

The Newburg United School Board met in special session on March 24, 2021. President Scott Hunsakor called the meeting to order at 7:00 am. Present: Nathan Boll, TJ Streich Lloyd Sund and Sommer Zimmer. Absent: Karlene Wyman and Jason Blada. Also present: Superintendent Jason Kersten, Elementary/High School Principal Bob Beaudrie, Business Manager Darcy Lamoureux.

Approve Negotiating Unit– Zimmer moved the school board has investigated the petition filed by the Newburg United Staff requesting that the Association be recognized as the Representative Organization for the Negotiating Unit and has determined the Newburg Staff does represent a majority of the teachers within that unit. The board recognizes the Newburg United Teaching Staff as the Representative Organization for a minimum of one year beginning March 24, 2021, seconded by Streich.

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

Letter of Resignation – Supt. Kersten read a letter of resignation from Elizabeth Besson as the 5th & 6th grade teacher effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year. She thanked the school for everything and said she has thoroughly enjoyed working at NUS. Her husband is being relocated to a base in Texas. Boll moved to accept resignation, seconded by Sund.

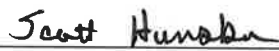
Roll Call Vote: Zimmer-yes, Streich-yes, Sund-yes, Boll-yes, Hunsakor-yes MCU

ESSER II and ESSER III Funds – Supt. Kersten reported we have been awarded \$83,798.00 in Esser II funds. The actual figures for ESSER III have not been finalized, but we might be receiving an estimated \$361,078.00. The spending guidelines are not finalized yet as to how we can spend these funds, but a portion will be required to go to addressing student learning loss due to Covid & distance learning. Supt. Kersten will report back on these funds.

Intervention Program & Possible Summer School Program – Supt. Kersten reported that Peace Garden Special Services was here on March 17th to talk to the teachers about an intervention program called MTSS that would focus on student reading and math scores. A few area schools have been using this program. Supt. Kersten said he is possibly looking at using some of the ESSER funds for this. Supt. Kersten said he has also talked to the teachers about possibly having a summer school program. He has set up a committee to research into this idea and to determine how it would possibly be run. ESSER funds could also be used for this program as it is addressing student learning loss. Supt. Kersten will report back to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 am


Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager


Scott Hunsakor, Board President