

The Newburg United School Board met in regular session December 10, 2019. President Scott Hunskor called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Present: Nathan Boll, Sommer Zimmer, Jason Blada, Bryan Pease, TJ Streich and Karlene Wyman. Also present: Supt. Jason Kersten, Elementary/High School Principal Bob Beaudrie and Business Manager Darcy Lamoureux.

**Additions to the Agenda - None**

Boll moved to approve the November 12, 2019 regular school board minutes, seconded by Wyman.

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

Pease moved to approve the Financial Reports and pay \$13,130.89 General Fund Bills, \$1,356.24 Building Fund Bills, \$2,556.56 Hot Lunch Fund Bills and \$558.32 Activity Fund Bills, seconded by Blada.

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

**Facility All-Threat Assessment** – Supt. Kersten reported the ND Safety Council will be coming on January 27<sup>th</sup> to start our assessment.

**Sewer Line Leak** – Supt. Kersten reported the plumbers used a camera that showed a leak under the Speech Room and a possible second leak in a joint further down the pipe. They will be repairing this over Christmas break.

**Joint School Board Meeting** – Our joint Board Meeting with Westhope will be Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in Newburg with Supper at 6:00 pm and the meeting to follow at 6:30 pm. Glenburn was also invited.

**Budget Revision** – Supt. Kersten reported we will be receiving \$15,678.09 less in state aid than was budgeted for the 2019-20 school year due to our open enrolled students. Streich moved to approve revising the budget by \$15,678.09, seconded by Zimmer.

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

**Staff Social** – Staff Social will be held Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Section 8 Bar & Grill in Upham.

**New Member Certificate** – Supt. Kersten presented Blada with his New Member Certificate for completing the New Member Seminar this fall.

**Storm Make Up Day** – Supt. Kersten reported that although we have some extra days built up this year due to the state switching the instructional time from number of days to minutes, he doesn't believe the state intended for us to not make up storm days. He feels because we built in storm days to our calendar, we should make them up, and the storm day from Oct. 11, 2019 in particular. Discussion followed. Because we share staff with Westhope, the board suggested that this be put on the Joint Board Meeting agenda to see how they are handling their storm day.

**Teacher Pay Teacher** – Supt. Kersten reported this is a website where teachers can buy resources for their classrooms that were created by other teachers. He advised that several teachers currently have personal accounts and use their own money to purchase curriculum. He asked for board input on opening a school account & dollar amount to spend. Discussion followed. Wyman moved to have Supt. Kersten open a School Account and have teachers submit requisitions to him for approval. The dollar limit approved is up to Supt. Kersten for this school year and then for next year a specific amount should be set when creating the budget. No reimbursements for items that have already been purchased on a personal account, seconded by Zimmer.

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

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 am.

**Elementary/High School Principal Report:** The first of two RTI-B Parties will be held in January or February at the Bottineau Winter Park. Semester tests are Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. The last day of

school before the Christmas break is Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and we will resume on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The boys' and girls' basketball teams will both be practicing over the Christmas break. The BBB team will play Benson County at 1:45 at the Minot State Dome on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. We currently have 15 girls total playing basketball from grades 8-12 (5 being from Newburg). No JH GBB will be moved up after their season ends. The JH BBB will start practices on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We should have around 14 boys out in grades 6-8. This number may change with kids moving up and choosing to play travel ball rather than the school season. High School BBB have 12 boys out and are running 2 squads per night. The Music Christmas concert will be Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for PK-12. I will have all the State required Teacher Evaluations completed by the end of the week.

**Superintendent's Report:** Our last day before Christmas break will be Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> and school will resume Thursday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be no school on Monday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> to observe Martin Luther King Day. Our teaching staff will be attending a Professional Development Day on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> in Rugby. Jessica Marsh & Tracie Welk will be presenting at this. I will be gone on a fishing trip from Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>. I am not planning on attending my Superintendent Conference at the end of January. I have included a document showing Tracie Welk's schedule for the 2<sup>ns</sup> semester. I mailed the board policies to SBA last week to post to our website. The Teachers had a book read with Tracie Welk called the Energy Bus. They organized an afternoon of student activities & crafts to incorporate these ideas/views with the students.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.



Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager



Scott Hunskor, Board President