

The Newburg United School Board met in special session August 6, 2020. Vice President Karlene Wyman called the meeting to order at 7:02 am. Present: Scott Hunskor (via phone conference), Nathan Boll, TJ Streich and Sommer Zimmer. Absent: Jason Blada and Lloyd Sund. Also present: Superintendent Jason Kersten and Business Manager Darcy Lamoureux.

**Music Position** – Supt. Kersten recommended hiring Karen Tonneson as our Music Teacher. She will have a 3/5 contract and teach Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. She has a bachelor's in music but will be working with ESPB to obtain the Music Teaching license. Streich moved to hire Karen Tonneson, seconded by Zimmer.

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

**Letter of Resignation** – Supt. Kersten reported he received a letter of resignation from Kharra Fyllesvold as the 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. She has asked to be released from her contract because she has accepted a Paraprofessional Position at the MLS School. Supt. Kersten said he spoke to Kaitie Fluhrer and she is willing to take the 1<sup>st</sup> grade position because she has not been able to get a teaching job near Minot. Supt. Kersten said he would recommend releasing Fyllesvold since we have another teacher lined up. Boll moved to accept Fyllesvold's resignation, seconded by Zimmer.

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

Supt. Kersten reported that the liquidated damages for being released from a teaching contract after August 1<sup>st</sup> are \$2,500. He recommended charging Fyllesvold the \$2,500. Discussion followed.

Principal Beaudrie joined the meeting at 7:15 am.

Boll moved to accept Fyllesvold the \$2,500 liquidated damages, seconded by Streich.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Opening** – Supt. Kersten said he recommends hiring Kaitie Fluhrer for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade teaching position. Last year she taught 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade for us and did a great job. Discussion followed. Streich moved to hire Fluhrer, seconded by Zimmer.

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

**2020-21 Extra-Curricular Work Agreements** – Supt. Kersten reported that Westhope will be paying all coaches by the week so if the season is cut short due to the pandemic, they will only be paid for the weeks they coached. Zimmer moved that all coaching pay will be prorated on a per week basis in case the season is cut short, seconded by Boll.

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

**Hosting Extra-Curricular Events** – Principal Beaudrie reported on the NDHSAA recommendations. He said Supt. Kersten, Supt. Bratrud and I met to discuss the fall sports. It was decided that due to social distancing requirements, Newburg will not be able to host any varsity games so they will be held in Westhope. Newburg will host all the Pee wee games. At our Regional meeting it was passed that there will be no elementary or junior high tournaments held for fall sports. So the PTO cannot have the PW BBB Tourney and the volleyball teams will not have any tournaments to attend. The Elem & JH games can not start prior to 4:30 pm so the school has time to disinfect the gym/bathrooms/etc. prior to games commencing. It was said that only the parents of a player may attend the games. He said both NUS & Westhope will probably have to share all the revenues & expenses this year because the revenue from passes & ticket sales will be down due to the restrictions on who may attend the games.

**Back to School Picnic** – Supt. Kersten said he apologizes for bringing this item back to the board, but he has concerns with having our Back to School Picnic after meeting with the Reentry Committee the other night. He said he would like to recommend having an open house on August 17<sup>th</sup> where families would be assigned a set time that they could come to the school and drop off their supplies, meet their teacher and purchases activity/hot lunch tickets but we would NOT serve a meal. He said we would be able to control the size of the group better. Discussion followed. The board said they are okay with Supt. Kersten's recommendation.

**2020-21 Reentry Plan** – Supt. Kersten presented the 2020-21 Reentry Plan for the board to approve. Streich moved to approve said plan, seconded by Boll. This plan will be posted to our website for patrons to view.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 am

  
Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager

  
Scott Hunskor, Board President