

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022

GATES MEMORIAL HALL AT 825 15TH STREET

**PRESENT:** BOARD MEMBERS: Marty Chitty, Joe Anderson, Amici Hayek. **ABSENT:** Leanne Harter, Tom Maier.  
STAFF: Steve Gray, Kody Asmus, Chris Burling, Kevin Ericson, Vanessa Huber, Schelly Main, Tony Sneiderman, Brian Schaeffer.  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ben Humpal-Pash

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

**2. Approval of Agenda** The Board noted items to be added to the agenda for the Middle School Renovation Project. Motion by Anderson, second by Hayek to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried 3-0

**3. Public Comment** - none

**4.1 Board Salutes – Nevada Music Parents** The Board Salutes was awarded to the Nevada Music Parents for their work in the concession stand for a fundraiser for the Music Department.

**4.2 Middle School 5-8 Math Pathways – Mr. Sneiderman & Dr. Asmus** Mr. Sneiderman reviewed the current Middle School Grades 5-8 Math Curriculum. He said the math program has been self-paced for seven years and students worked at their own pace. Mr. Sneiderman said, when the assessments were reviewed, they showed proficiency flat or down and risk indicators going up in math. He said self-paced works best in 90 minute blocks and the self-paced program is quick completion rather than mastery. After COVID, a teacher-paced math program was used and FAST data is trending up this school year.

Dr. Asmus and Mr. Sneiderman proposed a new pathway for grades 5-8 math: continue self-paced work with more teacher direction. This pathway will better transition students from Elementary and to High School. Students who are struggling would receive needed help. The pathway would be compact: all students completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade math with help for the new transition; 6<sup>th</sup> grade would cover all of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade course plus 7<sup>th</sup> grade standards; 7<sup>th</sup> grade would cover the remaining 7<sup>th</sup> grade standards and all of 8<sup>th</sup> grade standards; and 8<sup>th</sup> grade can then take High School Algebra. Mr. Sneiderman reviewed staff input, compact pathway criteria and “What Ifs”.

**5.1 NCRC Handbooks 2022-23** Mrs. Burling reviewed the handbooks for the Nevada Community Resource Center (NCRC). She said the rate for students will increase rate by \$5.00. For the first time since COVID, the summer program will be doing field trips this year. The summer program for this year is full so there has been collaboration with other daycare program. The summer program will be held at the Elementary. Motion by Anderson, second by Hayek to approve the NCRC 2022-23 Handbooks. Motion Carried 3-0

**5.2 Renewal of Sharing Agreements 2022-23** Dr. Gray review the sharing agreements held with other school districts, specifically Colo-NESCO and Baxter. Motion by Hayek, second by Anderson to approve the sharing agreements for 2022-23. Motion Carried 3-0

**5.3 Athletic Co-op High School Girls’ Wrestling** Girls’ Wrestling will be sanctioned by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union next year. A partnership between Nevada (host), Ballard, Collins-Maxwell,

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and Colo-NESCO athletes will be formed upon Board approval. Costs will be split between the districts. Motion by Hayek, second by Anderson to approve the athletic partnership for Girls' Wrestling for 2022-23. Motion Carried 3-0

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of February 21
- Bills
- Appointments: Emma Pierce – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher
- Appointment of TLC Positions for 2022-23
- Resignation: Justin Kuethe – Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach
- Middle School Renovation Change Orders
- Decline of Invitation to Join Raccoon River Conference

Motion Carried 3-0.

**7. Closed Session: Student Discipline Hearing** Motion by Hayek at 7:27 p.m. to go into closed session as authorized by Section 21.5(1)e of the open meetings law to discuss conduct a hearing to determine whether to suspend or expel a student. Second by Anderson. Roll Call Vote: Chitty: aye, Anderson: aye, Hayek: aye. Motion Carried 3-0

Motion to go out of closed session at 8:00 pm by Anderson, second by Hayek. Motion Carried 3-0

**8. Open Session: Action** Motion by Hayek to support Administration's expulsion recommendation of the student discussed in the closed session, second by Anderson. Roll Call Vote: Anderson: aye, Chitty: aye; Hayek: aye. Motion Carried 3-0

**9.1 Board Member Comments** Anderson congratulated those participating in the Heart of Iowa Conference Art Fest and their teachers Mr. Barker, Mr. Beauchene, and Mrs. Dumbaugh.

**9.2 Board Calendar** was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, April 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**10. Adjournment** at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board President

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Board Secretary