

February 2025 Board Notes

Consent Agenda Items:

Resignations:

Sara Brincks- Elementary Para

Karen McGrath- HS Secretary at the end of the year

Newelle Dalton- 1st grade

New Hires:

Kayla Holschlag- HS Math

Gannon Shekleton- JJV Baseball Coach

Transfers:

Diane Ollendieck to 1st from Kindergarten

Raquel Bohr to 1st from 4 Year Old Preschool

Volunteers:

Kayla Burke- Girls Track and Field

Jason Meyerhoff- Soccer

Dave Coltrain- Soccer

- 8a. Sep 15, 2008 Board Resolution-
Current policy:

Senior Citizens Pass-

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Potential policy:
Senior Citizens Pass-

The District will issue a lifetime pass to anyone who lives in the district or had children graduate from New Hampton High School that has reached the age of sixty (60). This pass is only valid for home events and will not cover prepaid events, such as musicals and special events. The pass will not be valid for state events. The back of the pass will list the events that are covered.

- 8b. Next year's calendar is just as challenging as last year with the first day of school to begin on August 25th with current laws. There are potential bills that could move that start date to as early as August 18th. That would give us more flexibility to meet our end goal of the last day of school before Memorial Day allowing graduation to remain the same weekend. Next steps will be to share with staff and ask for input with hopes of having a final draft in April.

- 9a. We would recommend the approval of Oratory out of state funding to Kansas City in April and Washington DC in May. Last year the we approved this and granted \$1000 toward this trip from the school with the remaining funds raised by the Middle School Students.
- 9b. We would recommend approving the out of state travel to Marengo, Ohio in July for the National Trap Shooting meet as we have done in the past.
- 9e. We would recommend approval of the SkillsUSA students to do an Open Shop Night to raise money for SkillsUSA competitions. This will also bring community awareness of our program. Releases would be signed by participants to cover liability.
- 9f. We would recommend the approval of the 3 year contract with Stalker Floors to refinish all of our gym floors with the 2 coat option this summer with the intention of using a water-based finish in the elementary to allow for minimal shutdown of the daycare over the summer. The Elementary gym floor is in the toughest shape and may require deeper sanding, but that will not be known until they arrive.
- 9g. We would recommend the approval to allow Northwestern College students into our building for field experience placements. Our partnering with colleges allows us to help train the next generation of educators and showcase our district to help recruit in the future.
- 9h. We would recommend the 3 year approval to allow University of Northern Iowa students into our building for field experience placements. Our partnering with colleges allows us to help train the next generation of educators and showcase our district to help recruit in the future.
- 9i. With our growing enrollment in the elementary, we need to adjust staffing appropriately. We recommend keeping all of the sections the same this year except reducing 3rd grade to 3 sections and increase 4th grade to 4 sections. We will have more information next month about enrollment in preschool, but are confident the numbers will warrant keeping the sections the same number at this time. This will allow us to advertise for the sections we need and move current staff accordingly.
- 9j. We will share the latest update of the TRPA Apprenticeship. We have completed the application and need final board approval to sign the completed Registered Apprentice form in Appendix D.
- 9k. Best practice to pass this resolution to participate in the budget guarantee for the next school year. This is all local property tax, but it helps cushion our

budget when we are experiencing declining enrollment. This allows us to have at least 101% of this year's budget available for next year. We recommend adopting the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of New Hampton Community School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.

- 9l. We recommend continued participation in the Instructional Support Program and scheduling a Public Hearing at our next board meeting. This is part of the funding formula that gives districts the extra 10% of the per pupil funding generated by the formula. This is generated through property taxes and is currently in place. This is required every 5 years and ours is due to be renewed next school year.
- 9n. The District Budget is due to the Auditor by March 5th. We will publish our tax rate and then hold a public hearing. Our budget is set based on student enrollment. Our management levy will also need to be increased slightly due to insurance increases. We also will need to utilize the tax reserve levy this year due to our special education deficit. Mostly, we saw an increase in enrollment, so our tax rate will increase this year. After we publish our maximum budget, the board will have further input in what the final tax rate will be after the second hearing.