

NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023

GATES MEMORIAL HALL AT 825 15TH STREET

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Marty Chitty, Joe Anderson, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier **ABSENT:** Amici Hayek
STAFF: Kody Asmus, Tony Sneiderman, Brian Schaeffer.

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

2. Approval of Agenda Motion by Harter, second by Maier to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried 4-0

3. Public Comment - none

5.1 Middle School Curriculum Purchase Dr. Asmus said he would like Board approval for a fifth and sixth grades “Into Reading” literacy curriculum. He said purchases such as this were not usually brought to Board but it is above the \$10,000 limit for purchases to be approved. In the fifth and sixth grades, each core teaches one section of reading which means multiple teachers are teaching reading with one teacher for writing (language arts). The idea with a literacy change is to do “Reading to Learn”. The Elementary has the Literacy Footprints curriculum – it was noted at July Board meeting presentation that there was an increase in reading proficiency there. Right now, there is no consistency in the Middle School reading scores. Mr. Sneiderman said the goal is to move up from the current 70% proficiency. A review of the “Into Reading” curriculum is the program is consistent, it will improve literacy instruction, and it is cross curricular and research-based. There is a need in the fifth and sixth grades to have a common curriculum, to challenge students, to have a common formative assess, and have as a valuable resource. Mr. Sneiderman said the steps taken to a new curriculum were: having conversations in May after test results were reviewed with the Instructional Guide, the Middle School Literacy PD Lead, and Teachers. Reading surveys from fifth and sixth grade teachers were also reviewed. “Into Reading” gave Teachers access and those Teachers were surveyed with a 100% yes vote for the curriculum. There will be literacy rotations and a common assessment for diagnosis throughout the program. All print on “Into Reading” is digital. The program is highly recommended by the AEA and they will provide support. The program is used at West Des Moines Valley, Winterset, and Ogden with success.

The cost of the “Into Reading” program is \$30,173 for a 4-year subscription. Dr. Asmus said payment of this would come from the remaining ESSER funds. Motion by Anderson, second by Harter to approve the purchase of the “Into Reading” program from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Motion Carried 4-0

5.2 IASB Policy Updates – Final Reading The Board was asked to approve the second reading of Board policy from the July 17 Board meeting. The Board briefly discussed educational materials policy. Motion by Maier, second by Anderson to approve the second reading of the following Board policies. Motion Carried 4-0

Policy #104 “Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment Policy”
Policy #104.R1 “Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment Investigation Procedures”
Policy #213 “Public Participation in Board Meetings”
Policy #402.2 “Child Abuse Reporting”
Policy #402.5 “Required Professional Development for Employees”

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- Policy #408.1 "Licensed Employee Professional Development"
Policy #503.7 "Student Disclosure of Identity"
Policy #503.7E1 "Report of Student Disclosure of Identity"
Policy #503.7E2 "Request to Update Student Identity"
Policy #505.4 "Testing Program"
Policy #505.5 "Graduation Requirements"
Policy #507.2 "Administration of Medication to Students"
Policy #507.2E1 "Authorization – Asthma, Airway Constricting, or Respiratory Distress Medication Self-Administration Consent Form"
Policy #507.2E2 "Parental Authorization and Release From for the Administration of Medication or Special Health Services to Students"
Policy #507.2E3 "Parental Authorization and Release From for Independent Self Carry and Administration of Prescribed Medication or Independent Delivery of Health Services by the Student"
Policy #507.2E4 "Parental Authorization and Release From for the Administration of Voluntary School Stock of Over-the-Counter Medications to Students"
Policy #601.1 "School Calendar"
Policy #603.5 "Health Education"
Policy #605.1 "Instructional Materials Selection"
Policy #605.1R1 "Selection of Instructional Materials"
Policy #605.2 "Instructional and Library Materials Inspection & Display"
Policy #605.3 "Objection to Instructional and Library Materials"
Policy #605.3R1 "Reconsideration of Instructional and Library Materials Regulation"
Policy #605.3E5 "Request to Prohibit a Student from Accessing Specific Instructional and Library Materials"
Policy #605.5 "School Library"
Policy #605.8R1 "Use of Information Resources Regulation"
Policy #607.2 "Student Health Services"
Policy #607.2R1 "Student Health Services Regulation"
Policy #804.5 "Stock Prescription Medication Supply"
Policy #804.5E1 "Parental Authorization & Release Form for the Administration of a Voluntary School Supply of Stock Medication for Life-Threatening Incidents"

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of July 17
- Bills
- Appointments: Paige Arends – High School Guidance Admin Assistant, Emma Pullen – High School Associate
- Resignations: Ashleigh Glauner – Elementary Associate, Jill Riemenschneider – Middle School Associate
- Fundraisers: Nevada Dance Team – clinic for Elementary age students, Nevada Dance Team – hosting Central Iowa Dance Critique; Nevada Dance Team – Hosting State of Iowa soloists; Nevada Dance Team – dance

Motion Carried 4-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Anderson said he was impressed with the school facility recovery from the heavy rains yesterday, especially at the Middle School .

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary