

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
NEWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT #9-2  
April 08, 2019**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Miles Burtzlaff called the regular meeting of the Newell Board of Education to order at 1830 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, 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, Noreen Yule, Jill McTaggart, Jackie Clements, Courtney Barrera, Sabrina Harmon, 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 B. postponing it to the May meeting and remove VIII. Old Business. Addition of G. appoint a new election board worker due to illness and H. revise the 2019-2020 school calendar for snow days.
- B. Motion Gaer, second Alexander to approve agenda as modified. Motion carried.

**III. Statements of Conflict of Interest**

None

**IV. Presentation**

**A.** Johnson Controls: Will Quinn, here to give us updates, starting with the boilers. Talking to Luke, the mechanic, he is going to replace the regulator parts and the propane leak in early May as soon as the heating season is over. The covers are currently being made in Mitchell; they are being painted and hope to install those by the end of the month if they can find a lift locally. The Johnson Control team was in contact with the subcontractor that did the gas piping to the propane and was holding him responsible for not following code. Therefore, the subcontractor started digging into to the codes. He got in contact with the insurance and it turns out that the safety valves were to code the whole time. The insurance adjustor recanted his statement and said it was a mistake. Johnson Controls feel they are narrowing down on having the problems solved for the most part. Mr. Quinn would like to bring, in May or June, cake and celebrate. He would like the board to agree that problems are solved, in May or June and start this the right way. So please work with Jeremiah and whoever is on the building committee and come up with a punch list of what the board would like to see addressed before they call this thing a success. Thank you for everything you have been doing. Matt Pfister said that the metal louvers should be installed by the end of this month and Luke does not want to open things up until weather permits.

**V. Consent Agenda**

Motion Youngberg, second Wells to approve the consent agenda as presented to include A. Minutes from Regular Meeting on March 11, 2019 and Special Meeting on March 29, 2019. B. Payment of Bills and C. Financial Reports. Motion carried.

## **VI. Reports**

Staff members gave reports at this time.

## **VII. Open Forum**

Mrs. Harmon informed the board of the PTO Carnival, WIT Coalition is having a hot beef supper to raise funds to take a group of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders to the Day of Excellence on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Wendt said this Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>, will be the Elementary Basketball Fund Raiser; it is a free will donation at 6PM the money is used to buy uniforms. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls vs boys then 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will play their parents. Mr. Alexander wants to thank the Prom committee, Post Prom and Mrs. Dutt for a great 2019 Prom.

## **IX. New Business**

A. Motion Wells, second Alexander to approve contract for Sarah Brown for occupational therapy services. Motion carried.

B. Motion Bonnet, second Wendt to approve contract for Amanda Neisner for speech language pathology. Motion carried.

C. Motion Gaer, second Wendt approve contract for LifeScape physical therapy services. Motion carried.

D. Motion Gaer, second Bonnet to award proposal for the Gym Floor Renovation to Dickson Floors for \$17,500 for the floor and \$1,800 for the Mop Board. Discussion: two proposals Eric Adams a new local person and Dickson Floor Company, which has been doing floors for a while. Motion carried.

E. Motion Gaer, second Alexander to approve bid for 2019 and 2020 laptop purchases from Golden West in the amount of \$74,648. Discussion: two bids Golden West and RT Communications, we have 200-250 computers that will no longer under warranty. Mr. Phelps would like to get 100-110 computers for the high school, so when students take them home the computer would be under warranty. Half the funds will come from this year's budget and the other half-next year's budget. Motion carried.

F. Motion Wendt, second Alexander to approve 2019-2020 Negotiated Agreement. Discussion: Wording of the agreement was cleaned up for the co-curricular coaching, which will get a 2% increase in salaries. Motion carried.

G. Motion Youngberg, second Wells to approve hiring of Judy Dague as replacement for Gerry Stumpf for Election Board Worker. Motion carried.

H. Motion Wells, second Wendt to revise the 2019-2020 calendar snow days. Where all snow days will be made up on Fridays directly following the snow day. Motion carried.

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

Motion Alexander, second Gaer to enter in to Executive Session SDCL 1-25-1 (1) at 1901. Motion carried.

The board exited Executive Session at 1928.

**XI.** Motion Wells, second Gaer to hire Jackie Clements as Elementary School Teacher position at BAO Step 0, \$35,500. Motion carried.

**XII.** Motion Gaer, second Alexander to hire Doug South as PreK-12 Principal with salary of \$57,000. Motion carried.

**XIII.** Motion Wells, second Wendt to continue contracts for all returning certified staff at their current FTE. Motion carried.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Motion Alexander, second Wells to adjourn at 1933. Motion carried.

Unapproved Minutes

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Miles Burtzlaff, Chairman

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

Sophie Burditt, Business Manager

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