

NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY AT 1001 15TH STREET

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Joe Anderson, Marty Chitty, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier
STAFF: Steve Gray, Elizabeth Gindt, Jodi Heeren, Dave Kroese, Tony Sneiderman, Brian Schaeffer.
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ben Humpal-Pash
OTHERS: Randy Sharp

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

2. Approval of Agenda The Board noted additional personnel and a fundraiser 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 Harmony Closet Update – Elizabeth Gindt Ms. Gindt and Ms. Heeren gave an overview of the activities at Harmony Clothing Closet. Ms. Gindt said that Harmony began in 2007 and its original roots were in the District as students identified the need. Harmony moved around Nevada, landing in 2010 in downtown. Harmony was assisted by Memorial Lutheran Church. In 2020, it became an independent 501(c)(3) organization. The Harmony Board now owns building as it was donated by Al Kockler, the original owner. Harmony now averages about 12,000 items per month distributed. Staff on home visits to families utilize the service. Many volunteers come with different ages helping and in teams. Ms. Gindt said the support needed for the Harmony building is HVAC, roof, and tuck-pointing work \$35,000 estimated. Harmony is partnering with the downtown Main Street program.

4.2 Middle School Renovation Update – Estes Construction Mr. Sharp said that the Middle School Renovation was “coming down the home stretch” with lockers, administrative office, ceiling tile, and commons work being completed. Additional work in the kitchen is required – behind dish machine, the old walls are rough. Lights in the wrestling room have been raised. Contractors will be in on November 22 for aluminum door frame work. Mr. Sharp also reviewed financial status report for the project.

5.1 Additional ELL Position 2022-23 Dr. Gray reviewed a list of the count of English Language Learning (ELL) students. He said these students are here to stay and are increasing in number. He said the current teachers do home visits and other extra work for the student. Also, students exit ELL but need help outside of program. Dr. Gray said staff is needed for additional support as families want to move here to be served by the current staff. Students may have command of the spoken English word but may have problems with literacy. Dr. Gray suggested that the position be posted after the first of the year. Motion by Anderson, second by Harter to add one FTE position for ELL in 2022-23. Maier said the data Dr. Gray provided supports the addition of the position and he hopes this addition would take the workload off of the current teachers. Motion Carried 5-0

5.2 Middle School Renovation Additions Administration is recommending the following additions to the Middle School Renovation Project outside of scope of the project: \$23,552.35 for door fobs, \$5000 to address drywall in kitchen around dish machine. Mr. Kroese said the door fobs amount is the worst case scenario for those. Motion by Chitty, second by Maier to add to the cost of the Middle School Renovation the items discussed, not to exceed \$35,000. Motion Carried 5-0

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5.3 Cub Stadium Press Box Air Unit The air unit in the Cub Stadium press box is not sufficient on some days typically on warm days in the late spring or early fall in press box. A quote of \$11,902 has been received to correct the problem. After reviewed the quote, Chitty suggested that better air units be purchased, while checking efficiency of system and its surge protection. Motion by Chitty to table the Cub Stadium press box air unit issue for seeking additional information for different equipment. Second by Maier. Motion Carried 5-0

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of October 18
- Bills
- Appointments: Allyson Simpson – Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coach
- Resignations: Trevor Arganbright – TLC Learning Coach
- Transfer: Sara Brekke – from Food Service to Central Elementary Associate

Motion Carried 5-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Student Board Member Ben said that the football team is doing great – they play Harlan next. Owen Freeman was a State Cross Country participant. The Marching Band got a I rating. The Fall Play is this weekend – seniors only presenting on Sunday as the play was double cast. He said it had been a great year for Nevada with all the accomplishments.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary