

The Newburg United School Board met in regular session December 15, 2020. President Scott Hunskor called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Present: Nathan Boll, Sommer Zimmer, Jason Blada, Lloyd Sund, 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** – Supt. Kersten asked to add English Teacher Request to New Business.

**Confirmation of Agenda** – Boll moved to approve agenda, seconded by Wyman.

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

Wyman moved to approve the November 10, 2020 regular school board minutes, seconded by Sund.

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

Streich moved to approve the Financial Reports and pay \$36,527.31 General Fund Bills, \$0.00 Building Fund Bills, \$2,682.40 Hot Lunch Fund Bills and \$521.85 Activity Fund Bills, seconded by Zimmer.

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

**Reentry Plan** - Supt. Kersten reported that he met with Mr. Beaudrie, Mr. Bratrud and Mr. Wible regarding attendance for sporting events. Supt. Kersten said due to Governor Burgum's and the NDHSAA recent guidance, he would like to recommend attendance changes (for orange risk level) for extra-curricular events that would now allow some patrons to attend games. A handout detailing changes was presented. Discussion followed. Sund moved to approve changes, seconded by Wyman.

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

These detailed changes will be posted to the School Website. Once the NDHSAA issues guidance for yellow, green and blue risk levels, Supt. Kersten said he will report back to the board.

**Snow Removal** – Supt. Kersten reported that Dakota Agronomy has agreed to do our snow removal for this year. Sund said if Dakota Agronomy ever runs into scheduling issues, Sund. Mfg. is willing to be a backup.

**Joint School Board Meeting** – Our Joint School Board Meeting with Westhope will be Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> in Westhope. Glenburn has also been invited and the meeting time has not been set yet.

**Christmas Vacation Projects** – Supt. Kersten presented a timeline for projects that are scheduled to be done over Christmas break including: Removing and installing new student lockers, moving classrooms & offices, plumbing repairs, redoing the kitchen floor and a few others misc. items.

**Staff Social** – Supt. Kersten reported that due to Covid-19 he has not scheduled a staff social yet and we will have to wait and see if we could maybe have one this spring, depending on the pandemic.

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

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 a.m.

**Elementary/High School Principal Report:** Semester tests are Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The last day of school before the Christmas break is Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and we will resume school on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. The boys' and girls' basketball teams will both be practicing over the Christmas break. We currently have 11 girls total playing basketball from grades 9-12 (5 being from Newburg). The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls will be practicing with the varsity over break and will play on the JV team while they finish their JH Season. The JH BBB will start practices on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. We should have around 11-12 boys out in grades 6-8. High School BBB have 11 boys out and are running 2 squads per night as they are playing 8<sup>th</sup> graders as well. I will have all the State required Teacher Evaluations completed by today.

**Superintendent's Report:** Our last day before Christmas break will be Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and school will resume Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be no school on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> to observe Martin Luther King Day. Our teaching staff will be attending a virtual Professional Development Day on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The morning portion will be a speaker presented by NCEC. The afternoon portion will be staff activities and Tracie Welk will be starting our book read. I am not planning on attending my Superintendent Conference at the end of January. I have emailed two 2021-22 school calendars to the staff to vote on their favorite. We will discuss the calendars at our Joint School Board Meeting.

Melanie Sokol joined meeting at 7:39 a.m.

Supt. Kersten reported most of the Cares Act dollars have been spent. The teachers received extra money for additional work done outside their contracted days from the beginning of school through November 15, 2020. The hourly staff will receive extra pay for working on special projects on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> when we are on Christmas break.

Melanie Sokol presented a project/study that she would like to do over the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. She would collect data from this study and be writing a paper that could later be published in a journal. Grades 7-12 would participate with writing projects. Melanie said with our small school we really have a diverse group of students and this study could really impact the education world and other schools could learn from what we do here. Supt. Kersten said he wanted the board to approve such a project since the data collected could be published. Melanie said the students & parents will have to sign a consent form that would allow the student to opt in or out from sharing their data and journal documents. No student names or physical location would be shared, and the student's privacy would be kept. Discussion followed. Wyman moved to allow the English Dept. to move forward with this English Project, seconded by Zimmer.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 a.m.



Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager



Scott Hunskor, Board President