

The Newburg United School Board met in regular session June 15, 2020 via Zoom. President Scott Hunsakor called the meeting to order at 7:02 am. Present: Nathan Boll, Sommer Zimmer, Jason Blada, and TJ Streich. Absent: Karlene Wyman and Lloyd Sund. Also present: Supt. Jason Kersten, Elementary/High School Principal Bob Beaudrie and Business Manager Darcy Lamoureux.

Additions to the Agenda - None

Confirmation of the Agenda – Zimmer moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Boll.
Roll Call Vote: Boll-yes, Zimmer-yes, Blada-yes, Streich-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

Minutes from Previous Meeting(s) - Boll moved to approve the May 12, 2020 regular school board minutes, the May 19, 2020 special school board minutes and the June 10, 2020 Negotiations Committee minutes, seconded by Streich.

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

Sund joined the meeting at 7:03 am.

Zimmer moved to accept the Financial Reports and pay \$83,459.12 General Fund Bills, \$971.04 Hot Lunch Fund Bills and \$1,469.82 Activity Fund Bills, seconded by Streich.

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

School Demographics Presentation – Supt. Kersten went through the slides for the Demographics PowerPoint Presentation.

Use of School Building for Summer Activities – Supt. Kersten reported that the Westhope School has already started using their building for summer activities. He asked for the board opinions on using our building for open gyms and weightlifting. Discussion followed. Beaudrie reported he will have between 5-10 athletes participate in open gyms and less than 5 will be weightlifting. He does not expect to ever have over 15 kids at one time. Sund said he feels temperatures should be checked at the door and students should be required to sign a waiver upon coming. Discussion followed. Streich moved to use our building for summer activities and to have Supt. Kersten and Principal Beaudrie set up guidelines to be followed, seconded by Boll.

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

Canvas Election Votes – The board canvassed the June 9, 2020 election results. There were 113 total voters. Nathan Boll received 108 votes and Sommer Zimmer received 110 votes and were declared the winners for the two 3-year positions. Lloyd Sund received the most write in votes of 21 votes and was declared the winner for the one 1-year term. Boll moved to approve the election results, seconded by Streich.

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

Oath of Office – Boll, Zimmer and Sund all read their Oath of Office. Immediately following the zoom meeting Supt. Kersten will take the Oath of Office form to each member and notarize their signatures.

Possible purchase of new lockers – Supt. Kersten presented quotes for new student lockers and locker-room lockers. These would not be able to be installed until Christmas Break. Discussion followed. Boll recommended we purchase new lockers & Sund recommended we pay to have them dispose of the old lockers. Boll moved to approve the SP&E Inc. quotes totaling \$45,219.24 to purchase new student lockers for main floor, upstairs and the locker-rooms and to have them remove & dispose of old lockers, seconded by Sund.

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

Pupil Membership Report – Streich moved to approve the Pupil Membership Report, seconded by Zimmer.

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

Transportation Report – Sund moved to approve the Transportation Report, seconded by Boll

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

2020-2021 Non-Certified Increases – Supt. Kersten reported he and the negotiating committee met to discuss ancillary salaries. Sund moved to approve Supt. Kersten's proposed ancillary salary increases for the 2020-21 school year with the package totaling \$13,856.67, seconded by Streich.

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

2020-2021 Elementary/Secondary Principal Increase – Supt. Kersten reported the negotiating committee met regarding Principal Bob Beaudrie's salary increase for 2020-2021 and proposed a \$2,000 increase to his Principal salary and pay the \$2,125.44 increase to his BCBS premiums. Streich moved to approve the negotiation committee's recommendation, seconded by Blada.

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

2020-21 Superintendent Increase – Supt. Kersten reported he met with the negotiating committee and will not be asking for a salary increase for 2020-21 but would request the school pay the \$2,648.04 increase to his BCBS premiums. Zimmer moved to approve the negotiation committee's recommendation, seconded by Sund.

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

Overspend Projected Expenditures – Supt. Kersten reported we received approximately \$28,000 additional revenue than budgeted and would like to ask for permission to overspend projected expenditures by \$30,000 for the 2019-20 school year. Discussion followed. Boll moved to approve overspending expenditures by \$30,000, seconded by Zimmer.

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

Computers/Business Position – Supt. Kersten reported that he and Mr. Beaudrie met with Westhope about the possibility of sharing their teacher, Mr. Lee. This position will teach two periods with 7 total students between the two classes. Mr. Lee from Westhope would mainly teach remotely and only be able to come to Newburg once or twice a month so we will have to pay to have an aid monitor these two classes. When looking at the salary cost for Mr. Lee of approximately \$9,742 and the fact that it would be mainly remote instruction, Supt. Kersten said he would recommend that we use the ND Center for Distance Education for online classes with a cost of approximately \$3,000. Discussion followed. Sund moved to approve using the ND Center for Distance Education, seconded by Boll.

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

Mr. Beaudrie left meeting at 8:17 am.

Music Position – Supt. Kersten reported there are 19 schools in the state currently trying to hire a music teacher. We had one person inquire but has since pulled her name from consideration due to having young children at home. The student teacher that worked under Mrs. Thorenson was interested in the position but was finally able to get licensed in the state of New Jersey so that will not work out any longer. Supt. Kersten said he will contact other schools to get names of applicants we could contact. He is thinking about splitting the position and looking at hiring a person for Elementary and one for High School. All our current Elementary teachers have the credentials to teach music. Supt. Kersten will keep the board posted on developments.

Hot Lunch Transfer – Supt. Kersten reported that we need to transfer \$500 excess revenue from the Hot Lunch Account to the General Fund. Because all salaries are paid from the General Fund, we will probably have to transfer funds every year. Zimmer moved to approve the transfer, seconded by Blada. Roll Call Vote: Streich-yes, Sund-yes, Boll-yes, Zimmer-yes, Blada-yes, Hunskor-yes. MCU

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Elementary/High School: The Board read Mr. Beaudrie's report since he had to leave the meeting. We are still waiting on a couple of families to return their IPADS/Laptops. All the returning 9-12 graders have pre-registered and are on pace for graduation. We are estimating the K-6 Elementary will start the year with 51 students next year. This is a loss of 2 students from last year. For grades 7-12, we are estimating an enrollment of 23 which is a drop of 6 students from last year. We should have a total of 74 students next year if nothing changes. Our PK should have an estimated 5 students. Volleyball coaches: Head-Mrs. Kim Braaten, Assistant-Lauren Mach and JH coach is unknown. Peewee boys' basketball coaches: Levi Gourneau and myself. Football coaches: Layne Fluhrer, Anthony Lee, Garrett Wible, Tim Kraft (JH) and Chuck Werner. Girls basketball: Head-myself, Assistant-Lauren Mach, JH coach is Keri Beaudrie. Boys Basketball: Head-Anthony Lee, Assistant-Levi Gourneau, JH coach is unknown. Peewee girls: unknown. Softball: Garrett Wible, one Bottineau Coach and Lauren Mach. Track: Kate Tolstad & Allison Kirk. Golf: Anthony Lee. Baseball: None. Driver's Education was completed this week and was taught by Casey Mills.

Superintendent Report: All the spring reports are pretty much completed & submitted. Summer staff will be looking at the possibility of doing four-day weeks through the summer but will depend on what is going on each week. The State Fire Marshal was here June 9th for our inspection. There were some minor items to be addressed. Midwest investigations started installing the camera system on June 9th. They will be done by the end of the week with the cameras and will come back for training. I have some of my fall reentry committee members and myself taking part in training provided by the ND Safety Council over the next couple of weeks. July 22nd the NDSBA will be sponsoring a one-day School Board Members Training. If interested in going let Darcy know and she will register you. Ron Gust will be coming to replace the windows in the Ag & 1st Grade Classrooms. Kersten read a thank you letter from Ada Zurcher for her retirement gift. I have advertised for the two Para Positions we need to hire. We will have to have a special meeting to finalize the year end bills and fund transfers. I will be in contact to schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 am.



Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager



Scott Hunskor, Board President