**NEWPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT**
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 16, 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, Paul Wilson, Connie Moore, Board of Directors; Dave Smith, Superintendent and Debra Buttrey, Business Manager. There were 6 visitors in attendance.

3. Motion to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda:
Motion made by Director Moore, seconded by Director Wilson to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Vote was unanimous.

4. Minutes of the regular meeting held October 26, 2015 were approved as read.

5. Consent Agenda:

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| A. New Hires | Carlyn Barton | MS Asst. Volleyball Coach |
| | Lisa Bradbury | MS Asst. Track Coach |

6. Individuals or Groups Wishing to Address the Board: There were none.

7. Financial Reports (m): Debra Buttrey
   A. Approval of November Payroll (m) General Fund Warrant Numbers 212665 through 212751 in the amount of $817,472.22 were approved. Motion made by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Moore. Vote was unanimous.
   B. Enrollment –Debra supplied 3 handouts and went over the content with those present.
   White: Monthly enrollment recap - Enrollment is up 17.4 over what was budgeted.
   Green: General Fund Expenditures by Program – She is currently in process of getting each category cleaned up and monies clearly allocated to appropriate areas.
   Yellow: General Fund Cash Flow Balance – A clear comparison of income balance to expenditures from July to current.

8. Old Business:

9. New Business:
   A. Technology Report – Steve Shumski
   Steve went over the transition to Google and Chromebooks. Staff and students have received ongoing trainings in Google calendar, docs, slides, Gmail, the use and benefits of Chromebooks and more. There have been beginning and advanced courses offered to staff at the end of last and the beginning of this school year. Steve spent his day training 7th grade classes today. One major benefit of using Google is that you can use if from any device, anywhere. Kids are using it remotely and have said that they like this option as they can work on assignments from their tablets or

even their phones. Teachers can collaborate with students and students with each other.
Chromebooks start up quickly, in under a minute, and are safe, secure and monitored, making them effective for whole class activities in a 45 minute class-period.
Our current supply of iPads has been redistributed to teachers who have voiced that their classroom would benefit and make use of them.
April shared that Google Docs is being used by her 10th grade students. They can view and share proofing and type their entire essay on their phone if they want. Her 3rd grader has a keyboarding class to become familiar with computer entry as they will be taking the SBAC State Testing online this year.

B. Building Reports

- Elementary School – Jenny Erickson
  Jenny reported that the Fall Festival was a success, wonderful and well attended. Staff participation was great with high school students and staff spouses chipping in to help. Mr. Smith welled up with tears that evening... chopping onions. Jenny enjoyed her first festival and looks forward to many more.
  Parent Teacher Conferences were well attended with a 97% contact rate. Lori does a fantastic job of scheduling these.
  The Veterans Assembly, organized by Nancy Sauer, was beautiful. The kids were very respectful and well behaved. Taps was played to a silent group.
  First letter grades were given and an honor assembly was held, giving recognition to those receiving a 3.5 and above.
  It's been a whirlwind of happy faces... and scoldings for not wearing coats!
- Middle School– Tony Moser
  From business manager to admin. team, to staff, Tony is impressed by the people he gets to work with.
  The kids are making sustainable headway with positive discipline, emphasizing recognition to kids for the positive things they are doing.
  Teachers are making strong collaborations around structure, behavior and how things are done in the building. Site council meetings have changed to a rotation of those attending format – They meet one week as staff, the next as staff and students, the next as staff and parents.
  Breaking Down the Walls is revisiting the high school on December 7th. Middle school students will participate, focusing on empowering our kids to have positive culture in the building.
  Tony shared that he loves what he is doing and loves working here. He congratulated Dave on obtaining his doctorate.
  April offered that she thought the split for grade levels for parent teacher conferences worked well. There has been good feedback from parents.
  Dave asked Tony about the red bracelet he was wearing. These are part of his strategy to recognize and encourage positive behavior. The reward is equal to the behavior. Students earn Griz Bills for smaller positive behavior and bracelets for larger. It has definitely been impactful.
- High School Athletics – Geoff Pearson
  Winter sports turnout is good, with many of them starting today. Cheer has the goal of competing at state level and has 18 turned out. Boys and girls basketball both have 30 out. Wrestling has a good turnout with 9 girls, 12 boys and more in the office this evening to sign up.

Fall sports ended spectacularly! The finish was positive, successful and strong.
Scott and maintenance has been working hard on reposting updated, plexi-glass, versions of State contention banners in the gymnasium. These are on pace to be complete by our first home basketball game on December 4th.
Petroglyph has been great to work with on this project.
Fall Sports Award Banquet is Monday 11/23 @ 6:30.
Winter sports parent meeting is Thursday night, 11/19 @ 7: - This rule and expectations meeting will be held before every sport season from here out.

- High School – Troy Whittle
  Conferences went very well, attendance was in line with last year with 1/3 to 40% parent contact.
  The leadership students put on a great Veterans Day assembly. Middle school students were in attendance. All were very respectful.
  Grizzly colors are moving back to the traditional red and black. This transition will be gradual as uniforms and the like are in good condition. A building walk through was conducted and needs assessed, locating high needs rooms to tackle first. A color palette of 4 colors is available for updating classrooms.
  Daily Advisory Class – the benefits are threefold: 1) strengthening relationships between student and teacher 2) Senior portfolio process is during this time 3) college and career readiness/prep. This class was implemented for 26 minutes a day for the first 9 weeks when the staff met back to evaluate the impact, if it's been valuable time spent. Feedback from staff is to continue with Advisory. Overall, the feedback from students is good. Troy plans to offer military and tech presentations, viable options for those who don't plan to go to college.
  Breaking Down the Walls – Stu is returning, bringing with him a Gonzaga Freshman who created a positively impacting Instagram account last year. Priest River plans to bring in the program.
  PORS (Pend Oreille River School) – We have 25 attending. We are already at the numbers we thought we would have by the end of the school year. Peg is amazing.

10. Policies (m):
    A. Policies for First Reading:
       Policy 3246 - Use of Reasonable Force, Restraint, Isolation, and Other Uses of Reasonable Force. Moved to second reading.
    B. Policies for Second Reading: none at this time

11. Miscellaneous:
    Director Stratton shared that what he hears and sees in the district is unbelievably positive, he never hears a negative.
    Director Brewster offered that the state insect is the Green Darner Dragonfly and that the first soft serve ice cream in the country was located in Olympia.
    Director Owen expressed congratulations to our superintendent for earning his doctorate.
    Director Wilson thanked the high school for the Veterans Program. A couple of his friends attended and shared that they really enjoyed it.

Superintendent Smith thanked Keri for taking minutes this evening while Cheryl is out. He thanked the admin team for extending their evening in order to present to the Board.

Steve Shumski extended an invite to the Newport Chamber's Lighting of the Tree Ceremony on Saturday, December 5th at 4: PM. He added that the leadership class is putting on a ceremony to promote this event. Our Fire Science students are checking and assisting in the installation of the lights. Make a day of it and attend the Stratton Elementary Craft Fair and the Festival of Trees at Sadie Halstead Middle School.

12. Agenda Items for the December 7, 2015 Board Meeting to be held at 5:00 PM in the District Board Room
    A. Financial Reports
    B. Policies
    C. Swearing-in Ceremonies of new and renewing Board-members
    D. Board-member pictures

13. Hearing no objections, Director Owen adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 6:01 PM.

Chair/Vice Chair of the Board

Secretary of the Board

12/7/15
Date