

The Newburg United School Board met in special session May 19, 2020. President Scott Hunsakor called the meeting to order at 7:00 am via Zoom. Present: Karlene Wyman, Nathan Boll, TJ Streich, Sommer Zimmer and Lloyd Sund. Absent: Jason Blada. Also present: Superintendent Jason Kersten, Elementary/High School Principal Bob Beaudrie and Business Manager Darcy Lamoureux.

Approve eCare Contract – Supt. Kersten presented the new three-year contract with Avera eCare. Each year the fee will increase as the technology grant we had received in the past will expire. We can back out of this contract if we let them know within the required timelines. If our enrollment changes, the fees will also change. We are charged for the K-12 students, but we also use this program for the PK and staff. Mr. Beaudrie reported we use it an average of once per week. Wyman moved to approve the three-year contract, seconded by Zimmer. Roll Call Vote – Wyman-yes, Boll-yes, Zimmer-yes, Streich-yes, Sund-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

Video Camera System – Supt. Kersten presented an \$18,284 quote from Midwest Investigation to install video cameras (11 inside and 7 outside) at the school. During our Emergency Threat Assessment, it was recommended that we have cameras installed. Discussion followed. Streich moved to approve Midwest Investigation quote, seconded by Sund. Supt. Kersten will investigate any possible grants available for this. Roll Call Vote –Boll-yes, Zimmer-yes, Streich-yes, Sund-yes, Wyman-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

Extended School Year (ESY) Options – Supt. Kersten reported that in previous years, speech and academic IEP students have had ESY instruction. Students usually come once a week. As of June 1st schools can reopen for this if we follow the pandemic guidelines for capacity and cleaning and if the board approves it. Teacher would prefer to use the building for this rather than instructing over Zoom. Supt. Kersten said he feels we should have face-to-face instruction and feels we will be able to meet the guidelines. Boll moved to approve opening the school building for ESY Instruction, seconded by Streich.

Roll Call Vote –Zimmer-yes, Streich-yes, Sund-yes, Wyman-yes, Boll-yes, Hunsakor-yes. MCU

Use of School Building for Summer Activities – Supt. Kersten reported that at his Administrators Zoom Meeting yesterday he received new information. Open gym, team camps, weightlifting, etc. fall under one of the 7 areas that allow us to open our school building up for instruction if we follow the guidelines. You are limited to 15 people and must maintain 6' distance. Supt. Kersten asked for the boards thoughts on how we should handle this. Sund said it is a risk to open the school and questioned how specific the guidelines would be. He questioned what the risk would be to the school and what liability we would have if someone were to get sick. Zimmer asked how many kids have participated in these activities in the past years. Mr. Beaudrie said the GBB team has had open gyms once a week with about 5 girls attending. We have had 1-2 random people who weightlift. Zimmer asked if we could table this item. Supt. Kersten said that with our coop with Westhope, we should be on the same page as Westhope. Supt. Kersten recommended that some guidelines be drafted and be presented at our June 15th meeting. Both Westhope & Newburg have their meetings set for June 15th and at that time, the guidelines could be approved or declined. No activities would be allowed to start until after the June 15th meeting. Supt. Kersten, Supt. Bratrud, Mr. Beaudrie and Mr. Wible will get together to draft the guidelines. Tabled until the June 15th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 am



Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager


Scott Hunsakor, Board President