

Board Proceedings

The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in a work session, Monday, October 19, 2016 in the Superintendent's office. President Rosonke called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with directors Baltes, Denner, Matthews, Schwickerath, Student Representative Holthaus, Superintendent Jurrens, and Board Secretary Ayers present.

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

Members of the board requested some board learning time. Members believe that board learning is important for them to make informed decisions for the school district. They discussed the merits of having work sessions versus doing the learning during a regular board meeting. Some believed that doing so in a board meeting would help the school board audience to understand how the board needs to make informed decision and why certain protocols are followed. The board requested Superintendent Jurrens to schedule board learning time early in the agenda. The first learning session will be Monday, October 17, 2016 entitled "Whose Job is it? Part I."

Superintendent Jurrens reviewed the board goals for student achievement and the scores of the students from school year FY 16. Student Representative Holthaus expressed his views on why the reading scores improved. He talked about the culture of the high school as being different this year compared to last year. In his opinion the student and staff seem happier this year over last year and it is okay to be successful. Holthaus is involved in the Iowa Big program and believes that it is giving students the opportunity to learn in a different setting.

The Board discussed the new building. Superintendent Jurrens was expecting to have revised plans for the building but did not receive them. Jurrens presented the time line for voting on the building. The next Facilities Committee meeting will be Thursday, October 20, 2016 in the high school media center.

Jurrens and board members Denner, Baltes, and Matthews will be attending an Iowa Association of School Boards meeting on October 18, 2016 in Charles City.

Attest: November 21, 2016



Joe Rosonke
Board President



Bob Ayers
Board Secretary