

The Westhope Public School (WPS) and Newburg United School (NUS) Boards met in joint session on January 25, 2023 at the Westhope School. Westhope Superintendent Marty Bratrud called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Introductions were made. Board Members Present: Nathan Boll, Jay Tonneson, Sommer Zimmer, TJ Reich, Jason Blada, Ben Cartwright, Shane Bryans, Tyler Thompson, Katie Ogaard, Lyndsi Engstrom, and Liz Gofsteland. Also present: Newburg's Superintendent Hadlee Brandt, Principal & Athletic Director Bob Beaudrie and Business Manager Darcy Lamoureux; Westhope's Athletic Director Garrett Wible and Tina Denning; Glenburn's Superintendent Larry Derr, Athletic Director Layne Fluhrer and Board Member James Peters.

Sports Programs Shared with Glenburn – Football - Supt. Bratrud went over the football financials. The total expenses this year were \$42,846.09 and the cost/athlete was \$1,158.00. Supt. Brandt questioned the different salaries paid to the two co-head coaches and asked if Westhope could write all the contracts and use one pay scale, so the pay is equal. Brandt asked for a copy of our co-op agreement, Bratrud said one doesn't exist. Discussion followed. All board members present gave a consensus to have the three AD's draft a co-op agreement and present to individual boards. Brandt asked if film could be in Newburg so her students aren't traveling every day. Fluhrer said that would work unless there was a JV game. The baseball co-op with Glenburn & MLS went well last year. Next year WPS anticipates 8 students and NUS 0 students will participate. Supt. Derr asked if a co-op agreement for baseball should also be drafted. Supt's and AD's for all schools involved will discuss.

Activity Ticket Prices – after discussion it was agreed to NOT increase these prices for 2023-24.

Activity Fees – Only Westhope charges these fees and they will NOT be increased for 2023-24.

Gate Prices – We are currently charging students \$4 and adults \$7. AD Fluhrer said there is some talk that area schools will be increasing to \$5 & \$8 due to the referee rates increasing but nothing is finalized yet.

Glenburn attendees left the meeting.

Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule – Because the experience multiplier was added in 2022-23, it was agreed that all salaries would be frozen for 2023-24, except for the year of experience increase.

Academic Programs Currently Shared: Ag. Ed – Supt. Brandt asked if WPS would be willing to take more periods of Mr. Odermann's contract for 2023-24. Supt. Bratrud said he will have to discuss with his personnel committee and board and hopefully make a decision by March. **PK** – Supt. Brandt said NUS will only have 1-2 students next year and is looking at changing our agreement for 2023-24. Discussion followed. Individual boards will discuss and work together between schools.

Possible Future Academic Programs to Share i.e., Business, Music – Supt. Bratrud said Mr. Lee is willing to offer to teach some business classes but advised his schedule would only allow for online instruction. Both schools currently have their own part time music teachers.

Sports Programs Shared:

- a. Volleyball (grades 6-12)
- b. Girls Basketball (grades 4-12)
- c. Boys Basketball (grades 4-12)
- d. Track (grades 5-12)
- e. Golf (grades 6-12)
- f. Hockey (grades 7-12)
- g. Cheerleading
- h. Speech

Supt. Brandt asked if a co-op agreement for all shared sports could be drafted since we are looking at drafting a fb and baseball one now. The AD's will work on this. AD Beaudrie said there will be 5 volleyball games at NUS and 1 at WPS for 2023-24. After that it will return to the normal 2 games at WPS. Supt. Bratrud said Supt. Campbell from MLS reached out to see if we would be interested in a track co-op with Bottineau. Discussion followed. Not a lot in favor of a co-op and Supt. Bratrud said the Bottineau School has offered to allow us to use their new facility, free of charge, for practices if we want.

Athletic Director(s) –no update.

Substitute Teacher Pay – We currently pay \$135/day plus a free meal. Consensus was to keep it the same for 2023-24.

Drivers Education – Supt. Bratrud reported Mr. Mills has set June 7th – 13th for the classroom instruction. We currently charge \$175/student, but Supt. Bratrud suggested increasing to \$225/student to help defray more of the costs. Consensus was to increase to \$225/student.


School Calendar – It was reported that the staff preferred Option 1. Discussion followed. Consensus was to accept Option 1 for the 2023-24 school year.

Storm Make Up Days – One extra storm day was built into the school calendar for next year.

Prom – Will be held at NUS on March 25, 2023 and will be at WPS for 2023-24.

No further Discussion. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm


Darcy Lamoureux, Business Manager


Nathan Boll, Board President