

**NEWPORT CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING**

October 8, 2014

Board Members Present: Corinna Lancaster, Chair, Phil Laramie, Vice Chair, Jessica Ward, Victoria Lantagne, Mary Ellen Prairie

Administration Present: John castle, Superintendent, Judith Boucher, Principal, Melinda Mascolino, Assist. Principal

Guests: Mr. & Mrs. Rick Dunlavey, Taekwondo students and their parents, Carrie Ann Roberge, Mary Bishop

Recorder: Theresa Perrault

I. Call the Meeting to Order-Ms. Lancaster called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda-Ms. Boucher added walk to school; spelling bee and the approval for a bus monitor position.

II. Motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2014 (Attachment A)

Ward/Lantagne **APPROVED**

III. Public Comments, Communication with Parents/Staff /Citizens

Mr. Dunlavey and his students in his Taekwondo Program gave a performance for the board. Mr. Dunlavey expressed interest in using space on the 3rd floor to offer the community a place to join his Taekwondo program. Both Mr. Dunlavey and the board agreed to give this some more thought and not rush into a decision. This will give both sides to think about any questions they may have.

Mary Bishop, NCES art teacher spoke to the board stating she would be retiring at the end of the 2014-15 school year and asked the board to reconsider offering the early retirement package to her. Ms. Lancaster wished her well and thanked her for her dedication. Ms. Lancaster said she appreciated her and would always have fond memories of her as her art teacher. Mr. Castle and Ms. Lancaster both agreed that the discussion on early retirement should be discuss in executive session.

.IV. Financial Reports-The Principal and Bookkeeper recommend:

Motion to approve the September, 2014 Financial Statement.

Ward/Lantagne **APPROVED**

Review and Sign orders- in the amount of \$158,580.06 for the general fund and \$965.92 for food service signed on September 29th. Also to approve additional food service bills in the amount of \$14,347.75 and \$85, 598.33 signed this evening.

V. Committee Reports

VI. Principal's Report-(Attachment C)

Motion to approve the Principal's Report to the Superintendent (Hand Out)

Information:

Resignation-Ms. Boucher told the board that Megan Bernard one of the kitchen cooks gave her resignation and she would need to hire someone to replace her.

Employee Injury-Laurie Craig had surgery on her shoulder and will be out several more weeks.

Vermont Symphony Orchestra Performance-"Harp and Soul" performed for grade 3-6

Fitness Day-30 of our students participated in the fitness day at the high school.

Early Childhood Education Update- working with the SU for possible grants.

Spelling Bee- 5 of our students completed with one student moving on to the next completion on November 1st.

National walk to school day- there were many students, staff and community members who participated in the rain. It was a great turn out everyone enjoyed.

Action:

Request for Building Use-Ms. Gratton our first grade teacher would like to use the gym for a fitness class at 5:30 a.m

Motion to approve the use of the gym to Ms. Gratton.

Ward/Lantagne **APPROVED**

Substitute Bus Drivers-

Hire bus monitor-Ms. Boucher ask for the approval to hire Joyce Stanwood for a bus monitor on Tom's bus. She said we have been tiring to find people for this position and she may need to hire one more in the future.

Motion to approve the hire of a bus monitor.

Prairie/Ward **APPROVED**

VII.Superintendent's Report

VIII.Unfinished /New/Other Business (Program Presentation, when scheduled)

IX.Agenda Items/Date for Next Board Meeting

November 4, 2014, 6:00 p.m., Library

Finance Committee meets at 5:30 p.m.

X.Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session inviting administration for contractual issues.

Ward/Laramie **APPROVED**

XI.Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn with not action taken at 8:30 p.m.

Laramie/Prairie **APPROVED**

Respectfully submitted

Theresa Perrault
Recording Secretary

Meetings:

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	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
NCES Board Meeting	Tuesday	November 4	6:00 p.m.	Library