

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
NEWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT #9-2  
March 11, 2019**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Miles Burtzlaff called the regular meeting of the Newell Board of Education to order at 1831 with members Darren Alexander, Todd Youngberg, Leanne Wells, LeeAnn Gaer, Brianne Bonnet and Lisa Wendt present. Administration present were Superintendent Robin Dutt, Principal Jennifer Nehl, 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, Noreen Yule, Laurie Parker, Anna Erk, John Erk, Keith Morell, Jackie Clements, Courtney Barrera, Courtney Rans, Will Quinn, Matt Pfister, Cody Ertman and Chuck Bruner.

- 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: Remove Presentations C. and postpone it to the next meeting.
- B. Motion Wells, second Gaer to approve agenda as modified. Motion carried.

**III. Statements of Conflict of Interest**

None

**IV. Consent Agenda**

Motion Bonnet, second Gaer to approve: A. Minutes from Regular Meeting on February 11, 2019, B. Payment of Bills and C. Financial Reports. Motion carried.

**V. Presentation**

- A. Thank you cards from the Newell Lady Irrigators Basketball Team and the Family of Tyler Trohkimoinen were circulated to each of the board members to read.
- B. Johnson Controls: Will Quinn, here to give us updates, understands things are going a lot smoother, there are few couple of repairs coming up, and they have been working with the insurance adjustor. Johnson Controls is planning to fix the piping between the tank and the school when the ground thaws. The metal louvers are being fabricated and will be insulated this month, weather permitting. Johnson Controls would like a list of what the board would constitute a remedy of what we started talking about a year ago. Once they fulfill all those things then we are going to have a big cake and celebration. Matt Pfister went over the work they have completed since January on the service side. Some of the main plant maintenance, under the contract, that has been completed: the boilers in January, maintenance on the air handlers, as well as the pumps. As far as some of the issues, we have had lately: the vapors plugging up with snow, they are thinking of a venting roof; the insurance adjustor and the contractor that installed the propane tank, discussion is going back and forth on if the tank meets the codes concerning the safety values. They are still bypassing the leak that sprung in the inline filter and will be fixing that this spring. The board had a question about a heater in the middle school office. The heater is a custom-made air handler; the motor that runs the fan burned up and is not filtered. That unit and the new middle school addition were not part of the Johnson Controls original contract and the equipment was not replaced during the HVAC project. The Middle School was an afterthought that was added into

the scope of the Johnson Controls system and they just plugged their stuff into the piping that they inherited. They heat the water that goes through, but they did not install or design the air handlers and they did not inspect the middle school HVAC system. They are happy to help us with it. The middle school system is an old design and it is making the new system work harder, it is stealing so much flow that it is causing problems in other areas. Matt gave the board a list of what they have been working on.

## **VI. Reports**

Staff members gave reports at this time.

## **VII. Open Forum**

None

## **VIII. New Business**

A. Motion Wells, second Gaer to accept with regret the resignation of Vern McCarthy. Motion carried.

B. Motion Wells, second Alexander to accept with regret the resignation of Danielle McKenzie. Motion carried.

C. Motion Alexander, second Gaer to approve the Track and Golf Rules. Motion carried.

D. Motion Wendt, second Alexander to forgive the March 4th and 5th snow days; all future snow days will be made up on the Friday following a snow day. Discussion: Staff was surveyed and would prefer to make up snow days on Fridays instead of at the end of the school year. Youngberg feels that it is setting a poor pretense not making up the snow days. What is the minimum number of days required in a school year? (962.5 hours) Where we are? (1008 hours less March 4th and 5th) Roll-call Gaer=yes, Wendt=yes, Alexander=yes, Wells=yes, Bonnet=yes, Youngberg=no and Burtzlaff=yes, motion passes.

E. Revised 2019-2020 calendar-Homecoming is September 29th with Hill City; in-service days changed to have February 28<sup>th</sup> in Lemmon and no in-service in March. Discussion concerning snow days set on the school calendar or move to the Friday following snow day. No motion, items were tabled.

F. Motion Youngberg, second Gaer to approve hiring of Gerry Stumpf, Genevieve Minor and Jean Parks, same superintendent as previous year, at \$10 per hour and mileage to staff the voting table for Board Elections. Discussion: We combined with the Town of Newell, they are hiring workers and we are splitting the cost. Motion carried.

## **IX. Executive Session SDCL (personnel matters) SDCL 1-25-2 (1)**

Motion Gaer, second Wells to enter in to Executive Session SDCL 1-25-1 (1) at 1917. Motion carried.

Burtzlaff exited the meeting at 1917

The board exited Executive Session at 1937.

**XI.** Motion Wells, second Wendt to hire Elizabeth Burtzlaff for the High School Science position at MA10 Step 0. Motion carried.

Burtzlaff re-entered the meeting at 1939

Motion Gaer, second Alexander to go back into Executive Session for personnel SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Motion carried.

The board exited Executive Session at 2010.

**XII.** Motion Gaer, second Wendt to hire Jeffry Fuller for the position of PreK-12 grade Principal. Salary \$55,000. If South Dakota Principal Certification is completed by Jan. 1, 2020, salary will change to \$60,000. Motion carried.

**X. Executive Session SDCL (Negotiations) SDCL 1-25-2 (4)**

Motion Wells, second Alexander to enter Executive Session for negotiations SDCL 1-25-2-(4). Motion carried.

The board exited Executive Session at 2103.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Motion Alexander, second Gaer to adjourn at 2104. Motion carried.

Unapproved Minutes

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Miles Burtzlaff, Chairman

Attest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Sophie Burditt, Business Manager

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