

Board Proceedings

The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, February 11, 2013 in the High School Media Center. President Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with directors Rosonke, Denner, Baltes, Ewert, Superintendent Jurrens, and Board Secretary Ayers present.

Director Rosonke moved to approve the agenda. Director Ewert seconded the motion. Ayes: Baltes, Denner, Ewert, Rosonke, and Rasmussen. Nays: none.

Director Rosonke moved to approve the consent agenda items: the minutes of the January 14, 2013 regular session, January 14, 2013 special session, January 28, 2013 Special Session and the February 5, 2013 special session. Approve the January 2013 monthly financial report and the February 2013 bill listing. Approve the resignations of Jason Mott (High School Band Teacher), Angela Staron (Middle School Band Teacher), Kenneth Hanson (Spanish Teacher), Timm Pint (Baseball Coach), Eugene Morgan (Cross Country), Norah Kennedy (Para-Educator), and the transfer of Kristin Reicks to a four hour cook position, and appoint James Kean as Custodian / Bus Driver. Director Baltes seconded the motion. Ayes: Ewert, Denner, Rosonke, Baltes and Rasmussen. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the second reading board policies 502 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 502.1 (Student Appearance), 502.2 (Care of School Property/Vandalism), 502.3 (Use of Bicycles), 502.4, (Use of Motor Vehicles), 502.5 (Freedom of Expression), 502.6 (Student Complaints and Grievances), 502.7 (Student Lockers), 502.8 (Weapons), 502.9 (Smoking - Drinking - Drugs), 502.10 (Search and Seizure), 502.10E1 (Search and Seizure Checklist), 502.10R1 (Search and Seizure Regulation), 502.11 (Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies), 503 (Student Discipline), 503.1 (Student Conduct), 503.1R1 (Student Suspension), 503.2 (Expulsion), and 501.10 (Truancy - Unexcused Absences). Director Baltes seconded the motion. Ayes: Rosonke, Ewert, Baltes, Denner, and Rasmussen. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the first reading board policies 503.3 (Fines - Fees - Charges), 503.3E1 (Standard Fee Waiver Application), 503.3R1 (Student Fee Waiver and Reduction Procedures), 503.4 (Good Conduct Rule), 503.5 (Corporal Punishment), 504 (Student Activities), 504.1 (Student Government), 504.2 (Student Organizations), 504.3 (Student Publications), 504.3R1 (Student Publications Code), 504.4 (Student Social Events), 504.5 (Student Performances), 504.6 (Student Fund Raising), 504.7 (Student Activity Program), 505 (Student Scholastic Achievement), 505.1 (Assignment of Courses), 505.2 (Student Progress Reports and Conferences), and 505.3 (Student Promotion - Retention - Acceleration). Director Rosonke seconded the motion. Ayes: Ewert, Baltes, Rosonke, Denner, and Rasmussen. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurrens reported that thirty two students are in Individual Speech this year and working with that many students productively is difficult with one coach. Coach Perkins has requested an assistant and this does fit the thirty participant guideline we have previously used with cheerleading and large group speech. Superintendent Jurrens recommends the Board approve an assistant. Director Denner moved to appoint a second speech coach. Director Rosonke seconded the motion. Ayes: Ewert, Baltes, Rosonke, Denner, and Rasmussen.

Superintendent Jurrens recommended Sandra Russ for the assistant speech coach position. Director Baltes moved to appoint Sandra Russ as the assistant speech coach. Director Ewert seconded the motion. Ayes: Rosonke, Denner, Ewert, Baltes, and Rasmussen. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurrens recommends the board approve Sadie Pietan and JJ Jerdee to graduate from the Education Options Program as they have completed all requirements. Director Denner moved to approve Sadie Pietan and JJ Jerdee for graduation. Director Baltes seconded the motion. Ayes: Ewert, Rosonke, Baltes, Denner, and Rasmussen.

Superintendent Jurrens reported to the board that is time to make a decision on the construction projects at the high school and middle school. We have had an architect put together preliminary drawings for remodeling the bathrooms on the west end of the middle school gym downtown and adding office area to the front of the high school. The intent was to start these projects summer of 2013. The two projects will cost \$800,000 to \$900,000. The District was planning to use sales tax money to fund the two projects. Jurrens reported, as we move ahead with our facilities committee and working on our facilities plan, it may be prudent to put off any construction until we know what our future plans are. Jurrens suggested the board table these additions at this time. After discussion Director Denner moved to table the projects. Director Baltes seconded the motion. Ayes: Ewert, Rosonke, Baltes, Denner, and Rasmussen. Nays: None.

The School Administrators of Iowa is asking each school district in Iowa to pass a resolution asking the legislature for 4% allowable growth. This is a symbolic gesture, but the hope is if all boards pass the resolution, it will have some impact on our legislators. Currently the Democrat controlled senate has passed 4% with the Republican controlled house and Governor being against this until the education reform act is voted on. Jurrens recommended the board to pass the resolution. Director Denner moved to approve the following resolution:

School Funding Resolution February 2013

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

Over recent years, the failure of the Legislature to provide sufficient and increased annual funding to Iowa's school districts has a cumulative effect and significantly threatens the ability of Iowa schools to meet the current needs and demands of improved student achievement.

Be it further resolved:

To ensure appropriate annual educational funding and fiscal solvency the New Hampton Community School District Board of Education resolves that to prepare for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 years, the legislature should, as statute dictates, approve allowable growth in the first thirty days of the 2013 Legislative Session.

Therefore; the New Hampton Community School District Board of Education requests that the Iowa Legislature set a 4% allowable growth rate for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years prior to consideration of educational reform measures. This request is based on:

Recent years allowable growth has not kept pace with the educational needs of the district to support student learning. Iowa wants - and needs - to be a world leader, which will require a stronger educational program and funding to support that program. Iowa is failing to annually invest sufficient resources into this system.

If education is truly the state's priority, then allowable growth funding should be prioritized and passed in compliance with Iowa law – within 30 days of the presentation of the governor's budget.

The allowable growth figure has a direct impact on the number of districts on the "budget guarantee." Adequate allowable growth of 4% reduces the number of districts on the guarantee from 223 to 62. Consequently, the additional statewide property tax asking for the budget guarantee could be reduced from \$33,637,871 to \$3,982,365.

Improving student achievement is not just about changing policy. It is about providing the necessary resources to strengthen our educational system. Recent across-the-board cuts, low-to-no allowable growth rates and an increase in expectations have left school districts with little capacity to fund programs.

Budgets must be passed and certified by April 15; collective bargaining agreements have to be approved; curriculum needs to be purchased; and staffing decisions need to be made. Districts must have funding information in order to plan for next school year.

There are funds available to support 4% allowable growth. As of February 4, budget experts project the state treasury will end fiscal year 2013 with an \$822 million surplus after cash reserves and emergency accounts are full. That ending balance will likely grow because it is based on a 3.3% growth projection, which is now projected to be at least 4%.

Therefore;

With 4% allowable growth established for 2013-14 and 2014-15, we believe the funding would support the Educational Reform Proposal. We support:

Opportunities for teacher instructional leadership with full funding provided and prescription for implementation determined at the local level for flexibility in staffing.

A reconciliation of the Legislative Services Agency estimate versus the Department of Education funding estimate. There must be a clear understanding of the cost to districts and appropriate funding provided to support these costs.

Funding established to ensure the sustainability of the Education Reform Proposal.

Continued review and improvement of the current teacher evaluation system based on the Iowa Teaching Standards to include measures of student achievement.

This positive move in Educational Reform that must include the development of a world-class curriculum with scope and sequence alignment to the statewide assessment.

This resolution is approved by the New Hampton Community School District Board of Education in support of providing adequate current funding for Iowa schools requests 4% allowable growth is approved by the Iowa Legislature for 2013-14 and 2014-15 and conceptual implications of the Education Reform Proposal.

Director Rosonke seconded the motion. Ayes: Ewert, Baltes, Rosonke, Denner, and Rasmussen. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurrens presented information on refinancing the District's Revenue bonds that were used to finance the air conditioning and energy savings initiatives that were completed a few years ago. The District currently have approximately 3 million in bonds and it looks like we can cut our interest rate in half or possibly more if we refinance in July 2013. Jurrens asked the Board to approve the process to investigate the savings that could be realized if the bonds were refinanced. Director Rosonke moved to proceed with the refinancing of the Revenue Bonds. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Ewert, Baltes, Denner, Rosonke, and Rasmussen. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurrens presented a contract with Walsworth Yearbook Company. Currently, we use Jostens and they have been very good but rather expensive. Jurrens recommends that we contract with Walsworth for the FY 2014 year book for the High School. Director Denner moved to contract with Walsworth Yearbook Company for the FY 2014 High School year book. Director Rosonke seconded the motion. Ayes: Ewert, Baltes, Rosonke, Denner, and Rasmussen. Nays: none.

Director Ewert moved to approve a contract for clinical experiences with Allen College. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Rosonke, Baltes, Denner, Ewert, and Rasmussen. Nays: none.

The Board will schedule a work session for Monday, February 25, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

The next regularly scheduled school board meeting will be March 11, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Director Denner moved to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Director Ewert seconded the motion. Ayes: Rosonke, Baltes, Ewert, Denner, and Rasmussen. Nays: none.

**Monthly Bills
February 2013
General Fund (10)**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Advanced Systems	462.55	MARCO	391.23
All Partitions and Parts	47.30	MARCO	83.51
Amazon	387.51	Martin Bros. Distributing	55.40
Amazon	3,346.24	MB Asbestos Consulting	850.00
Apple Computer Inc.	4,108.98	McGraw Hill Companies	415.94
Apple Computer Inc.	1,549.00	Menards	44.91
Apple Computer Inc.	1,500.00	Mercy Medical Center	128.00
Black Hills Energy	72.74	Mercy Medical Center	28.00
Black Hills Energy	5,591.02	Mick Gage Plumbing	1,872.32
C. H. McGuinness Company	355.74	Mid-American Research Chemical	359.94
Casey's General Store	72.48	Midwest Group Benefits, Inc.	433.50
Chickasaw Chassis	210.00	Midwest Technology Products	218.68
Chickasaw Wellness Complex	500.00	MNJ Technologies Direct, INC.	2,062.67
City of New Hampton	8,659.52	Mohawk Electric	75.00
Decorah Community School District	15,660.00	New Hampton Electric	1,255.89
Decorah Mobile Glass, Inc.	60.00	New Hampton Tribune	205.73
Department of Education	40.95	Northeast Iowa Comm. College	1,012.50
Dept. of Administrative Services	250.00	Office World	1,504.00
Digital River Education Services	945.80	Office World	198.00
Dollar General Charged Sales	75.40	Office World	519.50
Expert's Edge, LLC	2,195.00	Phillips Refrigeration	56.46
Fareway	68.38	Pitney Bowes	238.82
Fax Gilbert Programs, Inc.	250.00	Rasing, Ken	78.00
Five Star Cooperative	516.16	Ricoh USA, INC	126.24
Follett Library Resources	379.59	Ricoh USA, INC	353.51
Follett Library Resources	506.32	Rieman Music	279.20
Follett Software Company	308.70	Riley's Inc.	918.95
Geerts Plumbing & Heating	15.88	Russ, James	7.39
Gumdrop	360.91	Sauser, Tom	10.14
Haan Crafts, LLC	246.20	Schueth Ace Hardware	345.09
Hawkeye Alarm & Signal Co	300.00	Seabury & Smith	1,126.83
Herff Jones, Inc.	876.56	Seery Telecommunications	472.00
Interstate All Battery Center	146.85	Smith Snow Removal	3,239.50
Iowa Assoc. of School Boards	1,295.00	Superior Lumber, Inc.	149.48
Iowa Communications Network	845.19	Swisher & Cohrt, P.L.C.	372.35
Iowa Department of Human Services	2,191.41	Timberline Billing Service LLC	258.50

Iowa Department of Human Services	3,863.16
Jendro Sanitation Services Inc	763.00
Jimenez, Gustavo	10.00
John Deere Financial	2.99
K & W Motors	529.78
Kepharts Music Center	534.65
Klunder's Kafe	20.97
Kwik Star	8,483.07
L & R Manufacturing, LLC	20.41
LS Supply & Rental	10.08

United States Cellular	72.54
Upper Iowa University	198.00
Vern Laures Chev-Buick	51.33
Visa	389.04
Wagoner Bros. Repair	1,686.16
Weber Paper Company	134.10
WEX BANK	152.84
Windstream	723.52

Fund Total: 91,790.20

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Management Fund (22)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Boos & Straw Insurance		374.00

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Capital Projects (33)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Apple Computer Inc.		40,815.00
D. Randall Construction, L.L.C.		7,473.08
Stanton Electric		15,302.91
Weikert Service Center/RW Sound		16,863.45

Fund Total 80,454.44

Attest: March 11, 2013



Tom Rasmussen
Board President



Bob Ayers
Board Secretary