

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
November 19, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Newark Community High School District #18 Board of Education was called to order by President Jacobs at 6:30 p.m. in the LRC at Newark Community High School. Interim Superintendent Dr. Abrell and Assistant Superintendent /Principal Ulrich were present.

Roll call was taken showing the following Board Members present: Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, Jacobs, Smith, Steffen, Thompson

**Welcome guests and visitors:** Jeanette Buhle, Kurt Buhle, Presley Hauge, Olivia Smith, Nora Berisha, Jenna Partridge, Ellie Reibel, Elena Rueda, Bryce Dickson, Reggie Chapman

**Public Comment:** Kurt Buhle shared concerns regarding the Volleyball program.

**Teacher/Staff Comment:** Mrs. Reardon shared with the Board that her classes are very large this year, but things are going well. Her Pub Pro class is being very creative with the Yearbook this year. Ms. Jasien said Band is going well, and invited the Board to attend the band concert in December. She is excited about taking her band students to Nashville.

**Communications:** Thank you from the McAnally family.

**Consent Agenda Item:**

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Smith to approve the Consent Agenda items: (a)approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2024 (b) approve the Finance Committee Minutes of October 29, 2024 (c) approve the Policy Committee Meeting of September 4, 2024 (c) Financial Report-Fund Balances as of October 31, 2024, (d) approval of Bills and Requisitions.

Voting Aye: Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

The board went over the financial reports as of November 19, 2024:  
October 2024, Treasurer's Financial Report of operational account  
balances:

- Education Fund: \$572,157.21
  - Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$ 116,730.03
  - Transportation Fund: \$72,666.41
  - IMRF/SOC Fund: \$58,964.65
  - Working Cash Fund: \$3,313.15
  - Tort Fund: \$3,640.87
  - Health/Life Safety Fund: \$60,462.78
- October 31, 2024 Total Funds Balance: \$887,935.10

- October 2024 payrolls in the amount of \$144,010.12

And Financial Reports November 2024 List of bills amounting to:

- Education Fund: \$26,799.31
- Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$13,768.41
- Transportation Fund: \$6,268.24
- Tort Fund: \$1,173.00

November Board bills subtotal: \$48,008.96

Extra bills for November:

Education Fund: \$285.79

Extra bills subtotal: \$ 285.79

**Board Business:**

Dr. Abrell spoke on the State Maintenance Grant Application.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Fletcher to approve the State Maintenance Grant Application.

Voting Aye: Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Dr. Abrell presented 2024 Preliminary Tax Levy.

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Thompson to approve the proposed tax levy.

Voting Aye: Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Dr. Abrell shared with the Board the Ten-Year Health/Life Survey Amendment.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Smith to approve the Health/Life Survey Amendment.

Voting Aye: Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Steffen to approve the Boys' Baseball overnight trip to Jacksonville, IL April 4-6, 2025.

Voting Aye: Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, Smith and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Mr. Ulrich updated the Board on the FACS and Biology room renovation.

**Principal's Report:**

- The school was rated commendable this year for the State Report Card.
- Beginning to discuss with the math department on review of textbooks and needed updates.
- Last week at our institute day Nate Akre, Marla Eltrevoog, and Josh Cooper presented to the staff.
- The half-day talk event was Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. This event went well and was attended by 40 students.
- I have continued to attend the IASA rural cohort meetings and had my third meeting last week.
- Tammy and I attended the IHSA town hall meetings last week.
- The little 10 principal and AD meeting took place last week at Somonauk.
- We had two students (who did not play soccer this past year) speak with Tammy about bringing soccer back to NCHS. Tammy is evaluating this, and we will bring a recommendation to the board at a later date.

session at 6:57 p.m. to (a) review the closed session minutes from October 17, 2024 (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)). (b) Discuss School Personnel matters (as per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of Newark Community High School (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)). (c) Discuss Student Discipline. (As per the Illinois Open Meeting Act, “the discussion of student discipline” (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (9)), (d) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)). (e) Discuss the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined by the Open Meetings Act, including the vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3))

Voting Aye: Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, Steffen and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

The regular board meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

Roll call was taken showing the following Board members in attendance:  
Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, and Jacobs

**Action taken as a Result of Closed Session:**

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Smith to approve the closed session Board minutes of October 17, 2024.

Voting Aye: Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

**Upcoming Action items, Activities and Events;**

- a. Next Board Meeting December 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Conference – November 22-24, 2024
- c. Policy Committee Meeting TBD

**Other Matters of Discussion:** Jason Carlson asked about our Athletic Conference.

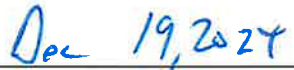
A Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Voice Vote: 7 Ayes

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

  
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Ryan Jacobs, President

  
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Jean Fletcher, Secretary

  
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