

NEWCASTLE PUBLIC SCHOOL – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Newcastle Public School Board, District #24, held their regular meeting on Monday, April 10, 2006. President Vet Beyeler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members for roll call were: Alan Kneifl, Dana Rosener, Gene Day, Mike Paden, Dave Harding, and Vet Beyeler.

Also present were Superintendent Dr. Vicki Caldwell, Nancy Hicks, John Street, Eugene Bormann, Dave Nelson, James Olander, Carl Hinz, and Paul Carlson.

Motion was made by Alan Kneifl, seconded by Mike Paden to amend the agenda. Under General Business, move Visitor Comments up and add to Item F. Welcome Visitors. MCU.

Minutes of the last regular meeting of March 16, 2006 were reviewed. A motion was made by Dave Harding and seconded by Dana Rosener to approve minutes with the exception of a typo error, which should have read The board wanted to congratulate the girls' basketball team and coaches on their state victory. MCU.

General Fund bills in the amount of \$142,315.94, which included payroll, were presented for review and payment. Motion was made by Gene Day, seconded by Vet Beyeler to pay said bills. MCU.

Financial reports for the general, depreciation, special building, hazardous waste, hot lunch and activity funds were reviewed. The general reconciliation report was also reviewed.

The board welcomed visitors: John Street, Eugene Bormann, Dave Nelson, James Olander, Carl Hinz, and Paul Carlson.

Visitor comments included: James Olander asked that the comment section be left at the end of the meeting also to allow visitors to comment about the current meeting, and also asked about the interview process for the Industrial Arts teacher shared between Newcastle and Laurel-Concord, and under a Laurel-Concord contract. Dave Nelson gave an update on the current weight room fundraiser which now is \$1,788.00. He plans to purchase some more equipment.

New Business items included:

- A. Tree planting discussion-John Street. Mr. Street's 4th grade class would like to plant a tree for Arbor Day. Discussion was made on the type of tree and location. The board approved the planting of a tree pending the location.
- B. Motion was made at 7:35 p.m. by Alan Kneifl and seconded by Dave Harding to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. MCU. Motion was made by Mike Paden and seconded by Alan Kneifl to return to Regular Session at 9:10 p.m. MCU.
- C. The list of graduates for 2006 was presented and reviewed. Motion was made by Dana Rosener and seconded by Dave Harding to approve the list. MCU.
- D. Building Improvement report/recommendations-from the Building Committee. Three proposals were talked about for Building Improvements. At this point the board asked that bids be taken by several contractors and that a structural engineer be consulted before moving forward on the project.
- E. District/Building Goal setting, the board members decided to plan a retreat to discuss the future plans for the district and building. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. to set goals for the next 3-5 years.
- F. Schedule May board meeting-change noted (May 11th).

Under Board Reports: On April 29th the board will receive the plans made by Country Nursery for landscape improvements. Also discussed were closed campus and student activity, gym floor, 2005 yearbooks, and school van maintenance. The board wanted to congratulate the students that participated in the Class D All State Band in Kearney.

Under Administrators' Report: A card received from Coleridge was presented, thanking the board for the flowers that were sent congratulating the band on their upcoming trip to Washington, D.C. Technology money for 06-07 school year was discussed, and teacher appreciation week.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mike Paden, seconded by Alan Kneifl to adjourn at 10:14 p.m. MCU.

APPROVE: _____

ATTEST: _____