

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

February 22, 2016

1. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Newport School District was called to order by Director Wilson 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, was unable to attend due to attending meetings in Olympia; Troy Whittle, Newport High School, stood in his place, and Debra Buttrey, Business Manager. There were 8 visitors in attendance.
3. Motion to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda:  
Motion made by Director Owen, seconded by Director Stratton to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Vote was unanimous.
4. Minutes of the regular meeting held February 8, 2016 were approved as read.
5. Consent Agenda:

A. New Hire:

Randy Wyrobek  
Carri Senn

Head Girls Softball Coach  
Elementary Admin Secretary

6. Individuals or Groups Wishing to Address the Board: There were none.
7. Financial Reports (m): Debra Buttrey
  - A. Approval of February Accounts Payable (m) General Fund Warrant Numbers 213325 through 213361 in the amount of \$37,000.34  
Motion to approve February Accounts Payable was made by Director Owen, seconded by Director Moore. Vote was unanimous.
  - B. Approval of February Payroll (m) Warrant Numbers 213362 through 213445 in the amount of \$808,950.84. Motion to approve February Payroll made by Director Owen, seconded by Director Moore. Vote was unanimous.
  - C. Debra then reported that we have two Accounts Payable check runs this month, which is why it shows a lower than normal amount. The big advantage to having two runs is that it should help the local vendors; that way they don't have to wait as long for payment.  
Mrs. Buttrey then told the Board that the Auditors are here and will be for about the next two weeks. She invited the Board Members to attend an Entrance Meeting on Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. Director Owen said that she will attend; she is the only Board Director that will be able to attend the entrance meeting.

Debra then explained that our current Copier Machine Contract will be up for renewal later this year, so she has been looking at the budget for renewing the Copier Contract.

Mrs. Buttrey supplied handouts and went over the content with those present. Please refer to the enclosed handout.

8. Old Business:

9. New Business:

A. Director Reports:

- Michele Hunt, Special Services Coordinator, told the Board that currently, there are 178 students being served in Special Education. This number has grown from 160 this fall. Director Owen asked if these extra students are transferring in and Michele said yes. Ms. Hunt also said that Special Education is currently being audited but that Title 1 is not. Michele also explained that with the recent ESSA Act, we will no longer be required to send the AYP letter to parents. This means that we will be able to use the funds that are held for additional services, if parents were to request them. Michele also informed the Board that the PEP Grant is in its final year, but she and staff are working on sustainability for all of the equipment and product that was purchased with the grant funds. Moving onto the Grizzly Discovery Program, Michele reminded the Board that Donna Molvik had to resign, due to moving to the coast. She then introduced Vickie Blanchet, who is the Director Interim.
- Vicki Blanchet started out by thanking the Board for the opportunity to serve as the Program Director. She then gave an update on the GDC stating, currently, we have 73 students enrolled at the K-6 Site, with 50 attending regularly. The grade 7-12 Site has 34 students registered with 22-25 attending regularly. Both sites have either met or are on track to meet the grant goal of having sixty percent of our students attend at least thirty days. We also have several students who have attended more than 100 days. Community Service and Leadership have been of recent focus at the Stratton Site. Leadership development has also been a theme at the NHS Site. Our middle school students have gone beyond choosing electives and making schedules. They are now planning lessons with warm welcomes, icebreakers, objectives, activities and learning reflections AND they are teaching them to their peers. Taking mentoring one step further, at our Family Night this week, they will be teaching their parents about the science of myth busting and criminal investigation as well as showing them how to decorate cupcakes and make delicious pasta. We anticipate seeing more classes led by students as they develop the confidence and skills to lead. Vicki ended by saying that she is truly grateful for the support of the Newport School District. Director Owen then asked who is going to be the replacement for the Sea Perch

Teacher and Vicki replied that Mr. Molvik is actively looking for someone that can take it over. Director Owen asked how many years we are into the GDC Grant and Vicki answered we are in year 2 of the 5 year grant.

- Sheila Myrvang, Nutrition Services Director, then gave the Board an update on Food Services, stating that they have been working to make necessary changes to make sure we are meeting requirements. We have also increased meals served every day, about 40 additional at breakfast and 18 more a day at lunch. Starting on February 1, students that have a lunch balance are receiving weekly, automated, phone calls alerting the guardian that there is a negative balance. The first week these calls went out, there were 300 people that were called. Sheila said that this should really help families that qualify for Free and Reduced Meals; because this is prompting them to call and she can discuss different options with them. She also wants it to be very clear that students with a negative balance will still be feed; it will just be a simplified meal. Sheila added that NSD recently received a grant for a potato bar, which has been a great success. She said they are also working on making lunch lines faster, which should increase the number of students that are eating here.
- Scott Armstrong, Maintenance Supervisor, also gave the Board an update on the maintenance department. He brought in a floor sample for the Board to view. The elementary gym floor will be replaced this summer. Director Moore asked how long will it take to replace the floor and Scott said it will be a solid month. There is a lot of work to replace an existing floor. Scott then said it has been a nice break from the wintertime snow, and he and his staff are getting caught up. Scott then introduced to the Board: Micah Gillen, middle school evening custodian, and Cassandra Crawford, high school evening custodian. He said that although they have been working here for quite a while, he wanted to introduce them to the Board. Troy Whittle commented that Cassandra does a great job over at the high school and she is always positive and happy. Tony Moser also included that Micah has been a fantastic addition to the middle school and that he aligns perfectly with the positivity in the middle school. Cheryl Bradbury added that Micah has been actively working on having staff at the middle school bring in items for the display trophy cases to show students a more personal side and that it is so great to see the excellent job he does.
- Troy Whittle, Newport High School Principal, then gave a brief athletic update to the Board, stating that the boys and girls basketball teams competed over the weekend, doing a great job, but were unable to make it on to state. There were a few wrestlers that went to state and had a great experience while there. Spring Sports will be starting next week and we are still filling coaching positions. There has also been discussions on possibly doing some fund raising to have the high school gym floor refinished, which could end up be as much as \$25-30,000.

10. Policies (m):

- A. Policies for First Reading: None at this time
- B. Policies for Second Reading: None at this time

11. Miscellaneous:

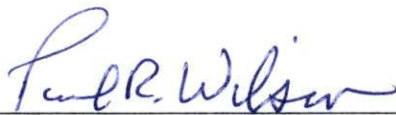
Director Brewster said that he has lost that Misc. feeling at this time.

Director Owen said that she felt the Band represented us well at Districts as well as the student body. She also added that she appreciates Troy stepping in for Superintendent Smith tonight.

12. Agenda Items for the March 7, 2016 Board Meeting to be held at 5:00 PM in the District Board Room

- A. Monthly Report
- B. Policies
- C. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Presentation
- D. Adoption of 2016-17 School Calendar

13. Hearing no objections, Director Wilson adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 5:53 PM.



Chair/Vice Chair of the Board



Secretary of the Board

3-7-16

Date