

The Westhope Public School (WPS) and Newburg United School (NUS) Boards met in joint session on January 26, 2022 at the Newburg United School. Newburg Superintendent Jason Kersten called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Introductions were made. Board Members Present: Nathan Boll, Karlene Wyman, Sommer Zimmer, J Streich, Jason Blada, Scott Hunskor, Ben Cartwright, Shane Bryans, Katie Ogaard, Lyndsi Engstrom, and Liz Tofteland. Also present: Newburg's Superintendent Jason Kersten, Principal & Athletic Director Bob Beaudrie Assistant Principal Hadlee Brandt and Business Manager Darcy Lamoureux; Westhope's Superintendent Marty Bratrud, Athletic Director Garrett Wible and Business Manager Barry Trottier; Glenburn's Superintendent Larry Derr, Athletic Director Layne Fluhrer and Board Member James Peters joined via Zoom.

**Athletic Award Night** – Beaudrie & Wible said they feel doing awards night after the respective seasons works well. Tofteland said she feels like music, speech, etc. would be left out. Beaudrie said NUS acknowledges Music awards at their spring concert.

**Drivers Education** – Casey Mills will be the behind the wheel instructor for classes tentatively set for June 6 – June 10, 2022 in Westhope. Supt. Bratrud reported there are some curriculum changes so the student cost may have to increase from \$125 to \$150 and Mr. Mill's salary will be split on a participation percentage.

**Prom** – will be held in Westhope on April 2, 2022. The location is alternated every year and all expenses are split 50/50.

**Storm Make Up Days** – Supt. Kersten reported both NUS & WPS currently have used one storm day and the early outs/late starts total another day. Supt. Kersten said he is recommending to his NUS board at the February meeting to make up the storm day and wait until later in the year to determine how to handle the early outs/late starts. Supt. Bratrud said they will possibly be handling the same way but will not be bringing it to the WHS board until March.

**School Calendar** – Supt. Kersten presented two calendar options for 2022-23 and reported that the NUS staff are evenly split with their preferences. Supt. Bratrud said the WPS Calendar Committee favor option 2. Both boards will vote on a calendar at their February meetings.

**Substitute Teacher Pay** - both schools currently pay substitute teachers \$125/day and offer a free lunch. Area school range from \$125-\$160 and some pay mileage. Supt. Kersten & Bratrud recommend increasing sub pay \$10-\$15 for 2022-23. Boards will vote on this at their annual meetings.

Glenburn attendees joined the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Sports Programs Shared with Glenburn – Football** - Supt. Kersten and Bratrud went over the football financials. The total expenses were \$3,000 more than last year. Supt. Bratrud said AD's look to keep the cost/athlete under \$1,000 and we are at \$921.56 this year. For the 2022-23 season we are dropping down to 9 man and will be in Region 7. Going forward NDHSAA will reevaluate this every year.

Glenburn attendees left the meeting.

**Gate Prices** – We are currently charging students \$4 and adults \$7. Wible said the only change he would recommend is increasing the gate to \$5 & \$8 for double headers only.

**Fee Proposal – Activity Pass & Activity Fee** – Wible presented two different proposed increases to the activity passes and the idea of implementing an activity fee per sport. He also presented the projected revenue increases from both. He said that due to rising referee and athletic expenses we need to generate additional revenue. Discussion followed and both boards will discuss further during their regular meetings.

**Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule Proposal** – Wible presented a proposed 4% increase to the coaching salary schedule, adding an experience multiplier to the salary schedule and a schedule that included implementing both. Discussion followed and both boards will discuss further during their regular meetings.

**Academic Programs Currently Shared – Pre-K** – Supt. Kersten reported that NUS would like to continue to share Mrs. Koon's contract and have her teach Mondays & Wednesdays at Newburg. Supt. Bratrud offered to help Newburg apply for The Best-in-Class Grant that WPS was awarded this year for their PK program.

**Possible sharing of Ag Ed Program for the 2022-23 School Year** - Supt. Kersten reported he hired Mr. Odermann as the Ag Teacher at NUS, starting the second nine weeks of 2021-22, and it is going well. Supt. Bratrud said WPS is interested in possibly buying 1-2 periods of his contract for 2022-23 and possibly 3 periods for 2023-24 but he will need to present to his personnel committee.

**Possible Future Academic Programs to Share i.e., PE, Business, Music, Stem, Curriculum, Title, Admin, Other** – Supt. Kersten said that with ongoing struggles filling some positions it is important we keep the lines of communication open with all our staffing positions.

**Sports Programs Shared:**


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| a. Volleyball (grades 6-12)  | Newburg Host  |
| b. Girls Basketball (grades 4-12)                                      | Westhope Host |
| c. Boys Basketball (grades 4-12)                                       | Westhope Host |
| d. Track (grades 5-12)   | Westhope Host |
| e. Golf (grades 6-12)  | Westhope Host |
| f. Hockey (grades 7-12) – W & N both coop with Bottineau (Host School) |               |
| g. Cheerleading  | Westhope Host |
| h. Speech  | Westhope Host |

**Sports Programs Shared with Mohall:**

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| a. Baseball | Mohall Host |
| b. Softball | Mohall Host |

**Athletic Director(s)** – Garrett Wible is Westhope AD and schedules all the football and high school games except volleyball. Bob Beaudrie is Newburg AD and schedules all volleyball games, peewee basketball games and junior high basketball & volleyball games.

No further Discussion. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

  
Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager

  
Scott Hunsakor, Board President