



Newfane Central School District Board of Education

NEWFANE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2020

The June 2, 2020 meeting of the Newfane Board of Education was held in Room 129 at the Early Childhood Center. The meeting was called to order by Board President Schmitt at 7:01 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Casinelli, L. Licht, M. Lingle, E. Oudette, J. Schmitt, M. Stefanoski
- A. Kennedy-7:08 pm
- B. Schuler-remote, others excused

TRUSTEES PRESENT TRUSTEE ARRIVAL ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

President Schmitt requested a moment of silence in recognition of current events in the country.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The District Mission Statement was read by Trustee Licht.

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Casinelli
RESOLVED, that the proposed agenda for June 2, 2020 be approved as amended.

ESTABLISH ORDERS OF THE DAY Approved the agenda

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

There were no remarks at this time.

Public remarks or comments

PRESIDENT REPORT:

REPORTS

President Schmitt requested, after conversation with Sara Dayton from Lumsden & McCormick, that the Audit committee meet with her at 6:30 pm prior to the Reorganizational Meeting.

Noted: the executive order which allows video meetings and executive session expires on June 4, 2020. He would like the public to have access to attend the future meetings remotely by providing those that request a link, the link. This will be posted to the Board of Education page on the website. Mr. Schmitt would like information regarding the cost of school lunches to current date and also noted that the last date for service is June 12, 2020. President Schmitt asked for progress on the singleton contracts, would like to see the opening committee plans and discussed the "grading policy". He feels that the Board of Education should have been aware of the policy prior to the release to the community so that the trustees could answer questions. There was discussion on how the decision was made, who was part of the discussion, is it compliant with SED.

Discussion also took place regarding the waiver of exams option related to special education students.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Baumann mentioned the plans for “parades” for the students, the Senior High had theirs for the seniors, and he has received great feedback.

Discussion was had regarding chrome books and who would be returning them to the district and who would not be.

The Board requested that all events be posted to the website and that the website be updated, Mr. Baumann agreed and will arrange that.

There will be a summer book learning program this summer, all are invited to participate.

The National Honor Society induction was held virtual, nice event.

The cost for the SRO contract was shared.

Superintendent Baumann participated in a conversation with the County Health Department regarding allowable practices during the COVID phase changes. Discussion on possible graduation ceremonies were offered.

The Board of Education asked that the seniors be recognized. The board will provide a copy of the June 17, 2020 Union Sun and Journal to all seniors as Newfane will be featured in that edition of the paper.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No reports at this time.

NEWFANE TEACHER’S ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:

The NTA was represented by C. Hurtgam, the NTA is asking that the Board of Education support the resolution shared by them regarding support for schools in the after math of the COVID pandemic.

The Routine Order of Business was voted on by consensus to be listed separately in the minutes.

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Oudette RESOLVED, that the minutes of the May 5, 2020 and May 19, 2020 meetings of the Board of Education be and are approved.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

ROUTINE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approved meeting minutes
Encl. 2020.06.02.8A

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Oudette RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and file the School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the period of March 2020.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved the school lunch profit and loss statement
Encl. 2020.06.02.8B

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Oudette RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and file the following Warrant Reports for the period ending April 2020.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Accepted and filed the Warrants
Encl. 2020.06.02.8C

The Personnel Order of Business was voted on by consensus to be listed separately in the minutes.

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy RESOLVED, that the appointment of Victor Thibault be amended to include Kathryn Sidoti as a Mentee for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, following the resignation of Vanessa Collura.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education confirm and authorize the recommendation for the following advanced mentors for the 2019-20 school year, as determined by the Building Principal and Superintendent of Schools at \$1,650.00 for a minimum of 90 (ninety) documented hours:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Mentee</u>
Victor Thibault	Art	Vanessa Collura/Kathryn Sidoti
Resolution Carried:	7 YES	0 NO

PERSONNEL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Amended the appointment of an advanced mentor, V. Thibault
Encl. 2020.06.02.9A

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Amanda Townsend, be and is approved to serve an unpaid district administrative internship, effective May 28, 2020 through August 28, 2020 for a total of 300 hours, serving under the direct supervision of Jennifer Bower, Director of Special Education, in affiliation with Niagara University.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved an Administrative Intern, A. Townsend
Encl. 2020.06.02.9B

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Melanie Weber, residing in Bloomfield, New York, be appointed as a School Psychology Intern effective September 2, 2020 through June 20, 2021, placed with Dr. Elizabeth Botzer, to be fully funded through the 611 Grant.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Appointed a paid School Psychology Intern, M. Weber
Encl. 2020.06.02.9C

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following people be and are approved as substitute laborers in the district effective June 3, 2020.

Joshua Bouchard
Zachary Kijanka

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved substitute laborers
Encl. 2020.06.02.9D

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy
RESOLVED, that the following resolution, adopted at the May 19, 2020 Board
of Education meeting be amended to:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint up to ~~seven (7)~~ **nine (9)**
qualified individuals to serve as election inspectors during the district Annual
Budget Vote and Election, at a rate of \$15.00/hour as determined by the
Superintendent and District Clerk, and;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that as permitted by board policy number 5323, meals
and refreshments will be provided to up to nine election inspectors, the
District Clerk, Permanent Chairperson and the Business Administrator, Acting
Clerk, at a cost not to exceed ~~\$120.00~~ **\$147.00**.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Amended a previously
adopted resolution,
election inspectors

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Lingle
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
that the Tax Collector Report and Assessment Changes Report be and is
accepted; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$665,385.40 was returned to the county for
collections with interest penalties.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

**NEW ORDER OF
BUSINESS**
Accepted the tax
collector report
Encl. 2020.06.02.10A

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Lingle
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, that
the following budget transfer(s) be approved:

From budget code	
A2250-490-31 (special ed. boces)	\$28,625.00
To budget code	
A1420-425-10 (legal)	\$28,625.00

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved a budget
transfer
Encl. 2020.06.02.10B

Motion made by Trustee Lingle and seconded: Trustee Kennedy seconded,
but withdrew her second before was considered.

*The resolution did not receive a second, therefore not considered by the
board and the process of considering is ended.*

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
that the Board of Education having had two (2) public hearings in relation to
the Alternative Veteran's Exemption from Real Property Taxation under
Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York adopt
the Alternative Veteran's Tax Exemption allowable in Real Property Tax Law,
Section 458-a(2) a, b, and c to Six Thousand dollars (\$6,000), Ten Thousand
dollars (\$10,000) and Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000), respectively; and
that such exemption should take effect immediately upon its filing with the
Niagara County Real Property Tax Services and shall be applicable to all 2021
assessment roles prepared on or after March 1, 2021.

Resolution not considered

Vote regarding the
Alternative Veterans Tax
Exemption
*The resolution did not
move forward*

**CONCLUDING ORDERS
OF BUSINESS**

There were no remarks or comments at this time.

Public remarks or
comments

This time was used for trustees to share information without action.

Anything for the “good
of the order”

Future presentations are postponed.

Presentations for Next
Meeting

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Casinelli
MOVED, that the Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss
the Superintendent’s evaluation and specific personnel items.

Executive Session

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Meeting recessed at: 8:56 pm reconvened at: 11:02 pm

Motion made by Trustee Casinelli and seconded by Trustee Kennedy
MOVED, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Meeting adjourned at: 11:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Seymour
District Clerk