

Board Proceedings

The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, April 20, 2020 in the High School Media Center. President Rosonke called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with directors Schwickerath, Superintendent Jurrens and Acting Board Secretary Roethler present. Directors Denner, Matthews and Baltes were present electronically through Zoom.

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

Director Schwickerath moved to open the public hearing on the New Hampton Community School District 2020-2021 Start Date and Calendar. Director Matthews seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Baltes, Matthews, Schwickerath, and Rosonke. Nays: none.

Director Baltes moved to approve the consent agenda items, minutes of the March 16, 2020 regular session and the March 24, 2020 special meeting. Approve the March monthly financial report and the April 2020 bill listing. Accept the resignation of Shelby Egemo (Teacher), Ashley Shipp (Teacher), Bill Glenn pending finding a suitable replacement (Middle School Wrestling Coach). Appoint Jack Seelhammer and Megan Boeding (volunteer softball coach). Director Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Denner, Baltes, Matthews, and Rosonke. Nays: None.

Director Denner moved to approve the second reading revised Board Policies 905.3R1 (Community use of School District Facilities & Equipment Regulation) and 905.4 (Tobacco & Inhalant-Free Environment). Director Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Baltes, Matthews, Schwickerath, and Rosonke. Nays: none.

The board reviewed the pay applications of contractors for the school construction project. Director Denner moved to approve the final pay applications from Anderson-Ladd (\$6,815.95) and Baldwin's Flooring America (\$9,498.40) Director Matthews seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Matthews, Baltes, Denner, and Rosonke. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurrens presented the one-year contract extension with the New Hampton Education Association Support Group. Director Schwickerath moved to approve the one-year contract extension. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Matthews, Baltes, Denner, and Rosonke. Nays: none.

Superintendent made a recommendation to bring Lisa Roberson on fulltime for the 2020-2021 school year due to the growing ELL population. Director Baltes moved to approve the recommendation and Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Matthews, Baltes, Denner, and Rosonke. Nays: none.

Jurrens gave an update on the wrestling room project and bid information. Director Denner moved to accept the bids from Personified, Inc., in the amount of \$8,740.00 (insulation replacement), Babcock Services for \$9,629.40 (coaches office/subfloor) Advanced Environmental for \$3,885 (asbestos removal) and Larson Painting for \$5,200.00 (painting). Director Baltes seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Matthews, Baltes, Denner, and Rosonke. Nays: none.

Jurrens presented information on concrete bids for sidewalk work in front of the Middle School and High School along with a bike rack pad. Director Baltes moved to accept bid #1 and #3 from Babcock Services for \$6,725.00 (Bid 1) and \$864.00 (Bid 2). Ayes: Schwickerath, Matthews, Baltes, Denner, and Rosonke. Nays: none.

Director Schwickerath moved to close the public hearing of the 2020-2021 School Calendar. Director Matthews seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Matthews, Baltes, Denner, and Rosonke. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar going with hours. Director Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Matthews, Baltes, Denner, and Rosonke. Nays: none.

Director Schwickerath moved to approve the Iowa Association of School Board Membership for the 2020-2021 school year. Director Baltes seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Matthews, Baltes, Denner, and Rosonke. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the 2020 Graduating Class. Director Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Matthews, Baltes, Denner, and Rosonke. Nays: none.

Director Matthews moved to continue sharing wrestling with Turkey Valley. Director Baltes seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Schwickerath, Baltes, Matthews, and Rosonke. Nays: none.

Superintendent presented the Audit firm information we received back. There were four bids sent out and we received one back. Director Schwickerath moved to approve Notle, Cornman & Johnson P.C. for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 audits. Director Baltes seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Matthews, Baltes, Denner, and Rosonke. Nays: none.

Superintendent presented an update on Covid-19 and the extending of the Resolution of Covid-19. Director Baltes moved to approve the extension of Covid-19 Resolution. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Matthews, Baltes, Denner, and Rosonke. Nays: none.

Resolution – Pandemic Response and Emergency

Suspension of Policy

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Ch. 279.8 authorizes local school boards to govern their respective districts, including adopting policies for their own governance; and

WHEREAS the Board may, by formal, action suspend or rescind board policy as deemed necessary, appropriate or in the best interests of the District; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national state of emergency and on March 15, 2020 Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds recommended closure of all public and private K-12 schools in Iowa until April 13, 2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds declared a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency under the authority granted through Iowa Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 1, 8 and Iowa Code §§ 29C.6(1), 135.140(6), and 135.144 and directed implementation of the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Iowa Emergency Response Plan in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, most hourly non-exempt employees will be unable to report to work due to the District's closure and certified contract employees may be asked to work at remote locations to help provide continuity in educational services; and

WHEREAS, it fulfills a public purpose to continue to pay District hourly and classified nonexempt employees during this closure to prevent or contain the spread of COVID-19, to promote morale and to help retain current employees following the closure; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Iowa Legislature passed and the Governor signed SF 2408 granting waiver of the instructional time requirements in Iowa Code Ch. 279.10 for all public school districts closing before April 12, 2020 in order to prevent or contain the spread of COVID-19; and granting Governor Reynolds the ability to waive instructional time requirements for any public school district which closes on or after April 12, 2020 to prevent or contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020 Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds recommended extended closure of all public and private K-12 schools in Iowa until April 30, 2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Education, which has the authority to establish and interpret graduation requirements, and to oversee other crucial aspects of public education is providing written guidance to Iowa school districts on issues related to COVID -19, including but not limited to student attendance, distance/online learning, high school credit, meal distribution, and other issues; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Education issued COVID-19 Guidance: Provision of Continuous Learning. This guidance allows school districts to provide either voluntary educational enrichment opportunities to students or required educational services. Voluntary educational enrichment opportunities include educational opportunities provided to students where participation by students is not required and will not be graded other than voluntary completion of concurrent enrollment courses and credit recovery. Required educational services include educational services provided to students who are required to participate. Student work may be graded and credit may be awarded. Equity must be provided for and AEA services resume, to the extent possible, for required educational services. Competencies attained through either voluntary or required educational services may be considered; if done on a

voluntary basis they may only be considered after school returns to session.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Hampton Community School Board hereby suspends provisions of its board policies and/or whole policies, as identified by the District Superintendent or designee, if such suspension is necessary to implement written guidance from state or federal agencies relating to containing COVID-19 for the duration identified in the Governor's State of Public Health Emergency declaration of March 17, 2020, or as otherwise determined by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Superintendent will consult with and report to the Board as feasible and appropriate regarding the emergency closure and efforts to implement written guidance from health and government agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Superintendent is authorized to close any school facility without further action by the Board of Directors. Such closure shall continue during the emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic until such time as the Superintendent, in consultation with appropriate health and government authorities, deems it in the best interests of the District and its students to open schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Superintendent is authorized, based upon the needs of the District and guidance from health and government agencies, to direct staff assignments during District closures, including but not limited to essential employees who must report to work, employees who may be reassigned, and employees whose services are not needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that access to public school grounds and public school buildings of the District may be limited as directed by the Superintendent during District closures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified, exempt employees will remain employed during the school closure and until the number of days expressed on the contract have been fulfilled, unless otherwise approved by the Board. Days that contracted employees do not report for duty either onsite if deemed an essential employee; or from a remote location for all other employees due to closure, do not constitute a fulfilled contract day except to the extent those days are forgiven by the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in light of this District-wide emergency closure, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to place hourly and classified non-exempt employees on paid administrative leave and/or discretionary on-call duties as needed and to continue to pay them for up to four weeks during the period of school closure, and the Board shall reevaluate this authority for any school closure lasting longer than four weeks. until the number of days expressed in the contract have been fulfilled during the period of school closure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District has elected to provide voluntary educational enrichment opportunities to students in the district during the period of school closures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the interest of public health and/or to comply with federal or state health department recommendations or guidance, the Board may limit the number of people who can physically attend Board meetings and may, instead, encourages the public to attend or listen to its open public meetings via telephone or live streaming on the internet and the Board may also limit public comment to written comments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board reserves the right to adjust board meeting dates, times, and locations during the district-wide emergency closure in a manner consistent with the Open Meetings law, and notes that any or all board members may attend board meetings electronically as permitted by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein. The Board warrants that it has, and at the time of this action had, full power and lawful authority to adopt this instrument. This resolution will remain in full force and effect until it is rescinded or amended by subsequent action of the Board.

Adopted and approved this 20th day of April.

By: Joseph Rosonke

Board President or Designee

Attest: Christy Roethler

Acting Board Secretary

Superintendent Jurens recommend the termination of contract for Janet Pridgeon for the 2020-2021 school year. Director Baltes moved to approve the contract termination. Director Schwickerath seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Matthews – yes, Baltes – yes, Denner – yes, Schwickerath- yes and Rosonke – yes.

The next regular board meeting will be May 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Director Baltes moved to adjourn at 7:24 pm. Director Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Denner, Baltes, Matthews, and Rosonke. Nays: none.

**Monthly Bills
April, 2020
General Fund (10)**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ag Vantage FS	1,401.70	K & W Motors	1,241.74
Amazon	3,377.47	Kwik Star	514.83
APL Associates	5,100.00	Madison National Life Insurance	1,438.39
Apple Computer Inc.	1,199.00	MARCO	228.05
Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling	288.64	Martin Bros. Distributing	34.21
Black Hills Energy	6,518.54	Medical Enterprises Inc.	815.00
Bodensteiner Implement Company	11,303.17	Mercy Medical Center-New Hampt	177.00
Bowlaway Lanes	150.00	Mick Gage Plumbing	344.53
Capital One Bank	2,365.00	Midwest Alarm Services	436.50
CARQUEST OF NEW HAMPTON	18.10	Nasco	449.50
Casey's Business Account	203.33	Nashua-Plainfield Comm School	21,187.50
Chickasaw Chassis	25.00	New Hampton Tribune	684.96
Chickasaw Wellness Complex	500.00	Northern Cedar Service	1,402.75
City Laundering Co.	1,186.68	Office World	4,180.22
City of New Hampton	8,652.81	Pitney Bowes Reserve Account	5,000.00
Crystal Ball Roller Rink	272.00	Principal Life Insurance Company	665.83
Decorah Mobile Glass, Inc.	201.44	Rieman Music, Inc	20.00
Fareway	309.67	Sandy's Sign Shop	335.00
Five Star Cooperative	2,173.55	School Health Corporation	80.65
FM Controls, Inc.	3,380.00	Schueth Ace Hardware	1,774.10
Follett School Solutions, Inc	128.36	Sherwin-Williams Co.	487.84
Geerts Plumbing & Heating	521.40	State Chemical Solutions	250.00
Grainger	47.63	Superior Lumber, Inc.	90.34
Huinker, Bob	75.00	Swisher & Cohrt, P.L.C.	192.50
Instrumentalist Awards	119.00	Thronson, Stefanie	1,565.00
Iowa Assoc. of School Business Officials	(303.00)	Timberline Billing Service LLC	625.04
Iowa Communications Network	641.00	United Parcel Service	26.82
Iowa Department of Human Services	4,953.19	Vern Laures Chev-Buick	100.29
Iowa Department of Transportation	48.96	W, The	200.00
J.W. Pepper & Son Inc.	6.00	Wagoner Bros. Repair	4,868.62
Jendro Sanitation Services Inc	1,015.00	WEX BANK	165.98
John Deere Financial	594.35	Windstream	2,087.16

Fund Total: 108,143.34

Management
EMC Insurance Companies

(22)
477.85

Capital Projects

(33)

	477.85		
Fund Total:		Fund Total:	-
GO Bonds	(31)	PPEL	(36)
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.	729.00	Marco, Inc.	1,868.61
Baldwin Carpet, Inc.	9,498.40		
Cresco Building Service, Inc.	6,900.00		
Haldeman-Homme / Anderson Ladd	6,815.95		
Mick Gage Plumbing	26,000.00		
		Fund Total:	1,868.61
Schammel Electric, INC	13,857.00		
		Fund Total:	63,800.35

Attest: April 20, 2020

Joe Rosonke
Board President

Christy Roethler
Acting Board Secretary