

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017
BOARD ROOM AT 1035 15TH STREET**

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Mark Crawford, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier, Dave Sutherland.

STAFF: Steve Gray, Justin Gross, Dave Kroese, Chris Schmidt, Brian Schaeffer.

OTHERS: Brett Van Waus

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

2. Approval of Agenda Motion by Sutherland, second by Maier to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried 5-0.

3. Public Comment - none

4.1 Nevada Vision 2020 Capstone Project (City - School) Dr. Gray referred to information included in the Board's packet on the Nevada Vision 2020 Capstone Project. Back in 2014, community leaders were brought together to review and update the original Nevada Vision plan from the 1990's. Community surveys were taken and analyzed on priorities. These priorities included housing, a recreation center, and community branding. Other topics addressed were the future of both Gates Hall and Billy Sunday Baseball Field. In 2015, a task force was established to explore the possibility of a recreation center. An initial design for the recreation center was to cost \$15 million, which was determined to be too high. The task force then looked towards a smaller recreation center plan using only the highest priorities from the community survey. This resulted in a design to cost \$4-5 million. Other concerns reviewed were the baseball field and Gates Hall. A new baseball field is being proposed at SCORE. Also being proposed is moving Nevada Park & Rec Offices to the new Recreation Center with the District purchasing Gates Hall to use the north portion as administrative offices while maintaining the auditorium portion for community and school activities and rentals. The recreation center, the baseball field, and the change in Gates Hall is being proposed as the Nevada Vision 2020 Capstone Project. The committee proposing Capstone Project would like to have public forum, then the committee would come back together with community comments and a final plan. This information has been provided to the *Nevada Journal* on Thursday. Information received the public forum, being proposed for Monday, September 18, will be taken and the committee will meet.

Dr. Gray said that this review he is providing is to make sure the Board is comfortable with proceeding to the next step. He said, if Capstone Project goes forward, he will bring the project back to Board for any financial commitment. Sutherland said having the public forum is a good move. Crawford said it will be beneficial to get the information to the community and receive feedback. Some Board members expressed concern with the timeline, especially with the bids for the baseball field and recreation center. Dr. Gray said the City and the District would pull a group together to get facility specs out to bids. He said the timeline could definitely change. Sutherland said he would be interested on how the conversation on Capstone Project plays out. He said this is the best method to provide facilities for kids without taking money away from something else or raising taxes. Dr. Gray said costs would be spread to two fiscal years without a District tax increase. He said the community forum would be at Central Elementary starting at 6 p.m. with a presentation at 6:30 p.m.

5.1 Consider Public Forum for Nevada Vision 2020 Capstone Project Dr. Gray asked the Board to approve the public forum for the Capstone project for Monday, September 18. Carsrud said that she and

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Maier were on the committee that is proposing the Capstone project. Motion by Sutherland, second by Crawford to approve the public forum at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 18. Motion Carried 5-0. Sutherland thanked Maier and Carsrud for their work on the committee.

5.2 Consider Meal Price Adjustment 2017-18 per Iowa Department of Education Dr. Gray said the Iowa Department of Education has told the District that the minimum secondary school price per meal will be \$2.70, rather than the \$2.65 approved by the Board. Dr. Gray said, without this change, the District’s reimbursement application would not be approved. Motion by Harter, second by Maier to raise the secondary school meal price to \$2.70 in response to the Iowa Department of Education requirement to raise the price. Motion Carried 5-0.

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of August 28
- Bills
- Appointments: Lisa Andresen – Special Ed Associate, Cassie Montegna – Special Ed Associate.
- Lane Change: Vanessa Huber – From MA 9 to MA 15-9
- Woodward Academy Dayschool Renewal for 2017-18

Motion Carried 5-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments As this meeting was the last for Sutherland, he asked the Board to keep its focus that decision are made on the Board for the kids. He said the Board should let no personal bias interfere with its decisions. He said he appreciated the support from the Board. Dr. Gray said he also appreciated Sutherland’s support over the years. Maier thanked Sutherland for being there. Harter said when Sutherland spoke, she learned so much. Crawford said he appreciated Sutherland’s leadership in community for the Schools. Sutherland said the schools are on a good path.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, September 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. The Capstone Project public forum is on Monday, September 18.

8. Adjournment at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary