

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017
BOARD ROOM AT 1035 15TH STREET**

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Tori Carsrud, Joe Anderson, Mark Crawford, Leanne Harter, Tom Maier.
STAFF: Steve Gray, Mickolyn Clapper, Maggie Davis, Justin Gross, Randi Pool, Brian Schaeffer.
OTHERS: Brett Van Waus

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

2. Approval of Agenda The Board noted an additional fundraiser for the consent agenda for this meeting. Motion by Anderson, second by Harter to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried 5-0.

3. Public Comment - none

4.1 Self-Paced Math Presentation Elementary students Emilee Kelly and Kaitlyn McGaffin told the Board about self-paced math. Self-paced math is when students work at their own pace through the subject. Emilee and Kaitlyn spoke of using a web site for self-paced math which helps with learning using math learning games and activities including story problems. The girls said they like self-paced math as they can do it at their own pace and it feels good when they are achieving the math work. They said self-paced math is challenging but they will complete the work.

The girls' teachers, Ms. Davis and Mrs. Poole presented the Board a PowerPoint on the self-paced math program. Ms. Davis said that this is the third year that the teachers have used the program and it was an idea brought back from a school visit in Kentucky. She said the teachers met after visiting Kentucky and started with the math standards discussion. She said the underlying ideas were that students should move on without waiting for the teacher or the rest of class and students should have access to all unit requirements and resources without going to the teachers. Math is typically 90 minutes and the self-paced portion of that instructional time is 20-30 minutes, with individual teacher and peer assistance as needed. Ms. Davis and Mrs. Poole then showed the Board how to do math work on "Canvas" software.

5.1 LEP Allowable Cost Application Schaeffer said that, for 2016-17, expenditures exceeded revenues received for the Limited English Proficient (LEP) program for students by \$72,735. Approval of an application to the Iowa Department of Education is being requested to increase the spending authority of the District to these cover costs. Motion by Maier, second by Crawford to approve the application to request an increase in spending authority to cover LEP costs of \$72,735. Motion Carried 5-0.

5.2 Special Ed Modified Allowable Growth Schaeffer said that, for 2016-17, expenditures for the special education program exceeded revenues by \$209,405. Approval of an application to the Iowa Department of Education is being requested to levy for Modified Allowable Growth for this special education deficit. Motion by Crawford, second by Maier to approve applying for a levy for Modified Allowable Growth for the special education deficit for 2016-17. Motion Carried 5-0.

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

- Board Minutes of the meeting of September 25
- Bills
- September Financial Reports

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2017 (CONTINUED)

- Appointments: Gentry Barton – Elem Associate, Toni Johnson – Elementary Administrative Assistant.
- Contact Modification: Brook Thompson – correct salary
- Fundraisers: Speech Club – State Contest Host, Junior Class - ABWA Fair Concessions for Prom, Junior Class – Donations for Prom, FFA Fruit, Cheese, & Sausage sales, Key Club – Trick or Treat for UNICEF

Motion Carried 5-0.

7.1 Board Member Comments Crawford noted the passing of former High School Administrative Assistant Sue Morriscal and expressed sympathy to the Morriscal family.

7.2 Board Calendar was reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Gates Hall for the forum on the Nevada Vision 2020 Capstone Project.

8. Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary