

The Newburg United School Board met in regular session August 11, 2020. President Scott Hunskor called the meeting to order at 7:01 am. Present: Nathan Boll, Summer Zimmer, Karlene Wyman, TJ Streich and Lloyd Sund (via phone). Absent: Jason Blada. Also present: Supt. Jason Kersten, Elementary/High School Principal Bob Beaudrie and Business Manager Darcy Lamoureux.

Additions to the Agenda: Supt. Kersten asked to add Tuition Free Agreement, Wrestling Coop, 2021-22 Football Plan and Distance Learning Plan to the agenda.

**Confirmation of the Agenda** – Boll moved to approve the agenda with the additions above, seconded by Zimmer.

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

Streich moved to approve the July 21, 2020 regular school board minutes and the August 6, 2020 special school board minutes, seconded by Wyman.

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

Zimmer moved to accept the Financial Reports and pay \$11,852.63 General Fund Bills and \$70,401.00 Building Fund Bills, seconded by Wyman.

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

**Gasoline and Diesel for the 2020-21 School Year** – Supt. Kersten reported that Border Ag will be giving us a \$.05 discount for Gas & Diesel purchased.

**Public Tax Hearing** – Supt. Kersten reported this will be held Sept. 15, 2020 at 7:00 am prior to our regular School Board Meeting commencing.

**Back to School Open House/Picnic** - Supt. Kersten asked to revisit hosting the picnic. He said there is a lot of extra work that needs to be done according to our Reentry Plan and does not feel comfortable hosting the picnic. He asked if we could have an open house instead where students could drop off their supplies and still meet their teachers. Board agreed to have the open house instead of the picnic.

**Reentry Plan Update** – Supt. Kersten said this will be an item on every agenda going forward to deal with any revisions that need to be approved for our plan.

**Western Dakota Energy Association** –Wyman moved to approve Supt. Kersten's recommendation to continue being a member of the Western Dakota Energy Assoc. for the 2019-20 School Year, seconded by Streich.

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

**Bus Drivers Workshop** – Superintendent Kersten reported the annual bus driver's workshop has not been scheduled yet but will probably be this fall sometime.

**Letter to Sheriff's Department** – Zimmer made a motion to extend an open invitation to the Bottineau County Sheriff's Department to search our school and grounds with a drug dog for illegal substances, seconded by Boll.

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

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 2020 following the Public Hearing at 7:00 am.

**Tuition Free Agreement** – Supt. Kersten presented a tuition free agreement for a student that had been homeschooling to attend Bottineau Public School. Boll moved to approve, seconded by Streich.

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

**Wrestling Coop** – Mr. Beaudrie reported that we have a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student who is eligible to wrestle in the JH & Varsity level. He said he has spoke to Velva and they are willing to let us join their coop with Velva, Max and

Garrison. We would have to file an application with the NDHSAA prior to Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. The parents of this student will have to provide transportation to practice and meets. Velva might charge us \$50/student to join the coop. Streich moved to approve a coop with Velva, seconded by Zimmer.

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

**2021-22 Football Plan** – Supt. Kersten reported for the 2020-21 season we are 11 man but for the 2021-22 we will drop to 9 man due to our enrollment numbers. The coaches would prefer staying 11 man and the 3 boards have been split on this decision. A final decision on status will have to be presented to the NDHSAA by Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Supt. Kersten said that due to the harvest season he does not feel it is feasible to get all three boards together to discuss this. Supt. Kersten will talk to Westhope & Glenburn on how they want to handle, and he will report back to the board at the Sept. meeting. Item tabled.

**Distance Learning Plan** - Mr. Beaudrie went over the changes made to the Distance Learning Plan from its initial approval. Streich moved to approve the revised Distance Learning Plan, seconded by Boll.

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

**Elementary/High School Principal Report:** We will have 77 students total this year, which is down from last year at this time by 8 students (26 students 7-12, 51 students K-6 and 7 Preschool students. High school registration will take place today and Wednesday. Kim Braaten is the Head Coach and Lauren Mach is the Asst. Coach for varsity VB and Kaitie Fluhrer is the JH coach. I am projecting 5 girls out in grades 9-12. We should have another 6-7 girls from 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades out that will make up the JH squad. Peewee boys' basketball practice will start on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. We should have 5-6 boys in grades 4-6 out from Newburg and Westhope will have about the same number. Three students signed up for dual credit classes this year through Dakota College-Bottineau. They will start their classes on Aug 26<sup>th</sup>. We have 4 boys out for Varsity FB in grades 9-12. Our first game will be vs. Garrison on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. We have two JH Boys participating. The first VB game will be Tuesday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at Westhope vs St. John. All varsity VB games will be played in Westhope and all PW BBB games in Newburg. There may be attendance restriction implemented due to COVID-19. Preschool will begin on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Homecoming will be on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> vs Grafton. We will have festivities during the week and will run our Clash of the Classes competition that Friday as well as go to the parade in Westhope.

**Superintendent Report:** Supt. Kersten presented a thank you card from Sheryl Moen for her retirement gift. The Back to School Open House will be Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:00. Teacher In-service will be held on August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. The first day of school is August 19<sup>th</sup>. I am bringing the teachers and staff back early on August 12<sup>th</sup> for a PD day. We will be going through our reentry plan and new protocols. We can expect to have a special meeting before Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss how leave will be handled. We are fully staffed. Karen Tonneson, our new music teacher, has begun the process to get licensed and is waiting on her background check to come through.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 am.

  
Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager

  
Scott Hunskor, Board President