

The Newburg United School Board met in regular session May 11, 2021. President Scott Hunskor called the meeting to order at 7:00 am. Present: Nathan Boll, Karlene Wyman, Jason Blada, Sommer Zimmer and TJ Streich. Absent: Lloyd Sund. Also present: Superintendent Jason Kersten, Elementary/High School Principal Bob Beaudrie and Business Manager Darcy Lamoureux.

Additions to the Agenda – None.

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

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

Zimmer moved to approve the April 13, 2021 regular school board minutes and the April 27, 2021 special school board minutes, seconded by Wyman.

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

Wyman moved to accept the Financial Reports and pay \$34,295.57 General Fund Bills, \$3,166.71 Hot Lunch Fund Bills and \$530.53 Activity Fund Bills, seconded by Blada.

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

Reentry Plan – Nothing to report.

Teaching Positions – Supt. Kersten reported the Social Studies/Phy Ed and Kindergarten teachers have signed their contracts. We had an Elementary interview yesterday and there is an offer on the table. The English position is open and we have not received any new applicants. Mrs. Marsh has talked about taking the Praxis for English but we would then have to find another Elementary teacher. The Science position is now open as Mr. Gourneau has accepted a Secondary Principal position at Rolette.

NDSBA 2021-22 Dues – Supt. Kersten reported the NDSBA membership dues for the 2021-22 school year will be \$2,494.46, a \$26 increase from last year. Streich moved to join the NDSBA again for the 2021-22 school year, seconded by Wyman.

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

ND Small Organized Schools – Supt. Kersten reported that we have not received the invoice yet but is looking for approval to join for next year. Boll moved to join the ND Small Organized Schools for the 2021-22 school year, seconded by Zimmer.

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

School Board Election – This will be held June 8, 2021 in the gym at the school. The ballot will have two 3-yr. terms on it and the question as to whether to print the minutes in the official newspaper.

Approve School Board Election Workers – Lamoureux asked for the board to approve Connie Lamoureux, Ada Zurcher, Grace Marchand and Phyllis Tonneson to serve as the 2021 election judges & clerks and to authorize Lamoureux to find a substitute if one of these individuals could not fulfill their duties. Wyman moved to approve Lamoureux's request, seconded by Streich.

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

Teacher Contracts – Supt. Kersten reported that we have received 6 signed contracts back from the teachers. The deadline is Friday, May 14th by 3:00 pm.

Approve 2021-22 Kindergarten Position – Supt. Kersten asked the board to approve the Kindergarten Teaching Contract for Karley Meyer for the 2021-22 school year. Streich moved to approve said contract, seconded by Zimmer.

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

Distance Learning for 2021-22 – Supt. Kersten said HB1388 and HB1232 addressed distance learning regulations. Districts need to decide if virtual learning will be offered for the 2021-22 school year and if so, a board policy must be approved creating a virtual academy for this instruction. We must let DPI know by June 1st if virtual learning will be offered but DPI has not given us all the regulations yet that go along with this. Supt. Kersten said he is not necessarily in favor of offering virtual learning but if we do not offer it and a nearby school does offer it, we might lose students to them. Discussion followed. Streich moved to NOT offer virtual learning for the 2021-22 school year, seconded by Boll.

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

The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 14th at 7:00 am.

Elementary/High School Principal Report: Graduation is set for May 23rd at 4:00 pm. Drivers Ed will be taught by Casey Mills in Westhope from June 7th – 11th. Janice and myself will be attending the PowerSchool End of Year training on July 1st in Minot. Student of the Year will be announced at graduation. End of the year fieldtrips: Grades 6-11 are going to Minot to the Library and Museum, Grades 4-5 are going to Bismarck to visit Fort Lincoln and Washburn to visit the Lewis & Clark Center, and Grades K-3 are going on a train ride to Stanley. The Pre-School awards program will be May 12th at 10:00am. The spring concert will be held Thursday, May 13th at 6:00 pm for PK-12. The Jr/Sr Banquet will be Friday, May 14th at 6:00 pm. The Elem Play Day will be Tuesday, May 18th. The GBB and VB awards will be Wednesday, May 19th at 6:00 pm at the Westhope School with the Baccalaureate following this at 7:00 pm at the Westhope Presbyterian Church. Semester Tests will be Wednesday and Thursday the 19th & 20th. School will be dismissed for the year at 1:30 on May 20th. Several teachers and I went to the MLS School last week to observe their Multi-Tier System of Support (MTSS) program and see how it is run. This program is a math & reading intervention support system that we are looking at implementing next year.

Superintendent Report: The District purchased and has received a 14-passenger bus from Hartley's. I will have the increases for the Non-Certified Staff and Administration ready for the June meeting. I will be at an adjusting training on Wednesday, May 12th. There is an ESSER Training being held on June 3rd at the Ramkota. The Superintendent, Business Manager and Board Chair are required to attend it. I ordered a map of our district that we will be able to use when doing our transportation report next year since we will not be able to claim the miles beyond our boundary for open enrolled students. I received nine summer school surveys back with only three that said they would attend. Based on this, it does not look like we will have summer school but might look into some other type of program where we could use 21st Century Grant money.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 am.



Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager



Scott Hunskor, President