

# NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023

GATES MEMORIAL HALL AT 825 15TH STREET

**PRESENT:** BOARD MEMBERS: Marty Chitty, Joe Anderson, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier, Josie Kelly **ABSENT:** Amici Hayek  
STAFF: Steve Gray, Kevin Cooper, Brian Schaeffer.  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Winter Gruver

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

**2. Approval of Agenda** The Board noted additional items for the consent agenda, including personnel items and an overnight stay. Motion by Maier, second by Anderson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried 3-0 (Harter had not yet arrived to the meeting)

**3. Public Comment** – none

**4.1 FFA Update** Mr. Cooper, Winter Gruver, and Josie Kelly gave the Board a FFA update. Seventh graders have been participating in ag discovery on Saturday mornings. Five eighth graders are on an ag impact team. The FFA plant sales at the greenhouse have netted \$7003. Three test plots are in progress with Pioneer donating the seed to these. Tractor restorations and sales are in progress – it was noted that most tractors came in with “stuck” engines. Winter reviewed her participation in the World Food Prize program and the Iowa Youth Institute. Josie also attended these two events. Josie was elected 2023-24 State FFA Vice-President in the North Central District. She said this is a great opportunity to grow in leadership programs. Mr. Cooper noted that four FFA students are receiving their Iowa Degrees which are tough to receive. Josie reviewed the process to get to be a North Central District representative.

**The record shows that Board member Leanne Harter entered the meeting at 6:51 p.m.**

**5.1 Nutrition Meal Prices 2023-24** The Food Service Director is recommending that student breakfast prices remain the same and student lunch prices increase by 10 cents per meal for 2023-24. Adult meal prices would increase from \$4.20 to \$4.84. Dr. Gray said the student prices are formula driven and the State sets the adult meal price. Motion by Maier, second by Anderson to approve the food service meal prices for 2023-24. Motion Carried 4-0

**5.2 Tuck-Pointing Quote – Gates Hall & NCRC** Dr. Gray said that Mr. Kroese, Maintenance Director, quoted the price for the minimum work possible on tuck-pointing on Gates Hall and the Resource Center building. Quotes were received from four different vendors with Alexander Masonry from Collins, Iowa, coming in low at \$60,000 total for both buildings, including any clean-up costs. Motion by Anderson, second by Harter to approve the tuck-pointing bid from Alexander Masonry. Motion Carried 4-0

**5.3 Painting & EFIS Repair Quotes – Central Elementary** Mr. Kroese also received bids to repair the exterior finish and insulation (EFIS) and paint at Central Elementary. The paint work would change the color of the entry way and commons to the brand of school colors. Bids were also taken to paint the exterior of the lockers but those costs were prohibitive. The painting for the classroom halls will be phased in over the years. Motion by Anderson, second by Maier to approve the Cutting Edge bid total of \$51,410. Motion Carried 4-0

**5.4 Signing – Central** Bids were taken for the replacement of rectangular sign over the south entrance

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of Central Elementary (\$1,048) and the addition of a street-side sign similar to one in place at the Middle School (\$11,922). Motion by Maier, second by Anderson to approve the bids for the Central Elementary signs. Motion Carried 4-0

**5.5 Banners – Central** The Board has asked about the addition of light pole banners at Central Elementary similar to those at the High School. The cost of these banners would be approximately \$2500. After discussion about wind damage to the banners at the High School, Maier made a motion to refer the banners back to Administration for a recommendation. Second by Harter. Motion Carried 4-0

**5.6 Press Box HVAC Quotes** The Press Box HVAC system at the Stadium needs to be redone as the current system does not provide the comfort needed in all three of the bays in the Press Box. Dr. Gray said that Mr. Wakeman, Tech Director, was also concerned about the condition of the equipment placed there due to the interior conditions. Motion by Maier to approve the bid from Mechanical Comfort of \$17,190, plus no more than \$2,000 of electrical work, for the HVAC in the Press Box. Second by Harter. Motion Carried 3-0 (abstain: Chitty)

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of April 17
- Bills
- Appointments: Randy Davis – Middle School Football Coach; Adrian Smith – Child Care, Avery Stock – Middle School PE Teacher,
- Resignation: Brooke Praska – Central Elementary Teacher
- Returning Employee Contracts for 2023-24
- Fundraisers: Softball – cards for Casey's to purchase equipment, Central Tree Planting – Hat Day and tickets for tree planting costs, High School Volleyball – camp to raise funds for equipment, High School Volleyball – Youth Volleyball Clinic to raise funds for equipment
- Overnight Stays: all of FFA trips for 2023-24, Boys Golf trip to Districts in Orange City May 14-15

Motion Carried 4-0.

**7.1 Board Member Comments** Student Board member Josie reviewed activities including Prom and athletics and the FFA plant sale.

**7.2 Board Calendar** was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

**8. Closed Session – Supt Review** Motion by Harter, second by Maier to go into closed session at 7:50 p.m. pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. Second by Maier. Roll Call vote: Harter: aye, Maier: aye, Chitty: aye, Anderson: aye. Motion Carried 4-0

Motion to go out of closed session at 8:42 p.m. by Maier, second by Anderson. Motion Carried 4-0

**9. Action – Superintendent's Contract** Motion by Harter to offer a three-year contract to Dr. Steve Gray effective July 1, 2023, second by Maier. Motion Carried 4-0

**10. Adjournment** at 8:43 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Board President

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Board Secretary