

The Newburg United School Board met in special session February 23, 2022. President Scott Hunsakor (attending via zoom) called the meeting to order at 7:00 am. Present: Nathan Boll and Lloyd Sund attending in person and TJ Streich, Karlene Wyman, Sommer Zimmer and Jason Blada attending via zoom. Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Jason Kersten, Mrs. Hadlee Brandt and Business Manager Darcy Lamoureux, all attending in person.

Recognition of Negotiating Unit – Supt. Kersten read a petition he received from Jessica Marsh & Forrest Carlson on behalf of the teaching staff: "Pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1-16-11, the Newburg United Teaching Staff requests that the School Board recognize the Teaching Staff as the representative organization of all the licensed or approved teachers who are employed primarily as classroom teachers for the purpose of negotiating. Evidence that the Teaching Staff represents the majority of licensed or approved teachers included in the appropriated negotiating unit is attached in the form of a list of teachers' signatures. Supt. Kersten said he has confirmed all the signatures provided are that of classroom teachers and that they have the majority of 50% + 1 of staff to be approved. Boll moved the School Board, having accepted the description of an appropriate negotiating unit, has on file a dated petition from the Newburg Teaching Staff, which contends that it represents a majority of teachers within the negotiating unit. This notice, which is posted in every school in the district, announces that the Board will meet on March 8, 2022 to consider the petition and to determine the question of representation, seconded by Wyman.

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

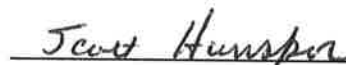
Mrs. Brandt's Role for Teacher Negotiations – Supt. Kersten said he asked ND School Board Association (NDSBA) for advice on how to handle Negotiations with Mrs. Brandt since she will be the incoming Elem Principal/Superintendent for next year but is still on the teaching staff this year. NDSBA recommended that we have formal board approval in the minutes if the board so chooses to allow Mrs. Brandt to participate with board and attend executive sessions. Discussion followed. Sund moved to allow Mrs. Brandt, incoming Superintendent/Elementary Principal, starting July 1, 2022, to take part in the administration portion of negotiations including but not limited to participating in Executive Session for Negotiation Strategy with the school board, seconded by Streich.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 am.



Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager



Scott Hunsakor, President