

The Newburg United School Board met in regular session February 18, 2020. President Scott Hunsakor called the meeting to order at 7:04 am. Present: Karlene Wyman, Nathan Boll, Sommer Zimmer, and TJ Streich. Absent: Bryan Pease and Jason Blada. Also present: Superintendent Jason Kersten, Elementary/High School Principal Bob Beaudrie and Business Manager Darcy Lamoureux.

Boll moved to approve the January 14, 2020 regular school board minutes, the January 29, 2020 joint school board minutes and the January 30, 2020 policy committee meeting minutes, seconded by Streich.

Roll Call Vote: Boll-yes, Wyman-yes, Streich-yes, Zimmer-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

Wyman moved to accept the Financial Reports and pay \$33,540.29 General Fund Bills, \$70,401.00 Building Fund Bills, \$4,086.76 Hot Lunch Fund Bills and \$729.39 Activity Fund Bills, seconded by Zimmer.

Roll Call Vote: Wyman-yes, Streich-yes, Zimmer-yes, Boll-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

**Sewer Line Leak** – Supt. Kersten reported the plumbers have repaired the broken pipe in the speech room. We also had electricians here to move an electrical panel in the old boiler room.

**Joint School Board Meeting** – Supt. Kersten reported the joint meeting with Westhope was very productive and he will be working with Supt. Bratrud to coordinate some professional development activities.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** – Principal Beaudrie reported the elementary attendance was good and about 50% of the junior high and high school parents attended.

**2020 Negotiations Seminar** – The North Dakota School Boards Association held a Negotiations Seminar in Bismarck on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and early bird sessions on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Supt. Kersten and Lamoureux attended.

**School Calendar** – Supt. Kersten presented the option 5 calendar that both Westhope & Newburg staff members chose. Streich moved to approve Supt. Kersten's recommendation to adopt this option as the 2020-2021 school calendar, seconded by Zimmer.

Roll Call Vote: Streich-yes, Zimmer-yes, Boll-yes, Wyman-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

**Storm Make Up Day** – Supt. Kersten reported that Westhope will not be making up the storm day we had on October 11, 2019 and will be using their grace day. Supt. Kersten plans on using our grace day for our early outs just like he has done in previous years. Supt. Kersten said he feels we should make up the October 11, 2019 storm day because he believes that was the Legislatures intentions. This day would be made up on May 21, 2020 so our shared teachers are not affected that much. Discussion followed. Wyman moved to make up the October 11, 2019 storm day on May 21, 2020, seconded by Streich.

Roll Call Vote: Zimmer-yes, Boll-yes, Wyman-yes, Streich-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

**Additional Coop(s) update** – Principal Beaudrie presented projected participation figures for Newburg, Westhope and Glenburn schools. He said we can get by without a coop, but we will have to continue to pull of the younger kids to build the JV/Varsity teams. With a coop he reported travel time will increase and program expenses will escalate. Supt. Kersten reported that the Glenburn board approved to investigate the expenses of a possible coop. Discussion followed. Streich moved to have the Athletic Directors investigate the expenses of a possible coop and report back, seconded by Zimmer.

Roll Call Vote: Boll-yes, Wyman-yes, Streich-yes, Zimmer-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

**Emergency Operations Assessment & Review** – Supt. Kersten report that he and Mr. Beaudrie, Mr. Gourneau and Mr. Martin met with a North Dakota Safety Council representative who then drafted our assessment. Supt. Kersten recommended forming a committee to analyze this assessment and draft any changes needed. The committee will be: Boll, Streich, Kersten, Beaudrie, Gourneau and Martin.

**Superintendent Formal Evaluation** – The Superintendent Formal Evaluation forms need to be completed and returned to the Business Manager by Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. President Hunsakor will compile them for the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. This evaluation must be completed on or before March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**School Board Election** – Supt. Kersten reported current board terms for Boll and Zimmer (each three-year terms) will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will NOT be voting as to publish board minutes this election. Streich made a motion to hold the regular school board election on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, seconded by Wyman.

Roll Call Vote: Wyman-yes, Streich-yes, Zimmer-yes, Boll-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

**Permission to Determine Need for Reduction in Force** – Wyman moved to give Supt. Kersten permission to determine whether any position(s) should be Non-Renewed (Reduction in Force), seconded by Zimmer.

Roll Call Vote: Streich-yes, Zimmer-yes, Boll-yes, Wyman-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

**After Prom Party Donation** – Boll moved to donate \$200 to the Newburg/Westhope After Prom Party, Seconded by Streich.

Roll Call Vote: Zimmer-yes, Boll-yes, Wyman-yes, Streich-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

**Letter of Resignation** – Supt. Kersten read a letter of resignation from Ada Zurcher as the head cook effective May 24, 2020. Wyman moved to accept resignation, seconded by Zimmer.

Roll Call Vote: Boll-yes, Wyman-yes, Streich-yes, Zimmer-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

Supt. Kersten reported the job opening will be in the paper this week. He consulted with NDSBA who said we could advertise the position prior to the motion because it is an at will position.

**Discussion on Continuing Shared Positions with Westhope** – We currently share Ag, Preschool and Phy Ed teachers with Westhope. Supt. Kersten reported we estimate 3-4 PK kids next year and 6-7 the following year. Ag students for next year are about the same as this year. With Mr. Werner coming back from deployment he will take over the Phy Ed classes so Mr. Wible will no longer be needed. Upon Supt. Kersten recommendation, Zimmer moved to continue to share Ag and Preschool teachers with Westhope for the 2020-21 school year, seconded by Streich.

Roll Call Vote: Wyman-yes, Streich-yes, Zimmer-yes, Boll-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

**Policies to Consider Adopting (Attachment A)** – Wyman moved to approve adopting the policies listed on Attachment A on first reading and waive second reading to expediate the policy adoption process per board policy BDA, seconded by Boll. Boll-yes,

Roll Call Vote: Streich-yes, Zimmer-yes, Boll-yes, Wyman-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

**Policies to Consider Amending (Attachment B)** – Zimmer moved to approve amending the policies listed on Attachment B on first reading and waive second reading to expediate the policy adoption process per board policy BDA, seconded by Streich.

Roll Call Vote: Zimmer-yes, Boll-yes, Wyman-yes, Streich-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am.

**Elementary/High School Principal Report:** The elementary students are participating in the School Mall postcards again this year. Lifetouch picture retakes have been rescheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>. Friday is an early out and the Elementary Teachers will be working with Tracie Welk on Stars testing data and with our writing samples. Parent/Teacher Conferences were held February 12<sup>th</sup>. The girls' basketball team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the district tournament and will play DLB Lakers in the first round of the Regional Tournament on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Two GBB players received All District honors. The boys will be the 7<sup>th</sup> seed and will play Drake/Anamoose in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the district tournament on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in Rugby. The RTI-B party (tubing) at the Bottineau Winter Park was held February 14<sup>th</sup> and went very well. This might be our last year of going there due to ticket cost increases. I conducted a straw poll of the Westhope & Newburg students in grades 4-6. We should have enough girls for two PW GBB Teams. I estimate around 12-16 girls total with 4 being from Newburg. The "B" Squad Boys Basketball Tournament held in Newburg went very well and I have received word of mouth that all 8 teams will return next year. We will be participating in the Academic Olympic Regional Competition for the third year in a row. We will take 3 seniors, 2 juniors and 1 freshman to Rugby to compete on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Grades 3-8 will be participating in the Bottineau County Spelling Bee on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The Teacher Evaluations

need to be completed before April 15<sup>th</sup>. The juniors will be taking the ACT Test in March sometime. Our music department will be participating in the Large Group Music Festival in Minot on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The seniors have all taken the Work Keys Test and have met all the requirements to receive the state scholarship. The school will be hosting a Blood Drive on March 3<sup>rd</sup> in the gymnasium.

**Superintendent Report:** There will be an early out on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed at 1:00. The staff will review data from their data partner meetings & also review writing samples. Minot State University will be hosting a Meet and Greet with perspective teachers on March 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be reserving a booth and attending if we have any teaching positions open.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 am.



Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager



Scott Hunsakor, Board President