

The Newburg United School Board met in special session March 27, 2019. President Scott Hunsakor called the meeting to order at 7:03 am. Present: Nathan Boll, Bryan Pease, Jason Blada, TJ Streich and Sommer Zimmer. Absent: Karlene Wyman. Also present: Superintendent Jason Kersten, Elementary/High School Principal Bob Beaudrie, Business Manager Darcy Lamoureux and Liz Tofteland.

Avera eCare – Liz Tofteland gave a presentation on the Avera eCare whereby you can video conference with a licensed nurse to care for sick/injured students. There are currently 29 schools in North and South Dakota participating in this program. Tofteland left the meeting. Discussion followed. Pease moved to enroll in the Avera eCare program starting this spring and continuing for the 2019-20 school year, seconded by Zimmer.

Roll Call Vote: Hunsakor–Yes, Boll–Yes, Pease–Yes, Blada–Yes, Streich–yes, Zimmer–Yes. MCU

Tuition Free Agreement – Supt. Kersten presented a tuition free agreement for a student who moved into our district and will be attending Minot Public School. Boll moved to approve, seconded by Streich.

Roll Call Vote: Boll–Yes, Pease–Yes, Blada–Yes, Streich–yes, Zimmer–Yes, Hunsakor–Yes. MCU

Recognition of 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 27, 2019, seconded by Boll.

Roll Call Vote: Pease–Yes, Blada–Yes, Streich–yes, Zimmer–Yes, Hunsakor–Yes, Boll–Yes. MCU

Discussion and Action to Identify Scope of a Reduction in Force – Supt. Kersten reported we need to look at a possible Reduction in Force due to the lack of enrollment in some classes. Zimmer moved to RIF a portion of a teaching contract and instruct the Superintendent to identify a specific teacher for a partial RIF based on the RIF policy, seconded by Streich.

Roll Call Vote: Blada–Yes, Streich–yes, Zimmer–Yes, Hunsakor–Yes, Boll–Yes, Pease–Yes. MCU

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 am


Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager


Scott Hunsakor, Board President