

NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023

GATES MEMORIAL HALL AT 825 15TH STREET

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Marty Chitty, Joe Anderson, Leanne Harter, Amici Hayek, Tom Maier, Taylyn Angus, Ariana Chappell.
STAFF: Steve Gray, Brian Schaeffer.

Final Meeting of Retiring Board

1. 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

3. Public Comment - none

4.1 Wellness Policy – Final Reading The Board Wellness Policy 507.9 and its related Board Wellness Regulation 507.9R1 returned from last Board meeting for their final reading approval. Motion by Hayek, second by Harter to approve the final reading of the Wellness Board policies. Motion Carried 5-0

4.2 Approval of Abstract of Board Election The Abstract of Votes from November 7 for Nevada School Director At-Large shows that Martin Chitty had 277 votes, Leanne Harter had 275 votes, and Thomas Maier had 262 votes and were elected to four-year terms on the Board. Motion by Anderson, second by Hayek to approve the Abstract for the Board Election. Motion Carried 5-0

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of November 16
- Bills
- Financial Reports for October

Motion Carried 5-0

6. Adjourn Retiring Board

Organizational Meeting of the New Board

1. Board Reorganization

1.1 Call to Order at 6:40 p.m. by Board Secretary Brian Schaeffer

1.2 Roll Call The record shows that Board members Joe Anderson and Amici Hayek and Board-elect members Marty Chitty, Leanne Harter, and Tom Maier were present.

1.3 Oath of Office to New Board Members Schaeffer administered the Oath of Office to the new Board members.

1.4 Election of President Schaeffer called for nominations for Board President. Maier nominated Marty Chitty. Harter seconded the nomination. Motion Carried 4-0 (abstain: Chitty) Schaeffer gave the chair of the meeting to Chitty.

1.5 Election of Vice-President Chitty called for nominations for Board Vice-President. Anderson nominated Tom Maier. Harter seconded the nomination. Motion Carried 4-0 (abstain: Maier)

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1.6 Operating Practices

- a) **Authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to issue payroll checks, pay utility bills and bills that carry a discount if paid within a specific time period** Motion by Harter, second by Hayek to approve this authorization. Motion Carried 5-0
- b) **Add Edward Jones at a District Official Depository** Schaeffer asked that the Board approve Edward Jones as an official depository for investment purposes. Motion by Maier, second by Hayek Motion Carried 4-0 (abstain: Harter)
- c) **Name Official Publication (Newspaper of General Circulation) – Nevada Journal** Discussion from the Board on this item centered on the overall local news quality of the paper and its circulation in the Community. Motion by Harter, second by Anderson to approve the *Nevada Journal* as the official publication of the District. Motion Carried 5-0
- d) **Designation of Legal Counsel – Ahlers & Cooney** Motion by Maier, second by Hayek to approve Ahlers & Cooney as the District's legal counsel. Motion Carried 5-0
- e) **Appointment of Board Members to Committees**
 - IASB Delegate Assembly – Chitty (Maier alternate)
 - IASB Legislative Liaison - Chitty
 - Story County & City of Ames Conference Board – Anderson (Maier alternate)
 - Interest Based Cooperation Team (IBC) – Maier (Harter alternate)
 - Community Resource Center Advisory Board (NCRC) – Hayek
 - School Improvement Advisory Board (SIAC) - Chitty
 - City/School Committee – Harter & AndersonMotion by Maier, 2nd Hayek to approve the above Board members to committees. Motion Carried 5-0

3.1 SBRC Applications for Modified Allowable Growth Schaeffer asked that the Board approve the SBRC for on-time Modified Allowable Growth for these two items:

- a) Open enrollment out not on the prior-year count (\$148,422); and
- b) Limited English Proficiency (LEP) instruction beyond five years (\$25,653).

Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve the SBRC Application for Modified Allowable Growth. Motion Carried 5-0

3.2 IASB Policy Primers Dr. Gray asked that the Board approve the first reading of the policies being suggested for change by the IASB in their Policy Primer section:

- 401.01 Equality Employment Opportunity
- 503.01 Student Conduct
- 503.01R1 Student Conduct – Regulation
- 503.02 Expulsion
- 605.03R1 Objection to Instructional & Library Materials – Reconsideration of Instruction Materials Regulation

Chitty suggested for Policy 605.03R1 that the Reconsideration Committee have members appointed in case of being called. Anderson had questions about background checks in Policy 401.01. Motion by Maier, second by Hayek to approve the first reading of the policies listed above. Motion Carried 5-0

3.3 City-School Facility Usage Agreement Dr. Gray reviewed the new City-School Facility Usage Agreement and said that the language in this had been broadened to cover more facilities. Chitty asked

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about use of the new City fieldhouse. Dr. Gray said this would be included if needed by the District. Motion by Hayek, second by Anderson to approve the City-School Facility Usage Agreement. Motion Carried 5-0

4. Consent Agenda

- Appointments: Emma Anderson – NCRC Childcare; Lola Davis – Middle School Associate; Ty Fries – Volunteer Boys' Wrestling; Elizabeth Lopez-Perez - NCRC Childcare
- Fundraisers: Junior Rotary – Chuck-A-Duck; Girls' Wrestling – On-Line T-Shirt Sales

Motion by Anderson, second by Harter to approve these consent agenda items. Motion Carried 5-0

5.1 Board Member Comments Chitty said he was glad to see the Nevada Girls' Wrestling Tournament a success. Two Nevada girls placed in this competition.

5.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

6. Adjournment at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary