

NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

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: Kody Asmus, Joe Wakeman, Brian Schaeffer.

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

2. Approval of Agenda Motion by Harter, second by Hayek to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried 5-o

3. Public Comment – none

4.1 FY25 Budget Presentation – Brian Schaeffer, SBO Schaeffer presented the Certified Budget Proposal for 2024-25 which assumes 2.5% Supplemental State Aid (SSA) as the Legislature has not set State Aid yet, but deadlines for reporting the total levy to the Iowa Department of Management are in March. The deadline is March 15 for the data the new Taxpayer Statement to be mailed out by the County Auditor after that date. Schaeffer reviewed “School Finance 101”, the District enrollment, the SSA, the Authorized Budget, revenues, expenditures, financial condition, and the proposed levy. Schaeffer was proposing a total levy of \$13.34 per thousand taxable valuation, down from this year’s levy of \$14.70, due to the debt service levy decreasing by \$1.30.

5.1 Levy Determination for Taxpayer Statement Schaeffer asked the Board to set a total levy for 2024-25 so the information could be provided to the Iowa Department of Management for the Taxpayer Statement to be distributed by mail. The Board discussed the levy and adding to the levy for wage adjustments and the proposed school resource officer. Motion by Harter, second by Hayek to set the total levy, for now, at \$ 13.57 for the Fiscal Year 2025 Taxpayer Statement. Motion Carried 5-o

5.2 School Safety Improvement Grant Quotes Mr. Wakeman presented quotes from contractors for the School Improvement Safety Grant. The low bid is from ByteSpeed which will partially be covered by the School Safety Improvement Safety Grant of \$150,000. Mr. Wakeman said the improvements will cover a majority of blind spots in all three buildings and improve building access safety. With this update, the tech is better and is at a reasonable price. Door position sensors will be used and will send out alerts for those propped open or unlocked. Motion by Maier, second by Anderson to approve the school safety grant quote from ByteSpeed of \$206,178. Motion Carried 5-o

5.3 Policy Review Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve the review of Board Policy series 900 series, Policy 405.8 “Licensed Employee Evaluation” and Policy 501.3 “Compulsory Attendance”. Motion Carried 5-o

5.4 Policy Updates – 405.2 Licensed Employees For the revision and approval of Board Policy 405.2 “Licensed Employee Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection”, only the reference to “TeachIowa”, the old website for education jobs, was removed. Motion by Hayek, second by Anderson to approve the first reading of Board Policy 405.2 “Licensed Employee Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection” and waive the second reading. Motion Carried 5-o

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5.5 Policy Additions Motion by Anderson, second by Harter to approve the first reading of Board Policies 505.9R1 “Parent & Family Engagement District-Wide Policy – Building Level Regulation” and 907 “District Operation During Public Emergencies” and waive the second reading. Motion Carried 5-0

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of February 5
- Bills
- Appointments: Nicole Blaylock – Middle School Special Ed Teacher, Tammy Ellis – Business Manager/Board Secretary, Justin Evans - High School Soccer Co-Head Coach, Lindsey Haley – Middle School Special Ed Teacher, Mark Rhodes – High School Soccer Co-Head Coach, Scott Robinson – High School Wrestling Assistant Coach, Colton Shipman – Middle School Baseball Coach, Abby Stephenson – Middle School Social Studies Teacher, Head Volleyball Coach
- Resignation: Shane Brown – Elementary Night Custodian
- Overnight Stay Request: Boys’ Golf – Dutch Masters Golf Tournament at Pella, Boys’ Golf – Sectional/District Golf sites to be determined
- Fundraisers: Key Club/K-Kids: Cookbook to donate funds to local charities, High School Drama: Crush Cans at Musical, program ads for Musical

Motion Carried 5-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Student Board member Ariana said FFA Subdistricts were held today. The FFA Banquet is Sunday, March 3. Spring track practice started today.

Chitty complimented the Board retreat held last Saturday.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary