

The Newburg United School Board met in regular session March 9, 2021. President Scott Hunsakor called the meeting to order at 7:00 am. Present: Nathan Boll, Jason Blada, TJ Streich and Sommer Zimmer. Absent: Lloyd Sund and Karlene Wyman. Also present: Superintendent Jason Kersten, Elementary/High School Principal Bob Beaudrie and Business Manager Darcy Lamoureux.

**Agenda Additions** – None.

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

Roll Call Vote: Boll-yes, Zimmer-yes, Blada-yes, Streich-yes, and Hunsakor-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU).

Zimmer moved to approve the February 11, 2021 Regular School Board minutes and the February 3, 2021 Special School Board minutes, seconded by Boll.

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

Streich moved to accept the Financial Reports and pay \$10,216.27 General Fund Bills, \$6,808.00 Building Fund Bills, \$3,035.31 Hot Lunch Fund Bills, and \$1,937.06 Activity Fund Bills, seconded by Blada.

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

**Reentry Plan** – Supt. Kersten reported there are no changes needed at this time. He reported that we had one teacher test positive for Covid 19 since our last meeting. Fortunately, we did not have any close contacts at the school and did not have any students or staff that had to quarantine because of this positive case.

**Determination for Reduction in Force** – Supt. Kersten reported that there is no need to determine a reduction in force at this time for the 2021-22 school year.

**Superintendent Formal Evaluation** – President Hunsakor presented the Superintendent's Formal Evaluation and read out loud all the comments. Zimmer made a motion to accept the Superintendent Formal Evaluation with the ten areas of performance having a 7-0 satisfactory rating, seconded by Boll.

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

**Superintendent Position for 2021-22** – Supt. Kersten said the board should discuss if they want to continue having a part-time Superintendent or if they would like to pursue a full-time position. Supt. Kersten said he is willing to come back part-time next year if the board wants that. Discussion followed. The board all agreed they would like to have Supt. Kersten back again next year.

**Recognition of Negotiating Unit** – Supt. Kersten reported he has received the Petition of Recognition of the Representative Organization and the list of required signatures (as per NDCC 15.1-16-11) requesting that the Newburg United Teaching Staff be the representative organization. The Petition for Recognition of Appropriate Negotiating Unit (NDCC 15.1-16-10) submitted by the Newburg United Teaching Staff was read by Supt. Kersten. Zimmer moved pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1-16-10, the Board of the Newburg United School District recognizes as the appropriate negotiating unit all employees licensed to teach by the ESPB or approved to teach by the ESPB and employed primarily as classroom teachers, seconded by Boll.

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

Supt. Kersten reported the required notice will be posted in the teachers lounge for not less than 10 calendar days and not more than 20 calendar days. The board agreed to hold a special board meeting on March 24, 2021 at 7:00 am to approve the Negotiating Unit.

**Transfer of Class Funds** – Supt. Kersten reported that rather than keeping all the old individual class accounts we have always transferred the funds from those classes that have graduated to the more current classes. Supt. Kersten would like to transfer the Class of 2018, 2019 and 2020 into the account of the Class of 2022. It was noted that the Class of 2022 has little money in their account because they have not been able to have the normal concession sales due to Covid 19. Boll moved to approve the transfer of funds from the Class of 2018, 2019 and 2020 to the Class of 2022, seconded by Blada.

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip** – Supt. Kersten reported the agenda is incorrect and this trip is for the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades. It is usually for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades, but last year's trip was cancelled due to Covid 19, so Mrs. Marsh is adjusting it this year. Supt. Kersten read a letter from Mrs. Marsh detailing the trip and requesting a donation to help cover the expenses and he recommended we donate the same \$200 as in years past. Streich moved to donate \$200, seconded by Blada.

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

**Possible Ag Ed Work Coop** – Supt. Kersten reported that Mr. Antram is requesting to start an Ag Ed Work Coop with the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades students. It will be during 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Period three days a week. The other two days of the week would be normal classroom instruction time for those students. Mr. Antram will meet with the students, parents, and employers to discuss all the rules and requirements. He will also be making supervising trips to the employers to check on the students. Discussion followed. Streich moved to approve the Ag Ed Work Coop, seconded by Boll.

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

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am.


**Elementary/High School Principal Report:** Girls peewee basketball (grades 4-6) will start practicing March 15<sup>th</sup> and we will have approximately 15-17 girls out. Kearie Beaudrie and Levi Gourneau will be the coaches. I have not worked out an entire class schedule for next year or had the student's pre-register. I do have a general schedule made up, but it could change. I have started Teacher Evaluation meetings, which need to be completed by April 15<sup>th</sup>. There is no county spelling bee this year however our elementary teachers will be setting up a spelling bee for our elementary students that are usually involved in this. Grades 8-9 will be participating in the virtual Middle School Career Fair. The Junior class took the ACT Test on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The junior high boys' basketball team ended their season last week. Track will begin on March 22<sup>nd</sup> with Kate Tolstad & Allison Montgomery as the Co-Coaches. We should have about 6 students participating. Golf will start on March 29<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Lee coaching and we do not have anyone participating. Fast Pitch Softball will start practicing on March 22<sup>nd</sup> with Mr. Wible as the head coach and we should have 5 students participating. Baseball with MLS-Glenburn will start March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Because baseball was cancelled last year due to Covid, the students who were planning on participating have now changed their minds because they feel they will be too far behind to be competitive. I will be setting up computers to be able to utilize the state assessment tests for grades 3-8 and 10 coming up in late March and early April. Mrs. Tonneson will not be taking her 7-12 band and choir students to the Large Group Music Festival this year. March 12<sup>th</sup> is the end of the third nine weeks. Report cards will go home on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Awards Night for boys' and girls' basketball, Volleyball and spring sports has not been set yet. The peewee wrestling program will be hosting a dual with Kenmare in our gym sometime between March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> that would start around 5:30 and last approximately 2 hours. Approximately 50 kids will be participating, and the wrestling club will take care of admission and selling tickets. Cody

Hilliard has asked if we had a group that would like to sell concessions and the Class of 2022 has been asked if they want to do this. The wrestling club will pay Scott directly for the cleanup.

**Superintendent Report:** There will be an early out on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and the teachers will discuss the book read with Tracie Welk. There will be no school March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be no school April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Good Friday) and April 5<sup>th</sup>. Minot State will be hosting an Education Meet and Greet on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm that Mr. Beaudrie and myself will be attending. We will have the opportunity to visit with students going into education and tell them about our district. I will be gone March 16<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> for hail adjusting training. Elaine Sweet met with our staff on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss her schedule. She has agreed to change her schedule to morning sessions on the first Tuesday of the month and afternoon sessions on the third Tuesday of the month. This will hopefully allow more staff to be able to sign up for sessions. I have posted the English position and have been trying to connect with someone who is qualified and will be moving back to the area. I did receive one application this morning but have not been able to look into it yet. I am working with Scott Martin to put together a project list for this summer and the years to come. I am looking at replacing Dave's bus and Scott is getting prices for me.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 am

  
Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager

  
Scott Hunskor, Board President