

The Newburg United School Board met in regular session April 14, 2020. President Scott Hunskor called the meeting to order at 7:00 am via Zoom. Present: Karlene Wyman, Nathan Boll, Jason Blada, TJ Streich and Sommer Zimmer. Absent: none. Also present: Superintendent Jason Kersten, Elementary/High School Principal Bob Beaudrie, Business Manager Darcy Lamoureux, Lloyd Sund and Dave Heintzleman.

Additions to the Agenda – none.

Confirmation of the Agenda – Wyman moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Streich.

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

Zimmer moved to approve the March 10, 2020 regular School Board minutes, March 18, 2020 Special Board minutes and the March 26, 2020 Special Board minutes, seconded by Boll.

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

Streich moved to accept the Financial Reports and pay \$11,411.66 General Fund Bills, \$1,597.39 Building Fund Bills, \$2,394.74 Hot Lunch Fund Bills and \$2,400.78 Activity Fund Bills, seconded by Wyman.

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

Emergency Operation Assessment and Review – Supt. Kersten reported that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic he hasn't had a chance to get any quotes for cameras or some of the other big-ticket items. He will report back to the board at the next meeting.

Hot Lunch Meals – Supt. Kersten report that we have been serving on average 85 meals a day. We haven't heard if we were awarded any money from the No Kid Hungry Grant. We also applied for the Gen Youth Grant this week.

Ancillary Staff Wages – Supt. Kersten reminded the board that we are currently following Governor Burgum's recommendation and are paying the hourly employees their normal hourly workday even if they are not working the full hours. Boll moved to continue to pay the hourly staff their normal hourly workday, as we have been doing, through the end of the 2019-20 school year, seconded by Wyman.

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

Spring Coaching Salaries – Supt. Kersten said he spoke to MLS and they are not paying their spring coaches unless their season had started and then they are prorating the salary. He said Westhope & Bottineau are going to pay the full coaching salaries. The coaches will have some guidelines they have to follow that the Athletic Directors will be monitoring but these guidelines were not provided to me. The billing for these salaries might be based off last year's participation numbers. Discussion followed. Boll and Hunskor said they don't feel the full salary were acceptable but Supt. Kersten said he doesn't think we really have a choice since we coop with Westhope. Supt. Kersten said this may set a precedence for fall coaching salaries if we are not back in school by then. Hunskor said he feels that both Newburg & Westhope should have met and made this decision together. Boll moved to approve paying the spring coaching salaries, seconded by Streich.

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

All School Reunion – Supt. Kersten said he spoke to Penny Bierman and voiced the boards concerns with hosting the reunion at the school. Bierman said if they don't have access to the school it doesn't make sense to have a reunion. The reunion committee will be meeting after our board meeting to discuss. Kersten said we more than likely will not be having a normal graduation ceremony at the school in late May and it doesn't make sense to open the school to the reunion a month later. Cleaning costs, employee health for summertime employees and the graduation ceremony were discussed. Streich moved to not allow the reunion to access the school during the reunion, seconded by Blada.

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

Suspension of Policy BBC (Method of Filling a Board Vacancy) - Supt. Kersten said Board Policy BBC requires us to put an ad in the paper for two weeks and to interview for the position. With our school closure and the drafting of the Distance Learning Plan this couldn't be done. Zimmer moved to suspend policy BBC (Method of Filling A Board Vacancy) by using Policy BDA (Procedure for Adopting Policy to Appoint a Board Member) to fulfill the current vacancy created by a resignation. This appointment is for the remaining months in the 2019-20 school year, seconded by Boll.

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

Appoint Board Member – Supt. Kersten recommended to appoint Lloyd Sund to fill the board vacancy for the remaining 2019-20 school year. Boll moved to appoint Lloyd Sund, seconded by Streich.

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

Supt. Kersten reported that he spoke to Pierce & Durrick Law Firm to get guidance on creating our election ballot. Boll and Zimmer's names will be listed as three-year terms and then a one-year term for a write in candidate will be listed since nobody had filed to run for this position by the deadline. There was only one year left on the three-year term for the vacated position.

Oath of Office - Lloyd Sund read his Oath of Office. Supt. Kersten thanked him for taking this position and said he is welcome to participate in the remaining meeting since he has been sworn in.

Annual School Board Election via Absentee Ballot Only – Supt. Kersten said that according to Governor Burgum's April 2nd Executive Order, we are allowed to have our election by absentee ballot only and to NOT have a polling place for patrons to come to and cast their vote. Kersten and Lamoureux have spoken to Bottineau and Westhope and we will all be using the same advertising notices in the paper and will also be running a radio ad on KBTO to get the word out to our patrons. Zimmer moved the Newburg United School Board operating under their authority provided by NDCC 15.1-09-18 and in consideration of the Governor's declared emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic hereby declares by resolution that all previous school polling locations shall be eliminated for the June 9, 2020 school board election as allowed by the Governor's executive order on 2020-19 on April 2, 2020. The Newburg United School Board further declares under their authority provided by NDCC 15.1-09-18 to conduct the June 9, 2020 School Board Election by way of mail in ballot. The Newburg United School Board encourages all qualified citizens to take every opportunity to vote by mail ballot prior to the June 9, 2020 election, seconded by Wyman.

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

Graduation – Supt. Kersten said he has a meeting scheduled for April 15, 2020 with Mr. Beaudrie and the seniors and their parents to discuss graduation. Some schools are going to have a virtual ceremony, drive up ceremony or waiting until the school can be opened. Discussion followed. Supt. Kersten will report back to the board after his meeting with everyone.

Distance Learning Plan – Supt. Kersten reported we are 2 – 2 ½ weeks into our Distance Learning Plan and for the most part it is going well. A survey was sent out to parents last week asking for their input on how it is going with most responses stating that it is going well. However, some good concerns were raised if we had to continue using distance learning into next year. We received an average score of 7.8 out of 10 from our replies.

Negotiating Update – Supt. Kersten said we have a Negotiating meeting scheduled for April 15, 2020 at 7:00 am to go over the ground rules.

Possible Executive Session – Supt. Kersten said this is not needed at this time.

Golf Course Donation – Supt. Kersten said we usually donate \$500 to the Westhope Golf Course for our students participating in golf and he is wondering how the board would like to handle this since we will not be

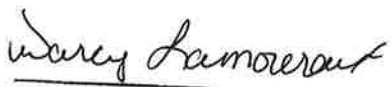
having spring sports this year. Last year we donated \$500 even though we didn't have any students participate in golf. Discussion followed. The board asked Supt. Kersten to visit with Westhope to see how they are handling and report back.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 am.

Elementary/High School Principal Report: State testing has been postponed for all ND schools this year. The Senior Class photo shoot was not done prior to our school closure and I'm not sure how we will handle this now. The Pre-School screening will probably be done next fall once school starts. I have been able to get on quite a few of the zoom classes so far. There have been a few minor issues but all in all I think it has gone very well. Attendance has been high for the most part and student learning is taking place. I've been very impressed with our staff and students. I am looking at sending out pre-registration via emailing students. The seniors who qualified for KMOT Best of Class will be emailing KMOT their picture to be shown on their advertising. I will probably have the Spring Awards for GBB during the summer months and I'm not sure how Coach Lee plans on handling the BBB. We sent out a survey to parents last week to get their input on the online curriculum and schedules.

Superintendent Report: I am currently looking at applicants for our openings. We haven't received many applications but I'm hoping to do interviews in the upcoming weeks and have recommendations for the May meeting. I have been coming into the school a couple days a week and working from home. It has been very busy. I wanted to thank Mr. Beaudrie, Mr. Gournea, Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Brandt for all their hard work on creating our Distance Learning plan with me. I am looking at having Scott and Travis begin on stripping and waxing floors sometime after Easter break. We may start using Microsoft Teams instead of zoom for conducting our board meetings as it is more secure. The ND School Board Association in conjunction with Supt. Baesler will be holding a webinar on April 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm for any interested board members to go over updated information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 am



Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager


Scott Hunsakor, Board President

