

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS  
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026  
GATES MEMORIAL HALL AT 825 15TH STREET**

**PRESENT:** BOARD MEMBERS: Marty Chitty, Leanne Harter, Emily Schaack, Tori Carsrud, Chiara Chappell, Jaden Grimm  
STAFF: Dr Steve Gray, Tammy Ellis, Dave Kroese, Chris Burling, Kasey Taggart

1. **Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.**
2. **Approval of the Agenda** – Chitty asked the board to move action item 5.3 School Safety Grant to be discussed before action item 5.2 Irrigation Well Project. Motion by Schaack second by Harter to approve the agenda as presented with additions. Motion Carried 4-0
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Information**
  - 4.1 **District Recognition** - Ray Reynolds, Director of Nevada Fire & EMS recognized Retiring Director of Building & Grounds, Dave Kroese for his efforts within the district for keep safe and clean.
5. **Action Agenda** –
  - 5.1 **NCRC Handbook Updates** – Retiring NCRC Director, Chris Burling and incoming new NCRC Director, Kasey Taggart presented the board with the NCRC Handbook updates for the 2026-27 year. Motion by Schaack second by Harter to approve the NCRC Handbook updates as presented, Motion Carried 4-0
  - 5.2 **Irrigation Well**– Director of Building & Grounds, Dave Kroese presented information in regards to the potential installation of an irrigation well. Information included placement of the irrigation well, a targeted flow rate of 60 gpm, and the possible need for a storage tank. Kroese introduced Riley Larson with Larson Well Co. Mr. Larson informed the board of the process of reviewing existing farm and municipal wells in the area and a “geological forecast” was completed to help determine the possibility of locating water, studies show the 800 – 1200’ total well depth would be the best for large volumes of water. The board discussed several items with Kroese and Mr. Larson relating to the project: estimated costs, the timeframe of the project and possible interruptions with activities going on nearby the potential project. The board brought up the topic of the SAVE funds (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education) is currently being looked at in State Legislation, with the possibility of all school districts SAVE funds being reduced so legislation can use the SAVE funds to reduce property tax. The district would use SAVE funds to pay for the potential irrigation well. A motion by Carsrud, second by Harter to table the Irrigation Well project until the district knows which way the legislation moves with the SAVE funds. Motion carried 3-1, with Chitty voting no.
  - 5.3 **School Safety Grant** – Dr Gray presented the board with a School Safety Grant opportunity that SRO Lane Vanderhart secured pricing for the installation of bullet resistant laminate for entrance doors of the district’s attendance centers. The district would be responsible for 25%

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of the total cost (\$112,887.90). Since the district would use SAVE funds to pay for the installation, the board discussed legislations current discussion of reducing public schools SAVE funds to reduce property tax. A motion by Carsrud, second by Schaack to table the School Safety Grant until the district knows which way the legislation moves with the SAVE funds. Motion Carried 4-0

**5.4 Policy 303.5 – 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Final Reading** – Motion by Carsrud second by Harter to approve the final reading of policy 303.5, Motion Carried 4-0

**6. Consent Agenda** – Motion by Schaack second by Harter to approve the agenda as presented with additions Motion Carried 4-0

- Board Minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2026 – Harter mentioned a correction was needed for the consent agenda approval. The correction will be made and be up for approval at the May 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
- Bills
- Appointments: • Breanna Small – MS Volleyball Coach \$2,543
- Resignations: • Holly Jergens Elementary Teacher and MS Cheer, end of contract year 25-26
- NCEA Settlement – 1.95% total package for the 2026-27 year.
- 2026-27 Contracts for Admin Assts, Administration, Associates, Food Service, Maintenance, Management, “Other” Staff, Technology, Certified Teachers, Transportation Rates, Substitutes Transportation,
- Fundraisers – Fundraising for the HS Football and Baseball programs from April 28<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup> to help fund equipment and camps.

**7.1 Board Member Comments** – Prom activities were discussed with the student board members.

**7.2 The next regular Board meeting** is Monday May 4, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

**8. Adjournment** at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board President

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Board Secretary

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**4/20/26 board meeting notes**