

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
NEWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT #9-2
September 10, 2018**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Miles Burtzlaff called the regular meeting of the Newell Board of Education to order at 1800 with members Lee Ann Gaer, Darren Alexander, Leanne Wells, Todd Youngberg, Brianne Sambo and Lisa Wendt present. Administration present were Superintendent Robin Dutt, Principal Jennifer Nehl, Special Education Director Tonya Mullaney and Athletic Director Steve Schoenfish. Recording minutes was Business Manager, Sophie Burditt. Staff and Visitors at the meeting were Jeremiah Weeldreyer, Vikki Morell, Mike Phelps, Scott Wince, Marty Jump, Noreen Yule, Sabrina Harmon, Will Quinn, Tom Martin, and Linda Martin.

- A. Burtzlaff led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Burtzlaff asked for a moment of silence.

Unless otherwise noted, all Board action was by unanimous decision.

II. Agenda

- A. Additions/Changes: None
- B. Motion Gaer, second Wendt to approve agenda. Motion carried.

III. Statements of Conflict of Interest

None

V. Consent Agenda

- A. Motion Gaer, second Alexander to approve A, B, and C. Motion carried.
- A. Minutes from Regular Meeting on August 13, 2018
- B. Payment of Bills
- C. Financial Report

VII. Reports

Reports were given by staff members at this time.

VIII. Open Forum

Tom Martin stated that when Sabrina told him about her proposal to the board he wanted to come and talked about being 100% in favor of her proposal. He said she is here day and night; is dedicated, doesn't know how to stop and would be an asset. If the school has the funds, pay her what she is asking and more.

IX. Old Business

- A. 2nd reading of the Revise Tobacco Policy AEA. Reminder, the change to the original policy was to include electric devices.
- Will Quinn – Johnson Controls – Updates: The snow break around the vaporizer has been completed. They are going to be reprogramming the controls on the heating system. He explained the history of the project for the new board members. They had been addressing, mechanical problems like the diaphragm that had burst and the bearing in a pump. Now they are also looking at the control systems.

The superintendent approved the paying of the diaphragm and bearing bills as they had to be done before the next board meeting. A couple Johnson Control guys were here today because of the propane smell last week, the reservoir and vaporizer kept icing up, which was keeping the valve open and releasing propane. Discussion on who should be called about the vaporizer issues. Will said to call Johnson Control, it isn't what they specialize in, but they will try to help.

X. New Business

- A. Motion Alexander, second Sambo to approve 2018-2019 annual budget. Motion carried.
- B. Open bids for surplus of the mini bus, there was 1 bid. TJ Steele bid \$250.00. Discussion: What is the bus worth. Motion Gaer and second Alexander to accept TJ Steele's bid of \$250.00. Motion carried.
- C. Motion Youngberg, second Wells to approve said contracts for Taurie Collins for Assistant MS Volleyball, Dylan Keszler for MS Wrestling, Whitney Peterson for Assistant MS Girls Basketball. Motion carried.
- D. Proposal from Sabrina Harman to create a new position: Community/State/Student/Parent Communication Advocate. \$19,200 plus benefits would be about \$30,000. Discussion about how to fund the position. Everyone agrees she does a lot for the school and the community, however the funding of \$30,000 isn't there. We are going to need a guidance counselor. She said she has some training and would consider classes to become certified to be a counselor. She does have job offers in Belle Fourche and Sturgis. Motion Youngberg, second Wells to table until next month pending homework on certification and pursue of other option. Motion carried.

XI. Executive Session SDCL (student matters) SDCL 1-25-2 (1)

Motion Wells, second Gaer to enter in to Executive Session SDCL 1-25-1 (1) at 1853. Motion carried.

Board returned to regular session at 1924.

XII. Adjournment

Motion Gaer, second Alexander to adjourn at 1925. Motion carried.

Unapproved Minutes

(s) _____

Miles Burtzlaff, Chairman

Attest(s) _____

Sophie Burditt, Business Manager

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