

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

December 7, 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 7 visitors in attendance.
3. Motion to approve the agenda, with addition of 8 E Breaking Down the Walls Presentation, and moving Superintendent Report to 8 F, including the consent agenda: Motion made by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Brewster to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Vote was unanimous.
4. Minutes of the regular meeting held November 16, 2015 were approved as read.
5. Consent Agenda:

A. New Hires:	Crystal Mitcham Dave Siemsen	E.S. SPED Para Professional H.S. Head Golf Coach
B. Resignation:	Rory Axel	H.S. Head Cross Country Coach
6. Individuals or Groups Wishing to Address the Board: Steve Shumski wanted to thank the Newport School District and Newport High School, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, for all the help at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. It was greatly attended and Steve wanted to make sure to thank those that were involved in helping to make it such a great success.
7. Financial Reports (m): Debra Buttrey
  - A. Approval of November Accounts Payable (m) General Fund Warrant Numbers 212752 through 212878 in the amount of \$260,301.69 and General Fund Warrant Numbers 212879 through 212881 in the amount of \$3,305.67 were approved. Motion made by Director Brewster, seconded by Director Stratton. Vote was unanimous.
  - B. Enrollment –Debra supplied 3 handouts and went over the content with those present.  
White: Monthly enrollment recap - Enrollment is up 24.38 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.
7. Old Business:

9. New Business:

A. Highly Capable Program, Anita Urman:

Anita started by thanking the Board for the all of the staff development that she has received over the years and for continuing to fund the Highly Capable Program through the levy. It is now a required program and we are fortunate to have continued our full program for a long time. Mrs. Urman also told the Board that recently, U of W - Center for Gifted Children and OSPI put together a handbook and it was mentioned that Newport School District was exemplary. Mrs. Urman said it was an honor to be included and it was a very nice compliment.

Anita also said that she would like to start training staff and pass on all the information that she has learned so that more in the district have the information on our program. Director Wilson asked how many students are currently in the program and Anita replied that there are 110, from grades K-12. Director Moore then asked if Anita is the Highly Capable teacher in the grade school, to which Anita replied that she pulls students from the elementary school out for enrichment groups. She added that the law states that there needs to be a component each day in what they qualify in, so that the student is being challenged every day. Superintendent Smith then thanked Anita for her hard work and included that she does a great job.

B. CTE, Steve Shumski:

Steve gave a brief run down on the CTE classes offered in the district. He mentioned that overall; students are learning a lot of different valuable skills. In Broadcasting they are learning about Digital Design, in the Fab Lab, the metal art is going great and that the students were responsible for the awesome Pend Oreille River School sign that is now on the building. At the Craft Fair, the sold over \$1400 between the metal art and wreaths. In Fire Science, Steve mentioned that Mr. Wyrobek does an outstanding job teaching the students how to give back to the community. In Horticulture, again, Mr. Wyrobek has done a great job with the students and that it is looking very festive, in part to all the wreaths around the district that Horticulture class has made. The Leadership class is going amazing, as they are really taking an active role in not just the high school but also the community.

Mr. Shumski then mentioned that he would like to apply for the Perkins Grant, for the Business Communications class. It would be for just over ten thousand dollars and it would be used to purchase Chrome Books. Director Moore asked how many Chrome Books that would buy and Steve replied that it would pay for about 30. Director Owen and Superintendent Smith then signed the Perkins Grant application. Superintendent Smith also thanked Steve for being here tonight and mentioned that Steve does a great job.

C. Oaths of Office:

- Superintendent Smith administered the Oath of Office to Director Owen and Director Brewster, which was witnessed by a full house.
- Superintendent Smith conducted the swearing in of the newly appointed Director, Connie Moore.

D. Board Reorganization:

Nominations were opened for the position of the Board Chair. Director Wilson was nominated and nominations were closed. Motion made by Director Owen, seconded by Director Brewster, to elect Director Wilson as Board Chair. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.



Nominations were then opened for the position of Vice Chair. Director Moore was nominated to serve as Vice Chair. Nominations were closed. Motion made by Director Stratton, seconded by Director Brewster, to elect Director Moore as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

*A short break was taken at 5:25 pm in order for those in attendance to enjoy a cake in honor of the Board Members. The meeting was called back to order at 5:35 pm.*

E. Breaking Down the Walls, Troy Whittle and Tony Moser:

Mr. Whittle informed the Board that today was a follow up assembly from last years' Breaking Down the Walls. Presenter Stu was here again this year and Troy reported that it was, once again, a great success.

Mr. Moser then reported that Stu also came to the middle school and spent one hour with the entire student body and then about 30 students from each grade were selected to spend additional time with Stu. Tony is very excited about the momentum that he is seeing in the school thanks to this fantastic assembly. Mr. Moser also mentioned that the Youth Task Force paid to have this day for the students and that he is very thankful that they were so generous. Director Moore then commented that she was able to attend and she noticed that students were laughing and very engaged, adding that she thought it was time well spent for students.

F. Superintendent Report:

Mr. Smith started out by mentioning that we are, like most school districts, experiencing a shortage of certified teacher substitutes, so we are looking at ways to get more certified subs. Statewide, 44% of rural districts are struggling and 53% are in crisis mode.

Superintendent Smith then discussed that the House passed "Every Child Achieves" law. The Highly Qualified law makes it very difficult for districts and removing the law gives school districts a lot more options. In addition, AYP has also been removed, and it is now up to individual states to decide teaching standards, with the federal government not being involved. Director Moore then asked how Washington State is looking and Superintendent Smith replied that OSPI is already working on their version and it is still very strict. There was a group of Superintendents that sent letters to OSPI that mentioned that OSPI still is not listening to the needs of school districts across the state.

10. Policies (m):

- A. Policies for First Reading: There were none.
- B. Policies for Second Reading:

Policy 3246 - Use of Reasonable Force, Restraint, Isolation, and Other Uses of Reasonable Force

The Board reviewed Policy 3246. Director Owen made a motion to approve Policy 3246. It was seconded by Director Moore. Vote was unanimous.

11. Miscellaneous:

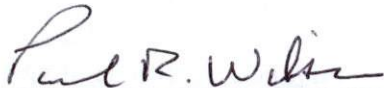
Director Brewster said that in 1869, Abe Lincoln made Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of the month but it was later changed in 1939 to the third Thursday of November.

Director Owen included that she had attended the middle school honor roll assembly and that it was excellent. She also added that she had gone to the Craft Fair and Festival of Trees and it was great to see all the festivities.

12. Agenda Items for the January 11, 2015 Board Meeting to be held at 5:00 PM in the District Board Room

A. Financial Reports

13. Hearing no objections, Director Owen adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 6:17 PM.



Chair/Vice Chair of the Board



Secretary of the Board

2-8-16

Date