

The Newburg United School Board met in regular session September 17, 2019. President Scott Hunskor called the meeting to order at 7:25 am.

Roll Call - Present: Bryan Pease, Sommer Zimmer, Jason Blada, TJ Streich, Nathan Boll and Karlene Wyman. Also present: Supt. Jason Kersten and Business Manager Darcy Lamoureux.

Additions to the agenda - None

Boll moved to approve the August 13, 2019 regular school board minutes, seconded by Streich.

Roll Call Vote: Boll-yes, Pease-yes, Blada-yes, Wyman-yes, Streich-yes, Zimmer-yes, Hunskor-yes. MCU

Wyman moved to accept the Financial Reports and pay \$27,785.36 General Fund Bills, \$49,182.00 Building Fund Bills, \$3,831.37 Hot Lunch Fund Bills and \$838.02 Activity Fund Bills, seconded by Zimmer.

Roll Call Vote: Pease-yes, Blada-yes, Wyman-yes, Streich-yes, Zimmer-yes, Boll-yes, Hunskor-yes. MCU

Bus Driver Workshop – Supt. Kersten reported the workshop will be held Wednesday, Oct. 2nd in Bottineau.

Public Hearing – No discussion held. Supt. Kersten reported that the powerpoint will be put on the school website.

NDSBA Convention – The NDSBA Annual Convention is set for Friday, October 25th at the Ramkota in Bismarck. The pre-convention session (School Law Seminar and New Member Seminar) will be held on Thursday, October 24th. Registration, along with school district's delegates and alternates, is due by Friday, October 11th. Those wanting to attend should let Business Manager Lamoureux know by Monday, October 7th.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 9th from 3:15 – 8:30. The Comp Day will be February 17th.

Graduation Date – tabled until next month.

2019-20 Budget & Certificate of Levy – Streich moved to levy \$600,778 in the General Fund and \$70,400 in the Building Fund as presented in the Preliminary Budget on August 5, 2019. This would result in a 59.65 mill levy in the General Fund and a 6.99 mill levy in the Building Fund. Revise budget to break out the \$18,599.51 in Title Transferability dollars to various expenses and not just the salary expense line, seconded by Pease.

Roll Call Vote: Blada-yes, Wyman-yes, Streich-yes, Zimmer-yes, Boll-yes, Pease-yes, Hunskor-yes. MCU

LEA Compliance Report – Supt. Kersten explained the LEA Annual Compliance Report that is due by Oct. 1st. Wyman moved to approve the LEA Annual Compliance Report, seconded by Zimmer.

Roll Call Vote: Wyman-yes, Streich-yes, Zimmer-yes, Boll-yes, Pease-yes, Blada-yes, Hunskor-yes. MCU

Unpaid Leave Request – Supt. Kersten reported that Jessica Marsh is requesting a 6-day unpaid leave request for a vacation planned in February 2020. She will have used her 3 personal days by February 2020. Board Policy states that any unpaid leave requests need to be approved by the board. Discussed if Benefit Dollars should have to be reimbursed to the District for unpaid days. Board stated they would like to see teachers try to schedule their vacations around extended school breaks. Discussion followed. Boll moved to approve the 6 day unpaid leave request, seconded by Streich.

Roll Call Vote: Streich-yes, Zimmer-yes, Boll-yes, Pease-yes, Blada-yes, Wyman-yes, Hunskor-yes. MCU

2018-19 Audit – Supt. Kersten reported that the annual audit report for the Newburg United School District #54 for the year ending June 30, 2019 has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the State Auditor. Based on their review, there were no findings. Zimmer moved to approve the audit, seconded by Pease.

Roll Call Vote: Zimmer-yes, Boll-yes, Pease-yes, Blada-yes, Wyman-yes, Streich-yes, Hunskor-yes. MCU


School Board Policy Website Link – Supt. Kersten reported he is looking into having the NDSBA create a link that we could post on our website for our School Board Policy. Tabled until next month until we receive the exact cost of this.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00 am.


Elementary/High School Principal Report: We currently have 83 students this year, which is down one from last year. If we include our 11 PK students, we are up two total students from last year. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Wednesday, Oct. 9th from 3:15 – 8:30. We are finished with Star Testing with all K-12 grades. We have good baseline data to start the year for our students and plan to continue utilizing this data & upcoming data to implement with our school improvement goals for AdvanceEd/Cognia. To further progress in our school improvement goal of writing improvement, all students in grades 1-12 were given the task of submitting a writing sample of a narrative form. Individual HS teachers and myself gave feedback to the individual students. We will do this again in October. I was very pleased with the process & the baseline-writing piece that all the students submitted. Westhope/Newburg Homecoming will be held on Friday, September 27th. We will have the Clash of the Classes in the morning and attend the parade in Westhope in the afternoon. All the band students from Newburg & Westhope will be marching together. The Stars Fall Enrollment Report was due last week and the MIS03 Report is due this week. Our juniors and seniors attended the College and Career Day at Bottineau College on September 12th. The Newburg Peewee Boys Basketball Tournament is scheduled for October 3rd and October 5th. Our 5th & 6th grade teams will both play, and we have a total of 8 teams participating. AdvanceEd/Cognia workshop is Sept. 24th & 25th that Mrs. Marsh & Mrs. Bliss will be attending.

Superintendent Report: The science lab tables have arrived and will be installed over our October break. Rugby is requesting to become a member of the Peace Garden Special Services for the 2020-21 school year. There will be no school on Thursday, October 17th and Friday, October 18th. We are doing a staff book read with Tracie Welk that can be taken for credit by the teachers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20am.



Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager



Scott Hunskor, Board President