluation of essential vs. non-essential standards. The tier 2 response to increase individual interventions for both literacy and math. Tier 3 responses are now a work in progress. The Teacher Leadership lead positions are being used for the tier responses. Dr. Asmus said Dr. Gray would request additional staff support at this meeting via intervention specialists for both grades K-4 and 5-8.

5.1 ESSER III Budget Proposal Dr. Gray noted that the interventions will increase as shown in the data in item 4.2. He said he was requesting more assistance via ESSER III grants. These are needs requested by administrators. Dr. Gray said he doesn't typically add positions with only limited federal moneys but the Elementary needs an additional special education teacher, the Middle School needs to add a 5-6 special education teacher, and the Elementary needs to reduce class sizes via a grades 1-2 multiage position. All positions would do the type of interventions required via item 4.2. In addition, Dr. Gray said a District licensed mental health counselor is needed to work more than typical counselors. Motion by Anderson, second by Harter to approve the new positions requested via ESSER III grants. Motion Carried 5-0.

5.2 Band/Choir Trip 2022 Choir Director Shawna Dumbaugh and 2021-22 school year Band Director

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Drew Barker came before the Board to request permission to make arrangements for a band/choir trip during spring break 2022 to Orlando. They reviewed the activities proposed during the trip. Motion by Chitty, second by Maier to approve the music department making arrangements for the 2022 band/choir trip. Motion Carried 5-0.

5.3 2020-21 Calendar Adjustment Central Elementary has three snow days to make up for 2020-21 using Thursday, June 3, Friday, June 4 and Monday, June 7. Dr. Gray recommended that June 7 be dropped as a school day and ending Central Elementary classes on June 4. He said Wednesday, June 2 would not be an early out for Middle School/High School. Motion by Maier, second by Chitty to approve the 2020-21 school calendar adjustments in June. Motion Carried 5-0

5.4 Ames Debate Team Sharing Agreement 2021-22 Mr. Smith said a student wants to do debate as a co-curricular activity. A District teacher will sponsor debate in the future but will need a year to do the professional development to sponsor. First year for debate in Nevada will be 2022-23. For 2021-22, a sharing agreement needs to be approved with the Ames district for debate. Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve the debate team sharing with Ames for 2021-22. Motion Carried 5-0

5.5 Furniture Quotes

a. District Office Dr. Gray said he is recommending Premier Furniture & Equipment – the company has worked with districts directly and will do set up. Motion by Chitty, second by Maier to approve the District Office furniture purchase for \$19,206 from Premier Furniture & Equipment. Motion Carried 5-0

b. Middle School from GO Bond For Middle School furniture, Premier is also recommended for items in the cafeteria, office, and co-learning spaces. A second phase of furniture purchases will come soon for science labs, staff work area, study carrels, nurse items, library and flexible seating. Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve the Middle School furniture purchase from Premier for \$98,020.26. Motion Carried 5-0

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

- Board Minutes of the meetings of April 5 and April 12
- Bills
- Financial Reports
- Appointments: Kaylee Hager – 7th Grade Math, Austin Orborny – Middle School PE, Middle School Football and Middle School Wrestling Coaching, Crystal Walker – 8th Grade Science
- Resignations: Ashtyn Vandersnick – Elem Teacher
- Lane Changes (upon successful completion of credits): Hailee Bentley – BA to BA15, Jordan Bentley - BA to BA15, Mallory Kane – BA to BA15, Brook Thompson – BA15 to MA
- For Transportation: Coach Bus Drivers' Pay
- Fundraisers: FFA – plant sales, Baseball – Youth Camp

Motion Carried 5-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Student Board member Ben said that the Iowa Assessments are in the High School this week and Friday is the day of service. Everyone is getting ready for the Prom. For the ITEC conference, Ben's group gave a Cub TV presentation. He said the group has been invited to two more conferences. Ben also participated in Ethics at Nationals competition and he said they received useful comments from the judges there.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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8. Adjournment at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary