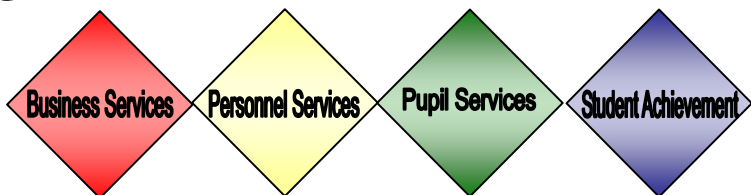




School District of New London



MONTHLY UPDATE

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Retirements Announced

The following is a list of those retiring from the teaching ranks of our district. Their combined efforts account for 448 years of very dedicated service to the school district and virtually thousands of students over those years. We are saddened by their departure but certainly understand that the changing circumstances related to pending legislation have made this personal decision more difficult. We wish them well as they move on to new adventures. They will be recognized at their individual buildings in the weeks ahead.

NAME	YEAR HIRED	YEARS OF SERVICE
Sally McCormick	1964	47
Tom Neumann	1973	38
John Dailey	1974	37
Jim Shea	1975	36
Gerry Bohm	1975	36
Wendy Dallman	1976	35
Mel Sherman	1978	33
Nancy Mattke	1979	32
Deb Slosarek	1979	32
Connie Morton	1986	25
Barbara Nelson	1986	25
Kim Jordan	1989	22
LuAnn Rupnow	1992	19
Bob Unland	1995	16
Pat O'Sullivan	1996	15

Generous Donations

A Kabota tractor was donated to the district to pull people over to the athletic complex at home events. For the past two years, Service Motors of Dale made a tractor available to the school district during the fall season. Recently, the New London Community Recreational Committee teamed with Service Motors to purchase the tractor valued at approximately \$13,000 and donate it to the district. The committee

paid \$11,000 while Service Motors donated the balance.

Neenah Papers also made a donation of paper and paper products to the district. They generously offered the district the opportunity to become one of their benefactors. We anticipated several boxes. Much to our surprise, a truck filled with skid loads of quality products arrived. We divided them up and provided products to every school, the art programs and the graphic arts department at the high school. The items arrived at a time when our materials and supplies have been depleted.

Both donations are greatly appreciated. Many of the paper products and certainly a tractor come at a time when such purchases by the district are becoming increasingly difficult to build into our budget.

Committee Structure and Assignments

Before making committee assignments, we would do well to review the current committees and their purposes going forward. By law we are to identify the CESA rep now, but the remainder of the assignments is not time sensitive. As was mentioned at our last Board meeting, the structure and purpose of the Certified Staff and Support Staff Negotiating Committees may need to change. It was suggested that the negotiation process as it currently exists may look very different into the future. The establishment of an Employee Relations Committee may be an effective way to inform policy decisions related to topics that would become prohibited subjects under the pending collective bargaining legislation.

Last year we established a temporary Buildings & Grounds committee. With the guidance from that committee report, we would like to have the Board consider the establishment of a Special Committee "Facilities and Capital Improvement Committee" which would meet quarterly (August, December, March, June) to focus on three areas of long-term planning: facilities needs; identification and prioritization of capital improvement projects; and energy conservation and green initiatives.