

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024

GATES MEMORIAL HALL AT 825 15TH STREET

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Marty Chitty, Joe Anderson, Amici Hayek, Tom Maier
STAFF: Dr Steve Gray, Tammy Ellis, Kevin Cooper

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

2. Approval of Agenda Motion by Maier to approve the agenda with the addition of volunteer coaches, second by Anderson Motion Carried 4-0

3. Public Comment - none

4.1 FFA Update – Mr. Cooper updated the Board regarding the recent activities the FFA students have been participating in. Including the Lincoln Highway Days Parade with the reserve champion tractor. Discovery Ag 7th grade students come in on Saturday's at 8:00 am for extra learning. Mr. Cooper also updated the Board on the test plots production value of \$15,116 profit. Student Emilee Kelly talked about the mum sales and how the first fifty mums were sold in two hours and the sales kept going strong. Jensen Farms in Ankeny donated pumpkins for the FFA to sell as well. Ag Day for 120 7th Graders was October 11th, they had sessions that talked about Ag and Drone Safety, Water Rocks, Vet Tech, Animal Production, and Food Processing from Burke. Story County Pork Producers grilled a pork loin lunch. Ag Day provides opportunities to show what FFA has to offer. 12 members attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis where they got toured an organic dairy farm and the University of Illinois Biochemical research lab. Ag fairs offer career opportunities and a great way so see what's involved outside of our local chapter. Student Reed Kelly spoke about attending the Ignite & Amplify Leaderships Conference, where they were able to split into groups to learn how to strengthen their leadership skills, social skills and team work. Mr .Cooper updated the Board regarding the recent FFA equipment auction in Colo. Fruit sales were wrapped up, the online orders continue to grow. Mr. Cooper also had tools displayed that were purchased from the Availa Bank \$500 donation.

4.2 HS Course Description Guide 2025-26 – Dr Gray updated the board that Dr. Einsweiler was not able to attend the meeting to present his suggestions on the changes to the high school course description guide for 2025-26. This will be an action item on the January 6th board meeting and Dr. Einsweiler will present his suggestions to the board at that time.

5.1 Playground Project Site Prep – Dr Gray presented quotes for the site preparation for the Central Playground Renovation. Motion by Anderson to approve the quote from Country Landscapes for the removal, backfill & compaction, dirt, pea gravel and tiling in preparation for the Central Playground Renovation second by Hayek, Motion Carried 4-0

6. Consent Agenda – Chitty would like to see the Minutes from the December 2nd board meeting be updated to include the students last names who presented the 7th Grade Travel Expo. Motion by Maier to approve the consent agenda as presented with the addition of the volunteer coaches, second by Hayek. Motion carried 4-0

- Board Minutes of the meetings of December 2, 2024
- Bills

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- Appointments: Andy Arthur – Volunteer MS Basketball Coach, Areianna Williams – Elementary Spec Ed Associate, Aunna Potts – Adjust from 2 days/week to 5 days/week (7:45 am – 3:15 pm)
- Contract Adjustments – Elizabeth Lopez Perez, \$12.00/hr to \$12.25/hr for 1 year
- Resignations: Hannah Dilka – Elementary Associate, Stephanie Woodhouse – Elementary Associate
- Early Retirements: Dana Salisbury, Elementary TAG Teacher \$23,083.20
- Fundraisers:
 - PEO members (Women’s Educational Society), Selling Kringle made by the proceeds to support the PEO scholarship for NHS students.
 - Nevada FFCLA – Selling popcorn at basketball games to sponsor a wish for someone through Make-A-Wish
 - Student Council – 7th & 8th Grade Fun Night, raise funds for future events.
 - Student Council – 5th & 6th Grade Fun Night, raise funds for future events.

Early Graduation Applications – Tyson Bremer, Caden Deaver, Lance Lindemann, Gavyn Lumley, Mario Maldonado Perez, Taylor Tolle, Savannah Vary, Lucas Wendeln,

7.1 Board Member Comments – Maier and Chitty both attended the Iowa School Board Convention on November 21st. Maier talked about the presentation he attended regarding cell phones. Chitty attended a breakout session about school safety.

7.2 The next regular Board meeting is Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment at 7:22p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary

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