

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
NEWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT #9-2
April 12, 2021

I. Call to Order

Chairman Tyrel Bonnet called the regular meeting of the Newell Board of Education to order at 1800 with members Chad Lawson, Brianne Bonnet, Miles Burtzlaff, Lisa Wendt, Todd Youngberg and LeeAnn Gaer present. Administration present were Superintendent Andrew Fergen, Principal Steve Schoenfish and Special Education Director Tonya Mullaney. Recording minutes was Business Manager, Sophie Burditt. Staff and visitors at the meeting were Cara Muckridge, Vikki Morell, Jeremiah Weeldreyer, Scott Wince, Jen Stomprud, Sabrina Harmon and Dusty Braun.

A. T Bonnet led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. T Bonnet asked for a moment of silence.

Unless otherwise noted, all Board action was by unanimous decision.

II. Agenda

A. Additions/Changes: Change, letter E to LifeScape Physical Therapy services, not Lerew Psychological services.

B. Motion Gaer, second Wendt to approve agenda as modified. Motion carried.

III. Statements of Conflict of Interest

None

IV. Consent Agenda

Motion Gaer, second Lawson to approve: A. minutes from regular meeting March 8, 2021 and special meeting March 18, 2021; B. Payment of Bills \$47,306.95 and C. Financial Reports: total revenue \$260,977.26; total expenditures \$303,784.47; total invoices \$117,134.55 for February and total general ledger cash balance \$1,051,896.24. Motion carried.

V. Reports

Staff members gave reports at this time.

VI. Open Forum – Jen Stomprud wanted to make sure the community knows that the music concert was moved to this Thursday, March 15, 2021. Stomprud was asked by Fergen to talk about the school owned music instruments. An assessment was received from Haggerty's and information from National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) on instrument care. Haggerty's estimate to repair school - owned music instruments totals \$6,340.00. This price does not include instruments students are currently using or any drums. There is a need to get currently used instruments on a maintenance schedule. Haggerty's does not recommend repairing instruments until using said instrument. An estimate of repair/overhaul/repad on Clarinets/Saxes are \$600 to \$650 each. One flute would cost \$360 to re-pad and the others deemed unusable, therefore needing to be declared surplus.

Fergen prosed:

- If instruments are not functional, declare those a surplus.
- Does the school continue to supply students with instruments to use?
 - Charge fee for student use/maintenance of school owned instrument.
 - Have students rent directly from Haggerty's – (a flute/trumpet/drum rent is \$20/month)?
 - Would students take band if needed to provide their own instrument or pay a fee?
 - Students may need to do fundraisers, so school can continue to supply students with instruments.

The projections for next school year students taking band -- 10 - 5 grader's, 17 - middle school and 6 - high school students. Band instruments will be put on a future agenda so the board can make some decisions.

Muckridge requested the board's help with retrieving playground equipment that is located in Spearfish. Sabrina Harmon said that the W.I.T. coalition will be taking the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to Spearfish for Leadership May 4th; May 10th, freshmen and sophomores will be going to Faith for the Impact event. She also reported the PTO Carnival had a good turnout.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business

A. The school received two bids for surveillance system: Architectural Specialties LLC -- \$82,991.18 and Marco -- \$107,561.00. Motion B Bonnet, second Gaer to table approval until Architectural Specialties supplies the school with a diagram of cameras placements/view range. Motion carried.

The school received three bids for switches and access points: Marco total bids -- \$123,014.00; Riverside Technologies Inc (RTI) -- \$89,046.00, and Golden West Technologies -- \$92,985.89. Muckridge recommended Golden West. She contacted other tech directors about Meraki and Ruckus. Newell currently has Ruckus switches and access points. Motion Burtzlaff, second Youngberg to accept the bid from Golden West for \$92,985.89. Motion carried.

B. Motion Gaer, second Lawson to accept resignation from Peggy Reichert as third grade teacher. Motion carried.

C. Motion Lawson, second Burtzlaff to request bids for a school bus. Motion carried.

D. Motion Burtzlaff, second Gaer to approve hiring Kim Richards as assistant golf coach. Motion carried.

E. Motion Wendt, second Lawson to approve LifeScape PT services contract 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried.

F. Motion Youngberg, second B Bonnet to approve final 2019-2020 school audit. Motion carried.

G. Motion B Bonnet, second Wendt of first reading and approval of policy for school board meetings CA: administration goals. Motion carried.

H. Motion Lawson, second B Bonnet of first reading and approval of policy for school board meetings CBA: superintendent job description. Roll call: Lawson-yes; B Bonnet-yes; Wendt-yes; Gaer-yes; Burtzlaff-yes; Youngberg-no; and T Bonnet-yes. Motion carried.

I. Motion Wendt, second Lawson to approve contract for Paul McLaughlin as fifth grade teacher. Discussion: Paul is willing to coach boys' basketball and assist with volleyball. Motion carried.

IX. Executive Session A. SDCL 1-25-2 (1,2 and 4)

Motion B Bonnet, second Youngberg at 1954 to enter Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2 (4). Motion carried.

Exit Executive Session at 2019.

Motion B Bonnet, second Lawson at 2019 to enter Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2 (2). Motion carried.

Exit Executive Session at 2036.

Motion B Bonnet, second Lawson at 2036 to enter Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Motion carried.

Exit Executive Session at 2118.

XI. Adjournment

Motion Wendt second Burtzlaff to adjourn at 2118. Motion carried.

Unapproved Minutes

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Tyrel Bonnet Chairman Attest

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Sophie Burditt, Business Manager

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