

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 17, 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, Kristian Einsweiler, Kevin Ericson, Kedra Hamilton, Deb Haywood,
Dave Kroese, Tony Sneiderman, Joe Wakeman, Brian Schaeffer.
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ben Humpel-Pash

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

2. Approval of Agenda The Board noted additions to the agenda for the “Resolution Authorizing Redemption of 2009 SAVE Bonds”, Personnel and Fundraisers. Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried 5-0

3. Public Comment Central Elementary instructors Mrs. Haywood and Mrs. Hamilton brought forward concerns from staff members about changing the mask mandate approved by the Board last fall. The staff is requesting being masked for the remainder of school year as students are not vaccinated. Students present at this meeting said they should not be required to wear a mask and, since masks are not required in sports, students can decide on their own whether masks should be worn.

4.1 2021-22 Student Handbooks

- a. Elementary – Mrs. deNeui**
- b. Middle School – Mr. Sneiderman**
- c. High School – Mr. Einsweiler**

Each of the Administrators reviewed the changes being made to the handbooks and answered questions from Board members.

5.1 2021-22 Online Academy Dr. Asmus noted the on-line academy learning program as he reviewed at the last Board meeting. He said he needs Board approval to submit the plan to the State for their approval. Upon State approval, the District then could allow any open enrolled students in to the on-line academy. Motion by Anderson to apply to the State for the on-line academy approval, second by Maier. Motion Carried 5-0

5.2 Items for the \$9,140,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2021

a. Resolution Appointing Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement, and Authorizing the Execution of Same Motion by Harter to approve this resolution, second by Maier. Roll Call Vote: Harter - aye, Maier - aye, Anderson - aye, Chitty - aye, Carsrud – aye. Motion Carried 5-0

b. Approval of Form of Tax Exemption Certificate Motion by Harter, second by Maier to approve the Form of Tax Exemption Certificate for the bond issue. Roll Call Vote: Chitty - aye, Maier – aye, Anderson - aye, Harter - aye, Carsrud – aye. Motion Carried 5-0

c. Approval of Continuing Disclosure Certificate Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve Continuing Disclosure Certificate for the bond issue. Roll Call Vote: Harter - aye, Maier – aye, Anderson - aye, Chitty - aye, Carsrud – aye. Motion Carried 5-0

d. Resolution Amending the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$9,140,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2021, and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof Motion by Maier to approve this resolution, second by Anderson. Roll Call Vote: Chitty - aye,

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Anderson - aye, Maier – aye, Harter - aye, Carsrud – aye. Motion Carried 5-0

5.3 Items for \$1,496,000 Taxable School Infrastructure Sales, Service and Use Tax Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021

a. Resolution Appointing Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of Same Motion by Harter to approve this resolution, second by Anderson. Roll Call Vote: Harter - aye, Maier – aye, Chitty - aye, Anderson - aye, Carsrud – aye. Motion Carried 5-0

b. Resolution Authorizing the Terms of Issuance and Providing for and Securing the Payment of Taxable School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue and Refunding Bonds Motion by Anderson, second by Harter to approve this resolution. Roll Call Vote: Harter - aye, Maier – aye, Chitty - aye, Anderson - aye, Carsrud – aye. Motion Carried 5-0

5.4 Fees 2021-22 The Board reviewed the suggested fees to be charged for the 2021-22 school year. A 10-cent increase to daily meals was suggested, but there would be no actual cost due to the Federal Government cost waiver on meals. Another change being suggested was changing band fees to a flat amount of \$25 per year. All other fees would be the same as 2020-21. Motion by Chitty to set the fees as suggested, second by Maier. Motion Carried 5-0

5.5 FY21 Budget Amendment As published in the *Nevada Journal* on Thursday, May 6, this was the time for the hearing on the Fiscal 2020-21 Budget Amendment. Schaeffer reviewed the changes:

- **For Total Support Services:** From \$7,173,674 to \$8,273,674 to allow for the expenditure of COVID-19 funds from the Federal Government;
- **For Noninstructional Programs:** From \$678,800 to \$768,800 to allow for additional food service costs; and
- **For Total Other Expenditures:** From \$6,784,602 to \$10,792,322 to allow for the call of G O Bonds and expenditures related to the issuance of two new bonds.

No public comments were received for or against the budget amendment.

Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve the Fiscal 2020-21 Budget Amendment. Motion Carried 5-0.

5.6 Mask Mandate Dr. Gray said that, for the COVID-19 pandemic, administration was looking for direction from the Board regarding the current “masks required” status, or a return to the District’s previous position of “mask recommended”. He said on October 26, 2020, the District went to “masks required”. Chitty suggested the District continue with “masks required”. He complimented the letter presented from Central Elementary from Mrs. Hamilton. Carsrud said she was leaning towards returning to “masks recommended”. She said it was time to let the parents choose. She said this decision would also impact summer classes. Harter said she was falling on the side of continuing the masking mandate. She said she is amazed on how the school year has been conducted. She said she wants students to be healthy. Student Board member Ben said it is better to keep the mask mandate as having masks mandate as it is best for safety. Carsrud reiterated that masks would extend to summer with the mask mandate. Chitty said the mandate can be split. He said it can be brought back to the next meeting for summer or it can be decided tonight. Anderson said he doesn’t like masks but supports keeping the mask mandate for

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the remainder of the year as it is not practical to change the rules now.

Motion by Chitty continue the mask mandate and conclude it on June 4, then masks optional after June 4. The motion died from lack of a second. Maier said he was open to discussion of masks with the Board prior to summer school at the next meeting. Carsrud said it would be brought back to the next meeting. The Board passed no motion so the mask mandate remains.

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of May 3
- Bills
- Financial Reports
- Appointments: Brandy Eilbeck – MA 1-2 Teacher, Samantha Hyde - Middle School Special Ed Teacher, Kayla Landhuis – Middle School Admin Assistant, Charlee Spaid – from part- to full-time Special Ed Associate, Charlee Spaid – Summer Resource Center Child Care,
- Resignations: Tabitha Aanonson – High School FCS Teacher, Denise Faaborg – Elementary Admin Assistant, Tiffany Fouts – Middle School Associate, Heather Murphy – Middle School Associate.
- Termination: Amanda Sinclair – Middle School Associate
- Lane Changes: Lisa Easley – from BA15 to BA30, Holly Funke – BA15 to MA, Shelby Myers - BA15 to MA, Holly Phillips - BA15 to MA
- Fundraisers: Fundraising for 2022 Music Trip, High School Softball Fundraising with Casey’s Cards, Middle School Boys & Girls Track, High School Volleyball on-line store, Boys’ Basketball & Football camp
- Early Graduation Upon Successful Completion of Classwork: Alex Anderson – end of Junior year, Savannah Hayes – end of Junior year, Daniel Sorem – end of Term 3, Kelsy Tillotsen – end of Junior year,

Motion Carried 5-0.

7.1 **Board Member Comments** Chitty said he attended his first PTA meeting. He said the PTA made an appeal to other Board members to come to the meetings. Student Board member Ben said the High School was at the end of year wrap up with the Honor Society election, track members to State, the Middle School musical, and graduation. He said it had been a great school year.

7.2 **Board Calendar** was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

8. **Adjournment** at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary