NEWPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 13, 2015

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Newport School District was called to order by Director Owen at 5:00 p.m. in the District Board Room.

2. Roll Call: April Owen, Jim Brewster, Mitch Stratton, Connie Moore, Board of Directors, Director Wilson was unable to attend due to a conflict in his schedule; Dave Smith, Superintendent and Debra Buttrey, Business Manager. There were 14 visitors in attendance.

3. Motion to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda with the following addition under 8 E:

   - Board discussion to move Board Meetings Night back to Mondays

   Motion made by Director Moore, seconded by Director Stratton to approve the agenda with changes. Vote was unanimous.

4. Minutes of the regular meeting held September 15, 2015 were approved, will stand as read.

5. Consent Agenda:

A. New Hire:	Brooke Whittle	5-8 Instructional Assistant
	Belinda Wayland	2 Hr. Food Service, H.S.
	Catherine Brady	3.75 Hr Food Service
	Laura Verity	Assistant Soccer Coach
	Elyce Cutshall	P-4 Instructional Assistant
	Courtney Thomas	21st CCLC Academic Coach
B. Resignation:	Jamie Pancho	H.S. Head Track Coach
	Jayme Matthews	Para Professional

6. Individuals or Groups Wishing to Address the Board:

7. Financial Reports (m) : Debra Buttrey
   A. Approval of September Accounts Payable (m) – Warrant numbers 212325 through 212432, totaling $160,572.55
   Motion to approve September Accounts Payable made by Director Stratton, seconded by Director Brewster. Vote was unanimous.

   B. Approval of September Accounts Payroll (m) – Warrant numbers 212251 through 212324, totaling $774,022.44
   Motion to approve September Payroll made by Director Moore, seconded by Director Brewster. Vote was unanimous.

C. Mrs. Buttrey gave the Board an update on enrollment. She said that as of Oct. 1st we had enrollment numbers of 1070 and that we had budgeted for 1009. Mrs. Buttrey noted that those numbers reflect a slight shift up in enrollment.

D. Mrs. Buttrey then gave the Board an update on the General Fund Cash Flow balance, showing that November subtotal revenue numbers are $906,606.00 and December subtotal revenue numbers are $1,021,391.01. Those numbers include Local Revenues, Local Property Tax, State Apportionment, and Forest Funds.
Director Owen asked if we will be getting our Property Tax bill in October and Mrs. Buttrey replied yes. Director Owen then asked if we will be getting Forest Funds at some point. Mrs. Buttrey answered that we did receive a payment in July.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:
   A. Library Update: Leslie Sherman. Mrs. Sherman reported to the Board about the end of the school year 2015. She provided each a copy of the Library Usage and circulation for each building. She showed the numbers of checkouts per grade and the number of books accounted for in each building, including those that were marked lost. Director Owen then asked how the Density program is going and Mrs. Sherman responded that it is a fantastic program. She included that it is very customizable, has a great interactive feature for kids, and the search button is really easy for kids to use. Superintendent Smith asked Mrs. Leslie if there had been any differences in book trends and Mrs. Sherman answered that she has noticed that teachers are seem to be pushing non-fiction. As far as "E Books" are concerned, Mrs. Sherman noted that the high school has some, but at this point, there haven't been a lot of requests for them. The schools have purchased some that can actually be spontaneously used by an entire class. A big disadvantage is the cost. The pricing is the same or nearly the same as a regular book, but the "E Book" disappears after 12 months. Mrs. Sherman then referred to the report that she was sharing, mentioning that it appears that the younger grades are checking out many, many more books than the older grades, but when taking into consideration that the older kids read much larger and more challenging books, it even outs.
   Superintendent Smith then complimented Leslie on a job well done in regards to the middle school website.

   B. HOSA, Angela McDermit and Travis Dillon; Angela introduced herself to the Board, mentioning that she is the HOSA President for Newport High School. She reported that in June HOSA students went to Nationals in Anaheim, Ca. There were 15 students from Newport that attended. One of the highlights for her was the pin trading. She really loved this activity because it caused students from all over the nation to broaden their horizons, allowing them to introduce themselves to others and explain where they are from.
   Travis Dillon then introduced himself, mentioning that his favorite part of the HOSA Nationals were the workshops. His favorite workshop was the HOSA 101 General Leadership class. There were lots of great things he learned from the class and Travis taught the Board Members G.N.A.P. which stands for; Greeting, Nod while doing it, Affiliation, Purpose. He said that is a great way to introduce

yourself to someone else, adding that they learned 10 other ways to start a conversation. Travis also included that they learned how to dress appropriately and how to address thank you notes. Travis told the Board that his second favorite workshop was called Nature and it was all about temperaments and how to communicate. The main idea was to become better communicators, as well as respecting others and their differences.
Angela thanked the Board for making it possible to go and finished by adding that Saraya Pierce was chosen to help organize the event for the next three years and was also named State HOSA Advisor of the Year.
Director Moore mentioned that there were over 8,000 kids there and it was very impressive to see. She told everyone that Angela took 9th place which is incredible and also mentioned that the kids could see many different guest speakers in between workshops and that it was an amazing exposure to health ideas.

C. Principal Reports:
Jenny Erickson first addressed the Board Members, mentioning that it has been a wonderful start to the year, complementing the Stratton Staff, stating that everyone has been on top of everything this year. She told the Board that there will be a Citizenship assembly coming up, which is an excellent time to recognize and reward students. There has been a big emphasis on clearly teaching what the expectations are in the classroom, but also at recess time, on the bus, at lunch, etc. Mrs. Erickson stated that the initial assessments of students have happened and started. Adding that students that have had an assessment are right where they need to be. Jenny spoke about how there has been a big emphasis on keeping kids in the classroom as much as possible, keeping them busy and on task, and teaching right to the end of the day.
On Homecoming, Jenny stated that her school had excellent school spirit and they did a fantastic job at the parade, adding that the 2nd Grade students stayed a bit longer when the parade was over to pick up garbage on the streets.
This week the high school Fire Science students have been at the elementary school, teaching the younger kids on the importance of fire safety and even had lunch with the elementary students for the last two days and the kids have absolutely loved having them there.
Tony Moser then spoke to the Board about Sadie Halstead, first starting out by saying that Mrs. Sherman has done a lot with the school website and has done a great job with it so far. This year, there has been a big focus on culture and discipline at Sadie, which are inter-dependent on each other, Tony stated. Mr. Moser explained to the Board that the emphasis this year has been making the middle school a place where people want to be, adding that how we recognize others to focus on positive actions versus consequences. It has been a fun focus so far, he said. The middle school is in the process of trying to launch a Twitter page, which will highlight kids and positive moments.
Something that Tony started this year, is riding the bus in the mornings. His goal is to ride every single route that affects a middle school student. It has been good to see exactly how long students ride in the morning. Mr. Moser then spoke about ASB and what a terrific job Lisa Bradbury has been doing as the advisor. They have really been working on empowering the student body. The process they have been using thus far is getting input/feedback from students, then staff, then they finalize with positive discipline. It has been a great year so far, Mr. Moser finished with.

Mr. Whittle then spoke to the Board, starting out with telling the Members how great Homecoming was. The whole week went well, he said. There were a lot of donations made at the Powder Puff game, with over 100 pounds of canned food and over $200 raised for the local food bank. Mr. Whittle also recognized Rhonda Burnham, praising her for her great work with the Leadership class, adding that there have been a lot of positive things taking place. One thing that has been a big change this year has been student involvement. The assemblies are full of school spirit.
Troy then mentioned that there has been a dramatic reduction in discipline referrals, adding that he is really pleased with how the students are responding.
Mr. Whittle said that the other school principals have all been working well together, citing that all three schools are now on the same page.
Superintendent Smith asked Troy about possibly doing a follow up this year with Breaking Down the Walls, and Troy replied that they are looking into it.

D. Approval of 2015-16 Board Goals (m)
Motion made by Director Brewster, seconded by Director Stratton to approve 2015-16 Board Goals. Vote was unanimous.

E. Board discussion to move Board Meetings Night back to Mondays (m)
There was a request to move the Board Meetings back to Monday nights.
Motion to change Board Meeting's from Tuesday nights back to Monday nights made by Director Brewster, seconded by Director Moore. Vote was unanimous.
Director Brewster offered his appreciation to the change.

10. Policies (m):

11. Miscellaneous:

Director Brewster informed the Board that Columbus Day was appointed a holiday in 1934 by Congress, always being the second Tuesday of October.
Director Owen complimented the school district, mentioning the great start to the year.
Superintendent Smith informed the Board that Newport School District was named Business of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce Gala.
Mr. Smith also reported that there has been a great influx of information going out in the community, in the form of: the District Newsletter, weekly Friday News Flyers from each school, Facebook, Twitter, and our district website. Understanding the importance of communication, Superintendent Smith said that the entire district has really been doing a great job of getting information out into the community.
Superintendent Smith finished by saying that Homecoming was a great success.
Troy Whittle commented that tonight there was going to be a meeting with several coaches and administration to settle on a color for our schools, to unify the entire district.
Pam Nichols reminded that next Friday, the 23rd, is the Fall Festival at Stratton Elementary from 4:30-6:30 PM.

12. Agenda Items for October 27, 2015 Board Meeting to be held at District Office Board Room at 5:00PM
    A. Monthly Report
    B. Policies

13. Hearing no objections, Director Owen adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 5:57 PM.

Chair/Vice Chair of the Board

Secretary of the Board

10.26.2015
Date