

NEWPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 25, 2015

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Newport School District was called to order by Director Owen at 5:01 p.m. in the District Board Room.
2. Roll Call: Jim Brewster, Paul Wilson, Connie Moore, April Owen, Board of Directors; Director Stratton was unable to attend to a conflict in his schedule. Dave Smith, Superintendent and Tom Crouch, Business Manager. There were 8 visitors in attendance.
3. Motion to approve the agenda with changes, including the consent agenda:
Motion made by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Brewster to approve the agenda with changes. Vote was unanimous.
4. Minutes of the regular meeting held July 28, 2015 were approved as read.
5. Consent Agenda:
 - A. New Hire:

Celina Brower	Long Term 1st Grade Teacher Sub
Samantha Batie	4th Grade Teacher
Galen Abercrombie	Maintenance/Technical
Sean Schneider	Head HS Baseball Coach
Todd Matthews	Assistant Football Coach
Henry Helgeson	3hr Evening/Event Custodian
Micah Gillen	180 day long term Custodian Sub
Cheryl Bradbury	District Secretary
Marie Hughes	Honor Society Advisor
Todd Matthews	Advisory Curriculum Coordinator
Maria Walton	P-4 Paraprofessional
Kyle Scott	5-8 Title/LAP Coordinator
 - B. Resignations: Mary Lou Marshall 180 day Middle School Custodian
 - C. Long Term Leave of Absence: Rose Low 1st Grade Teacher
6. Individuals or Groups Wishing to Address the Board:
7. Financial Reports (m) : Debra Buttrey
 - A. Approval of August Payroll (m): Warrant numbers 21208 through 212170 totaling \$724,300.82
Motion to approve August payroll made by Director Moore, seconded by Director Wilson. Vote was unanimous.
 - B. Mrs. Buttrey gave the Board a brief summary of a new payment system for families, called EFunds. She explained that it is an online process and is very easy for parents. She also explained that she will be at the Open Houses to explain the process to the families that will be attending.

Mrs. Buttrey also approached the Board about possibly having a Facebook account for the District. It would have information about different events taking place in the district, and the Facebook page would be entirely informational. Director Moore asked what the difference would be between the District Website and this possible Facebook page. Debra responded that the Facebook page can be shared between users and it would include even the simple events that people may not see. Director Owen offered that the PUD has recently conducted a survey showing the number of households that currently have the internet, will 80%. Of that 80%, 67% used Facebook.

- C. Approval of 2015-16 Supplemental Contracts (m):
Motion to approve 2015-16 Supplemental Contracts made by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Brewster. Vote was unanimous.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

- A. Library Update, Leslie Sherman: Ms. Sherman was unable to attend due to a conflict in her schedule.
- B. Tim Jurgens: Mr. Jurgens wanted to thank the Board for allowing him to attend a Writing Conference in June. He mentioned that the information that he learned while attending the conference directly attaches to Common Core. He also mentioned that the info was very user friendly and they were able to bridge the info that they have learned in the past to current and new learning material. Mr. Jurgens mentioned that he believes that the material should help all level of students, not just those that are struggling. Superintendent Smith asked M. Jurgens what days the conference was and Mr. Jurgens responded that it was June 17 and 18. Superintendent Smith also offered that during staff meetings, Mr. Jurgens does an excellent job sharing any information and material he has been learning.
- C. Building Updates:
Stratton Elementary - Jennifer Erickson started by saying that Stratton has been very, very busy getting ready for the new year. She mentioned that the teachers have been getting their classrooms all ready for their new students. Mrs. Erickson wanted to be sure and thank her staff for stepping in and helping her. She also told the Board that they just added a 4th Grade Teacher position and she is looking at possibly needing to hire a 0.5 Teaching position, because of enrollment levels. She mentioned it has been a bit of a challenge trying to outfit two more classrooms, because of the increased enrollment, but it was being taken care of. There has also been quite a cleaning frenzy in the elementary school, she said. Mrs. Erickson mentioned that she is really looking forward to having time together as a staff to start working on priorities and goal settings. Director Owen asked how many Kindergarten students were register and Jenny responded that there are 63, with possibly 10 more. Director Owen then asked if the elementary school is running out of room. Mrs. Erickson responded that they are full, but will make changes if necessary, to accommodate the additional students.
Sadie Halstead Middle School - Tony Moser started out by offering a big thanks to the Maintenance department, mentioning that they have worked tirelessly to make sure the middle school will be ready for the Open House. Mr. Moser said that earlier today he had a Taco Feed in the park for the middle school staff, adding that it was a great way for the staff to connect. In

addition to the Open House, he mentioned that there will also be a Parent Info night sometime in September. This night will be for parents to ask more detailed questions than they may otherwise be able to at the Open House. Mr. Moser then briefly updated the Board on enrollment, starting that in June we ended with 321 students enrolled and as of today, we have 323. Mr. Moser also told the Board that we just recently hired a new Science Teacher, Kere Bush, as well as a new Title 1 Teacher and that they are interviewing tomorrow for a 5-8 Para Professional.

Newport High School - Troy Whittle updated the Board on the Open House schedule, mentioning that there would not be the traditional meet and greet, but rather a Meet the Griz on the football field. Starting at 7:15PM, they will be introducing the Sports Teams. Mr. Whittle then spoke about the estimated enrollment numbers. He said that last year, we had 69 freshmen and currently, we are at 82, sophomores are currently at 97, juniors are 102 and senior enrollment numbers are in the low 80's. Mr. Whittle then mentioned that he has noticed that we are using the district Smart Boards much more effectively. As far as class scheduling, we will be unable to offer a Nursing Class this year, as our new school nurse is not certified to teach this class, Mr. Whittle reported. We will be offering a Robotics Class, which is new this year. Mr. Whittle also gave a brief update on the change in the discipline procedures. He also mentioned that there will be a section in the Newport High School Handbook in regards to the weighted grading that was Board Approved earlier this year.

Athletic Director - Geoff Pearson updated the Board on the current Air Quality Reports, mentioning that he has been in close communication with the Dept. of Health. He then mentioned the athletic programs that are starting for fall sports, adding we have 35 soccer players this year, which is a lot more than we regularly have playing. Because of the additional numbers, we will need to hire an assistant coach. As far as the air quality, Mr. Pearson explained that he has been using the air monitoring equipment set-up in Spokane and that he is hoping to have one here in Newport to use soon. Currently, they are checking it hour by hour, even minute by minute, when the air conditions are changing to rapidly. He said that he is hoping that the air quality won't affect the outdoor events. He offered that our first home event is September 4. Superintendent Smith informed the Board that we have been using an Air Quality Guide, supplied by Tri County Health, that shows what is used to gage air quality. Mr. Smith also explained that this is region wide and that we are using professionals to guide us in our process and procedures.

Mr. Pearson also spoke about Policy number 3240, Tobacco Use, mentioning that he and Mr. Whittle have been adjusting the Tobacco Use Procedure as well as the Policy.

- D. Highly Capable Program, 2015-16 School Year (m) Michele Hunt and Anita Urmann – Michele Hunt summarized the 21 page grant completed by her and Ms. Urmann, adding that we are in complete compliance with grant requirements. Our policies and procedures were updated last year as part of C.P.R. The Board reviewed the grant, which included K-12 screening, assessment, eligibility, and program options. Ms. Urmann offered that we are anticipating 147 students enrolled in the Highly Capable Program this upcoming year.

Motion to approve the Highly Capable Program, 2015-16 School Year, made by Director Brewster, seconded by Director Moore. Vote was unanimous.

- E. Graduation Requirements – Troy Whittle: Mr. Whittle referenced Policy number 2410, which was attached in the Board Packet. He showed the new changes for classes of 2016 Graduation Requirements and beyond. For graduation ceremonies, Mr. Whittle mentioned that there may be a possibility of a one year allowance for the current Pend Oreille River School students to walk in the Newport High School Graduation ceremony. After this year, everyone will be walking in their specific school ceremony.
- F. Superintendent Update: Superintendent Smith gave a brief update on the required letters that were mailed to parents and guardians, stating that our middle and elementary school has been identified as a school in Step 2 of School Improvement. He mentioned that there has not been any inquiries to the letters sent out.
- Mr. Smith then informed the Board that there is a long list of new employees, mentioning that Theresa Monk has been very busy preparing all the necessary paperwork and the New Employee orientation that will be taking place August 26. He then mentioned that the All Staff lunch is Sept. 1 at 12:15pm in the high school cafeteria, and the vendor fair in the gym at 11:45 am, inviting the Board to attend if their schedules allow.

10. Policies for first reading: Policy 2410, Graduation Requirements

11. Miscellaneous

Director Brewster informed the Board when the first steam boat was placed on the Pend Oreille River, a new landing was created for goods sent down from Sandpoint. This new landing was named "Newport" M.C. Kelly. The City of Newport was incorporated in 1903.

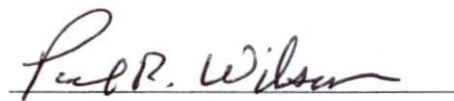
Director Owen mentioned how fantastic the grounds look and offered a warm welcome back!

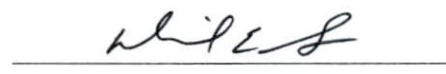
Director Wilson offered that the Fire Camp set up at Kalispel is very impressive. Superintendent Smith added that he would like to thank the staff working over the summer, mentioning that there are a lot of moving parts to keep the district running smoothly and he is proud of everyone.

12. Agenda Items for September 15, 2015 Board Meeting to be held at District Office Board Room at 5:00PM

- A. Monthly Reports
- B. Policies

13. Hearing no objections, Director Owen adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 6:19 PM.


Chair/Vice Chair of the Board


Secretary of the Board

09/15/2015
Date