

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
December 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 6:38 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: Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Carlson, and Jacobs. Board Member Bormeland was absent.

Welcome guests and visitors: Jeanette Buhle, Tammy Gummerson, and Holly Larson

Public Comment: None

Teacher/Staff Comment: Mrs. Larson shared with the Board that kids are doing well and finals are going great.

Communications: Thank you from the Carlson family.

Amendment of the agenda:

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Thompson to amend the agenda to add an FFA overnight field trip for January 2, 2025, to the Hoover Outdoor Education Center.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent Bromeland

Consent Agenda Item:

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Smith to approve the Consent Agenda items: (a)approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2024 (b) approve the Policy Committee Minutes of December 9, 2024 (c) Financial Report-Fund Balances as of November 30, 2024, (d) approval of Bills and Requisitions.

Voting Aye: Steffen, Thompson, Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, Jacobs
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried
Absent: Bromeland

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

- Education Fund: \$413,874.71
 - Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$ 97,898.37
 - Transportation Fund: \$53,093.89
 - IMRF/SOC Fund: \$48,831.01
 - Working Cash Fund: \$4,068.74
 - Tort Fund: \$3,365.51
 - Health/Life Safety Fund: \$61,218.37
- November 30, 2024 Total Funds Balance: \$682,350.60

- November 2024 payrolls in the amount of \$135,975.92

And Financial Reports December 2024 List of bills amounting to:

- Education Fund: \$67,284.28
- Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$39,086.44
- Transportation Fund: \$5,880.25
- Health/Life Safety Fund: \$5,715.00

December Board bills subtotal: \$117,965.97

Extra bills for December:

Education Fund: \$129.18

Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$187.60

Extra bills subtotal: \$ 316.78

Board Business:

2024 Tax Levy

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Smith to approve the 2024 Tax Levy as presented.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent Bromeland

First reading of policies.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Carlson to approve the first reading of the policies as presented.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent Bromeland

FFA Overnight Field Trip

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Thompson to approve the FFA Overnight Field Trip to Ground Zero Conference in Springfield, IL January 22-23, 2025.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent Bromeland

Dr. Abrell shared with the Board The Resolution of Support of IASA Vision 2030.

Mrs. Gummerson informed the Board on what is happening with the Co-op for our Boys' Soccer and Boys' Golf Athletics.

President Jacobs asked the Board Members their thoughts on the School Board Convention and what they learned.

Principal's Report:

- We honored students for the Student of the Semester at a breakfast on December 6th,
- Senior Seminar was last week and the presentations went well. Thank you to Mr. Foss and Mr. Hall.
- The January institute day will focus on Artificial intelligence. I have secured a speaker through the ROE to discuss AI and its implications on education and teaching.
- The Band Concert was December 9th and went well. Thank you to Ms. Jasien for leading the band.
- Sophomores took a field trip to IVVC to see the programs available to them.
- Sophomore and Junior applications for IVVC were due last week and will have an interview process for the 17 students who applied for IVVC
- ICI applications for the 2024-2025 school year were due last week. We had 6 students apply for ICE for next year.
- Thank you to Ms. Elliott and Mrs. McAnally for the giving tree and support for families in need in the community.
- The Student council did a fundraiser to raise money for the micro pantry that is on site. The student body and staff raised over \$250.00 to continue to stock the micro pantry on site.

Board Member Bromeland arrived at 7:02

FFA Overnight Field Trip

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Carlson to approve the FFA Overnight Field Trip to Hoover Outdoor Education in Yorkville, IL on January 2, 2025.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Thompson to go into closed session at 7:22 p.m. to (a) review the closed session minutes from November 19, 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: Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

The regular board meeting reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

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

Action taken as a Result of Closed Session:

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Steffen to approve the closed session Board minutes of November 19, 2024.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Bromeland to accept Dawn Schultz’s resignation as Transportation coordinator.

Voting Aye: Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, and Jacobs
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Bromeland to Terminate Dawn Schultz's position as a Bus Driver.

Voting Aye: Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, and Jacobs
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Carlson to hire Dr. Lane Abrell to be a consultant at a rate of \$200.00 per month.

Voting Aye: Fletcher, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, and Jacobs
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Fletcher to hire Wendy Ahern as School Counselor, MA+24, Step 13. Start date of January 1, 2025 at a rate of \$334.23 per day.

Voting Aye: Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, and Jacobs
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Smith to hire Tricia Marvin, Transportation Coordinator with a stipend of \$4,124.48 for second semester of 2025 and summer of 2025.

Voting Aye: Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Carlson, Fletcher, Smith, and Jacobs
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried

Upcoming Action items, Activities and Events;

a. Next Board Meeting January 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Other Matters of Discussion: Principal Ulrich discussed the bid opening on January 9, 2025.

A Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Voice Vote: 7 Ayes

Voting Nay: None


Motion carried



Ryan Jacobs, President

1-16-2025

Date



Jean Fletcher, Secretary

1-16-25

Date