

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Newark Community High School District #18 Board of Education was called to order by President Jacobs at 6:30 p.m. in the LRC at Newark Community High School. Superintendent /Principal Ulrich was present.

Roll call was taken, showing the following Board Members present: Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, Jacobs, Smith, Steffen, Thompson.

**Welcome guests and visitors:** Holly Larson, Megan Lenert, Garrett Snyder, Chris Clampitt

**Public Comment:** None

**Teacher/Staff Comment:** Mrs. Larson shared with the Board that her English class is reading Julius Caesar. Mrs. Lenert said her Spanish 3 class is reading Don Quijote, and they are acting out the book. As for all her other classes, they are enjoying Music Madness.

**Communications:** We received a card in the mail from a Somonauk parent letting us know that her family was judging the popcorn at the concession for all of the conference games, and our school was chosen as the best!!!

### **Consent Agenda Item:**

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Carlson to approve the Consent Agenda items: (a) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2025 (b) approve the Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2025 (c) Financial Report-Fund Balances as of February 28, 2025, (d) approval of Bills and Requisitions.

Voting Aye: Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent Fletcher

The board went over the financial reports as of March 20, 2025:

February 2025, Treasurer's Financial Report of operational account balances:

- Education Fund: \$177,838.04
- Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$ 163,795.65
- Transportation Fund: \$121,106.61
- IMRF/SOC Fund: \$42,320.12
- Working Cash Fund: \$4,097.68
- Tort Fund: \$3,249.89
- Health/Life Safety Fund: \$46,232.31

February 28, 2025 Total Funds Balance: \$558,640.30

- February 2025 payrolls in the amount of \$132,877.61

And Financial Reports March 2025 list of bills amounting to:

- Education Fund: \$21,270.17
- Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$12,387.00
- Transportation Fund: \$6,526.98

March Board bills subtotal: \$40,184.15

Extra bills for March:

Education Fund: \$1,176.49

Extra bills subtotal: \$1,176.49

## **Board Business:**

### **Renewal of IHSA Membership**

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Thompson to approve the IHSA membership for the 2025-2026 school year.

Voting Aye: Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

### **ISBE District Consolidated Plan**

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Smith to approve the ISBE Consolidated District Plan for the 2025-2026 school year.

Voting Aye: Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

### **Math Curriculum**

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Steffen to approve the proposed textbooks and related materials to be placed on 30 day public display.

Voting Aye: Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

## Overnight Field Trip

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Thompson to approve the FFA overnight field trip on March 21, 2025, to Decatur.

Voting Aye: Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Mr. Ulrich shared with the Board the first reading of the 2026-2027 school calendar.

Mr. Ulrich attended the Little 10 Conference Meeting

Mr. Ulrich updated the Board on the FACS and Biology classroom renovations.

## Principal's Report:

- Mrs. McAnally, Mrs. Ahearn, and I have begun looking at class sections for next year. We are on track with creating the master schedule.
- Top 10 banquet is April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Completed all non-tenured evaluations this year. Mrs. Reardon has completed her 4<sup>th</sup> year and tenure this year.
- Curriculum Committee meeting focused on the Math curriculum. Mr. Akre and Mrs. Eltrevoog presented the new materials.
- FFA banquet was last week, as you know, Joe Steffen will be retiring next year. I have begun speaking with Joe about the process for searching for his replacement.
- Spring play is in full swing and performances will be April 24, 25, and 26.

**Public Comment:** Chris Clampitt has concerns regarding Federal Funding for the school.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Steffen to go into closed session at 7:08 p.m. to (a) review the closed session minutes from February 20, 2025 (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)). (b) Discuss School Personnel matters (as per the Illinois Open Meetings, Act, “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of Newark Community High School (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)). (c) Discuss Student Discipline.

(As per the Illinois Open Meeting Act, “the discussion of student discipline” (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (9), (d) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)). (e) Discuss the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined by the Open Meetings Act, including the vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3))

Voting Aye: Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

The regular board meeting reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

Roll call was taken, showing the following Board members in attendance: Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, and Jacobs

#### **Action taken as a Result of Closed Session:**

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Thompson to approve the closed session Board minutes of February 20, 2025.

Voting Aye: Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Fletcher to approve the hiring of Wesley Miller as Assistant Principal/Athletic Director with a one-year contract for a salary of \$90,000.

Voting Aye: Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

During Closed Session, the Board discussed the Custodian Position.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Fletcher to accept Carly Wade's resignation effective immediately.

Voting Aye: Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Carlson to approve the hiring of Lysa Begovac as Custodian at \$18.50 per hour.

Voting Aye: Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Bromeland to approve Aaron Stuber as a Substitute Bus Driver.

Voting Aye: Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

### **Upcoming Action items, Activities, and Events;**

- a. Next Board Meeting April 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Schedule a Finance Meeting

### **Other Matters of Discussion:**

The Board discussed reviewing Mr. Ulrich's evaluation over the summer, IASB summer retreat, Month to Month goals, and the Statement of Interest. They also talked about the scoreboard and the shot clock.

A Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Voice Vote: 7 Ayes

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

  
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Ryan Jacobs, President

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Jean Fletcher, Secretary

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