

**NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025
GATES MEMORIAL HALL AT 825 15TH STREET**

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: Marty Chitty, Tom Maier, Leanne Harter, Joe Anderson
STAFF: Dr Steve Gray, Tammy Ellis, Corey Barloon, Carrie Hillman, Chris DeNeui

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

2. Approval of Agenda Motion by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented, second by Harter, Motion Carried 4-0

3. Public Comment - None

4. Information

4.1 Elementary Computer Science – Corey Barloon and Carrie Hillman both presented the Elementary Computer Science program available to EK-4th graders. Computer Science is problem solving with a computer, which can be a laptop, computer, or robots. It teaches the students how to think logically and how to problem solve with a computer.

EK focuses on social skills, problem solving, sequencing pictures, decomposing and sequencing with coding using indi robots and codes.

Kindergarten focuses on collaboration and hands on coding. Unplugged coding, learning how to give specific directions. Decomposing, breaking things apart. Building algorithms through Cubetto Robot and Beebot.

1st & 2nd grades focus on what a computer is made up of, how circuits work. Their circuit work was making circuits, Lil Bits, and Snap circuits. They built computers, learned parts, functions, and input/output. They were able to work on OSMO coding. Mr. Barloon mentioned that Iowa State was able to get the Computer Science program OSMO.

3rd grade works on coding a robot called Dash. They use the same tools/robots as younger grades but the complexity of skills grows.

3rd & 4th grade worked on a video design game focusing on what's your story, who's your audience. Mr. Barloon shared a video game that a 4th grade student created, showing the creativity and complexity of the game. The video game design was a lot of fun and very challenging, as they had to take so many steps designing their games.

Going forward Ms. Hillman and Mr. Barloon would like to bridge the gap for computer science program between Elementary and Middle School.

5. Action Agenda

5.1 SBRC Application: Woodward/Grandwood Administrative Costs – The District is eligible to apply to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) to recoup administrative costs associated with our students that attend the Woodward/Grandwood Academy. Motion to approve the SBRC application for admin costs for the Woodward/Grandwood Programs by Anderson 1st, second by Maier, Motion Carried 4-0

6. Consent Agenda – Motion by to approve the consent agenda as presented by Maier, second by Harter

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Motion carried 4-0

- Board Minutes of the meetings of January 6, 2025
- Bills
- Appointments: Ben Ackerman-HS Volunteer Football Coach, Rosa Gonzalez-Maintenance/Custodial.
- Resignations: Brandi Erwin-Maintenance/Custodial, Tory Kelley-Elementary PE Teacher, Ben Ackerman-MS Football Coach
- Contract Update: Emma Anderson, NCRC from \$12 to \$12.25 (1 year anniversary)
- Fundraisers:
 - 3/4th Grade K Kids – selling popcorn, money raised will be donated to the Story County Animal Shelter

7.1 Board Member Comments –

7.2 The next regular Board meeting is Monday February 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board President

Board Secretary

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