



**Newfane Central School District
Board of Education**

NEWFANE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 1, 2020

The December 1, 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 7:00 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

A. Casinelli, A. Kennedy, M. Lingle, E. Oudette, J. Schmitt, M. Stefanoski
S. Tomasine
Via Zoom: G. Noon, M. Whyte, H. Staley, L. Leaven, K. Crombie, A. Chaffee,
D. Bedette, D. Hawkins, P. Young, J. Anstett, J. Huntington
B. Hellner

TRUSTEES PRESENT

**ADMINISTRATION and
OTHERS PRESENT**

The District Mission Statement was read by Trustee Lingle

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
and
DISTRICT MISSION
STATEMENT**

Motion made by Trustee Casinelli and seconded by Trustee Kennedy
RESOLVED, that the proposed agenda for December 1, 2020 be approved.
Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

**ESTABLISH ORDERS OF
THE DAY**
Approved the agenda

B. Hellner asked for clarification on: How much money is being transferred for the Capital Project, the Superintendent responded that the Capital Reserve Fund was funded from the unappropriated reserve balance. No transfers now. Mr. Hellner also questioned the flyer information and that it does not have any dollar amounts and made the point that in reality the money from the reserves is tax payer money. Mr. Hellner also questioned the process for people who may wish to receive an absentee ballot. Lastly, he requested information on the recent state audit findings, he was directed to the state website as the corrective action plan is not completed yet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESIDENT REPORT:

President Schmitt informed the board that he created a classroom for working on evaluations. He also asked that masks be worn in the meetings as COVID rates are rising. Everyone agreed.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Baumann shared the Athletic Update prepared by Danielle Hawkins. It outlined the impact that COVID had on the Fall 2020 sports season, everyone worked to ensure safety while adapting to new regulations. It also showcased some of the Captains of the teams and the team achievements. Mrs. Hawkins touched on the upcoming seasons and

thanked everyone for their support and cooperation in helping to make the seasons successful.

Mr. Baumann has been in conversation with Sylvan Learning Center for a possible summer program in district.

D'Youville College has submitted a grant application for a Distance Learning Program in Rural Areas and would like to include Newfane in this program as a Hub. It could potentially provide certificate training for students and community members.

The NTA has moved onto a Stage III grievance position, more information in executive session.

COVID update: There are several students at the Elementary quarantined due to a family members positive test result. The Elementary Teachers are doing a great job keeping the education of students going. At the Middle School a faculty member and student tested positive and a staff member at the High School. The Niagara County Health Department is over whelmed so the schools are taking on contact tracing now when verification is received to stay proactive. The district has the limited lab license pending, once it is approved and tests are received, if we move into the Yellow or Orange Zone, we will be ready to test.

Follow up to a question posed at an earlier meeting, the state is encouraging the use of Student Teachers as this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no reports at this time.

NEWFANE TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:

The NTA was represented by A. Traverse, no report.

THE AGENDA WAS REVIEWED WITHOUT ACTION

Reviewed:

Meeting Minutes
Classification and placement of Students
Treasurer's Monthly Report
Warrants

ROUTINE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Reviewed:

Resignation – non certified position
Continuation of Administrative Leave
Termination of a probationary employee
Unpaid Coach – volunteer coaching assistant

PERSONNEL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Reviewed:

Budget transfers
Excess Property
Bus Routes
Policy Update

NEW ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no comments at this time.

CONCLUDING ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Public comments

This time was used for trustees to share information without action, some comments were:

Thank you D. Hawkins for the Athletic Presentation.

Thank you Sports Boosters and PTSA for sharing the Capital Project Vote information.

The Pool part is in and should be up and running soon.

The Capital Project Vote is December 15 from 12-8 pm at Miller Hose.

Anything for the “good of the order”

Motion made by Trustee Casinelli and seconded by Trustee Tomasine MOVED, that the Board of Education enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a specific personal issue and personnel evaluation.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Recessed at: 8:24 pm Reconvened at: 10:08 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Meeting adjourned at: 10:09 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Seymour
District Clerk