

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY AT 1001 15TH STREET

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Joe Anderson, Marty Chitty, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier
STAFF: Steve Gray, Kevin Ericson, Dave Kroese, Jason Sampson, Dustin Smith, Brian Schaeffer.
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ben Humpal-Pash

1. Board Tour of Gates Hall Renovation Project

2. 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

4. Public Comment - none

6.1 General Fund – Activity Fund Transfer Request Mr. Smith, High School Athletic Director, came to the Board to ask for a one-time transfer from the General Fund. This was being allowed in HF 602 that was approved in the most recent Legislative session. Mr. Smith noted that there had been no spring athletic season in 2020 and track is the second highest sport for receipts at \$10,000-\$25,000. The 2020 football and basketball programs had a limited season with \$8000-\$10000 missed revenue. Items to be purchased this new school year are a new scorer's bench in the gym and a new PA system at the softball field. Mr. Smith noted that there would be a shortage of officials – they will “pick their price” to be paid. He said is requesting \$25,000 from the General Fund for a one-time payment based on HF 602. Carsrud said she was not totally comfortable with moving money in August and suggested the Board should wait and see. Chitty said he has no problem asking the Booster Club who run the Cub Den concession for money. Motion by Maier, second by Harter to pay the Activity Fund \$25,000 in accordance with State HF 602 approved in the 2021 Legislative session as a one-time transfer only. Motion Carried 5-0

6.2 Bus Bids Mr. Sampson said, at a recent Board meeting, he presented new bus proposal which was approved by the Board. The next day after the Board meeting, he contacted the salesman which said the approved bus was not available right away as specified by the District. Mr. Sampson said he re-bid for the bus to transport special needs students and replace bus #16. Motion by Chitty, second by Anderson to approve the bus bid for \$66,313 from Master's Transportation for delivery this fall. Motion Carried 5-0

6.3 Updated Return to Learn (RTL) Plan Dr. Gray said the District is required to update RTL plan on its website. He said the CDC specifications are that riders need to have masks on bus. On the RTL, this will be dropped due to the State restriction on masks for Schools. On an updated plan, 2.5 weeks ago, the CDC gave an order for public transportation which requires masks. The superintendents agreed to this but there needed to be something in writing distributed. An attorney at the Iowa Department of Education DE attorney says that the CDC order has jurisdiction in Iowa. The RTL plan was adjusted in the Board packet on Wednesday. At the superintendents' meeting, the topic returns. Attorneys at Ahlers & Cooney said that there is no case law for definite answer and the CDC method could get challenged via Iowa law. It is not known if the challenge would win or lose in court. But it was said by the attorneys that violating the CDC order could result in “consequences”. A national superintendent's association is saying that the CDC has no way of enforcing their bus rule. Dr. Gray said a survey of Iowa schools results varied from optional masks to asking for masks but not enforcing.

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Dr. Gray reviewed the RTL for questions about masks and social distancing. Motion by Chitty to approve that masks be optional in the District RTL plan and to approve the RTL plan. Second by Anderson. Motion Carried 4-0 (Abstain: Carsrud)

6.4 ESSER III Plan Dr. Gray said the Board approved the ESSER III expenditure plan once; on April 19. Since then, it went to the School Improvement Advisory Committee for public vetting. Dr. Gray said there was reporting due soon on ESSER III and he was concerned that it needed to be approved by the Board in the right order. Motion by Anderson, second by Chitty to approve the ESSER III plan with the proper public vetting. Motion Carried 5-0

7. Consent Agenda Motion by Chitty, second by Harter to approve the consent agenda items:

- Board Minutes of the meeting of August 2
- Bills
- Appointments: Brittnee Chevalier – Middle School Special Ed Para, Rachel Germany – Elementary Special Ed Para, Dejah Kinyon – FS Administrative Assistant, Joshua Lotz – Middle School Special Ed Para, Miranda Loutsch – Middle School Cheer Coach, Matthew Nelson – Middle School Special Ed Parar, Emma Oliver – High School Wrestling Cheer Coach, Jessica Rubio – Middle School Special Ed Para, Kasey Taggart – NCRC Assistant Director.
- Appointment of Spring & Summer Coaches
- Approval of Volunteers: For Drama, Kristi Kenealy and Kate Sutton
- Resignations: Whitney Anderson – NCRC Assistant Director
- Change Orders – Middle School Renovation: Henkel CO-008, +\$10,442 (changes to doors and door hardware), Kruck CO-004, +\$11,383 (plumbing/heating changes)

Motion Carried 5-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Carsrud suggested the District have an open house at Gates Hall. Chitty complimented Whitney Anderson and her work at the Resource Center. Student Board member Ben said the High School was starting clubs now, including student council for homecoming. The cheer practice has started along with a new practice style in band.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Gates Hall

8. Adjournment at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary