NEWPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 7, 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, and Debra Buttrey, Business Manager. There were 17 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 22, 2016 were approved as read.

5. Consent Agenda:

A. New Hire:	Lindsay Hicks-Frazer	H.S. Head Track Coach
	Amanda Smith	H.S. Asst. Track Coach
	Morgan Stigall	H.S. Asst. Track Coach
	Courtney Thomas	K-4 Instruct. Assistant
	Elyce Cutshall	21st CCLC Asst. Site Coord.
	Monica Jones	ES 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 213446 through 2133528 in the amount of $198,897.13
   Motion to approve February Accounts Payable was made by Director Owen, seconded by Director Brewster. Vote was unanimous.

   B. Debra shared with the Board that, like last year, she is expecting the Forrest Funds to come in June. She said that for enrollment, we are still 8 higher than at the beginning of the year.
   Debra mentioned that the auditors have just finished up and that overall, it went well. There was one finding so far, in Food Service.

8. Old Business:

9. New Business:

A. 7th Grade Student Presentation:

- Lexi Nelson and Deborah VanDyke presented to the Board a slide presentation that explains about a project the 7th Grade Class has been working on. The slide presentation covered that the project is about sharing the history of Pend Oreille Co, as a writing project. It is teaching students how to research, write, edit, and revise. They included that their research must include three sources, including at least one primary source. Students will write, edit, and revise until the article is ready to be published in the Newport Miner.
- Deborah VanDyke, Dakota Truax, and Tony Bamonte then spoke to the Board about how they were working on their supporting help, mentioning that they were each speaking with a community member that was giving lots of great advice.
- McKenzie Garris, Tekota Preston, and Nick Deerwester read the beginning of each their essays.

  The students then asked if there were any questions and Superintendent Smith asked how long the students have been working on this project. Middle School Teacher Irene Ewing replied that they started this at the beginning of February. She included that there are 90 essays and every single one is completely different from the next and starting in April, the Miner will be printing roughly 10 at a time.

  Director Wilson then added that he had received a call from a student looking for more information on the local airport.

  Superintendent Smith asked the students which part of the process was their favorite; Tekoa said he really liked the interview process, Nick liked coming up with a topic, and Deborah said her favorite part was learning about our community.

B. Athletic Report, Geoff Pearson

Mr. Pearson started his report by mentioning that High School Winter Sports recently finished and added that our girls Varsity Basketball Team received the Academic State Champions, which was an incredible accomplishment. The team traveled to Yakima to receive their award and they had a great time there.

The Winter Sports Awards Night was last Wednesday and Mr. Pearson said that the students were tremendous in helping out for the evening and that the entire night was a great success.

Spring Sports have started and all of the Head Coaches have been hired for each sport. He then mentioned that in some of the sports, the participation numbers have doubled, so that means we'll be hiring Assistant Coaches. Mr. Pearson said that Peggy McDaniel is doing a terrific job taking care of all of the sports rosters and the mountain of paperwork that goes along with sports.

C. Principal Reports:

Troy Whittle reported to the Board that next year scheduling is the major thing happening right now at the high school. At the Pend Oreille River School, there are currently 47 students, with 14 set to graduate on May

31st at 5 pm. Mr. Whittle said that there have been things that they've learned along the way and had to adapt to, but overall, the program has been very successful.

Mr. Moser reported that same as the high school, a lot of scheduling is taking place at the middle school. Tony said that he has had a chance get in classrooms and can see all of the positive things happening all over the school. Recently, an after school study table started and it has been a really positive place for kids to get caught up on school work; it is open to all kids. Director Stratton asked if kids are using the after school help to their advantage and Tony replied that most of the kids are really using the time wisely.
Director Owen asked when the internal in-building teacher shuffling closes and Tony replied that is closes on Thursday.

Jenny Erickson told the Board that Lori Stratton has officially left and that Carri Senn has moved into the Administrative Secretary position and is doing a fantastic job. Monica Jones has temporarily been doing the attendance job while that position is vacant. Jenny mentioned that the Stratton Spring Carnival is this Thursday and that she is really looking forward to it. The Spring 1st Grade concert was a wonderful program this year and Director Owen said that she attended both the morning and evening concert and she was extremely impressed when Jenny raised her hand for the students to quiet down and you could hear a pin drop.
LAP Reading Club is a new thing at Stratton and it's a wonderful way to reinforce reading throughout the building.

D. International Exchange Student Procedure Review, Troy Whittle
Mr. Whittle explained the changes that were being made to the International Exchange Student Procedure, so the Board would be aware.

E. Adoption of the 2016-17 School Calendar (m)
Superintendent Smith presented to the Board the proposed Calendar. He added that it always comes down to starting school before Labor Day or after.
Motion to approve 2016-17 School Calendar was made by Director Owen, seconded by Director Brewster. Vote was unanimous.

10. Policies (m):

A. Policies for First Reading:

Policy 6220, Bid Requirements
Business Manager, Debra Buttrey, told the Board that our current policy is out of date and the proposed changes would bring Policy 6220 into compliance. Policy 6220 was moved to second reading.

Policy 6700, Nutrition and Physical Fitness
PEP Grant Manager, Michele Hastings, explained to the Board that one of the goals upon receiving the PEP Grant was to look at our Nutrition and Physical Fitness Policy and Procedure. With the proposed changes, this will update our current Policy and will affect different buildings at different levels. This

has been a process for the last two years and it is now being finalized. Policy 6700 was moved to second reading.

B. Policies for Second Reading: None at this time

11. Miscellaneous:
Director Brewster said that he recently saw that 3000 years ago in the far east, women would use whipped Ostridge eggs for a moisturizer.

Director Owen said that she loved the 1st Grade Spring Program and that it was very cute.

Michele Hastings noted that she, as a parent, really appreciated the High School Spring Sports Meeting, particularly the emphasis on the importance of expectations.

Director Moore said she really enjoyed the 7th Grade Presentation tonight and that they all did a fantastic job.

Superintendent Smith thanked everyone for attending tonight and said he is anticipating a busy Spring.

12. Agenda Items for the March 21, 2016 Board Meeting to be held at 5:00 PM in the District Board Room

A. Monthly Report
B. Policies
C. Robotics Student Presentation
D. HOSA Student Presentation

13. Hearing no objections, Director Wilson adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 6:16 PM.

Paul R. Wilson
Chair/Vice Chair of the Board

Secretary of the Board

3-21-16
Date