

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017
BOARD ROOM AT 1035 15TH STREET**

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Mark Crawford, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier. ABSENT: Dave Sutherland.
STAFF: Steve Gray, Kevin Cooper, Brian Schaeffer.
COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ryanne Barker, Jay Calentine, Kaitlyn Cook, Emma Griffin, Noah Nusbaum, Ethan Wild
OTHERS: Melissa Johnson

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

2. Approval of Agenda The Board noted additions to the agenda: action item 5.2 “Policy Revision 501.11”, action item 5.3 “High School Handbook Revision”, additional bills, and personnel. Motion by Maier, second by Crawford to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried 4-0.

3. Public Comment - none

4.1 FFA - Washington D C Trip Six FFA students, Ryanne Barker, Jay Calentine, Kaitlyn Cook, Emma Griffin, Noah Nusbaum, and Ethan Wild, who attended the five-day Washington conference spoke on the trip. The students said the trip was to help build their leadership skills, meet new people, and hear about issues and world problems. As a service project for the conference, the students packaged food for homeless people as the FFA Motto is “Living to Serve”. Each of the students shared their “Living to Serve” goals as, they said, it only takes one person to start a chain-reaction for causes.

4.2 Legal Update Dr. Gray said that trial has been set for Tuesday, July 11 for the wrongful termination/defamation lawsuit filed by a former employee terminated in 2014.

5.1 Insurance Renewal Melissa Johnson of Midwest Insurance Consultants presented information on the District’s insurance renewal for the year effective July 1. She noted that the renewal is showing a 4.4% decrease in premium, despite an increase in the valuation of property with the addition of the Stadium area. She also noted a decrease in the District worker’s compensation mod and the increase of insurance on for losses on cyber issues. On cyber issues, CFC of London provides the insurance. After the Board reviewed the policy, Maier made a motion to approve payment of the insurance premium for the 2017-18 year. Second by Harter. Motion Carried 4-0.

5.2 Policy Revision 501.11 Mr. Asmus had asked that Board Policy 501.11 “Student Release During School Hours” be changed from a grade of C or better to B- or better to allow Junior students to have open campus privileges. The reason is that there is a difference in grading with standards-based grading and some students are settling on a C grade with standards-based grading. Motion by Harter to approve the changes in Board Policy 501.11 on the first reading and waive the second reading, second by Maier. Motion Carried 4-0.

5.3 High School Handbook Revision Dr. Gray noted that the seminar expectation will be changed in the High School Student Handbook for the change in Policy 501.11 from item 5.2 above. Mr. Asmus has also asked for a Student Handbook change for a new progression for students tardy to class, starting at the 4th tardy and using teacher referrals rather than the 3rd tardy with detention as it is now. Dr. Gray said High School staff and administration are raising questions about number of tardies increasing and want to give “more teeth” to the handbook policy. Motion by Maier, second by Harter to approve the

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changes in the High School Student Handbook. Motion Carried 4-0.

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

- Bills
- January Financial Reports
- Appointments: John Bass – Middle School Associate, Mike Boetel – Associate, Blake Jobe – Middle School Associate, Marcia Sampson – Driver Associate, Brandi Wendt – 5th Grade Social Studies/Science Teacher.
- Resignations: Brandon Fitch – Middle School Teacher.

Motion Carried 4-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Crawford congratulated the softball team as they won a regional tournament game. The softball team was very young and showed improvement throughout the season. The Board noted that the baseball team also had a good season.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. The City and the School meet jointly on Wednesday, July 19.

8. Adjournment at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary