



Newfane Central School District Board of Education

NEWFANE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2021

The September 21, 2021 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 Lingle at 7:00 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

A. Kennedy, M. Lingle, M. Stefanoski, S. Tomasine, J. Schmitt

E. Oudette arrived at 7:10 p.m.

A. Casinelli

M. Baumann, G. Noon, K. Klumpp, D. Hawkins, K. Crombie, D. Bedette,

P. Young

D. Lennon, A. Reynolds

TRUSTEES PRESENT

TRUSTEE EXCUSED

ADMINISTRATION

PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE /

DISTRICT MISSION

STATEMENT

The District Mission Statement was read by Trustee Tomasine.

Motion made by Trustee Kennedy and seconded by Trustee Schmitt
RESOLVED, that the proposed agenda for September 21, 2021 be approved as amended.

ESTABLISH ORDERS OF THE DAY

Approved the agenda

Resolution Carried: 5 YES 0 NO

Mr. Lennon, requested that the Board of Education revisit the Veteran's Tax Exemption and provided a recap of board discussions relating to this topic. Mrs. Reynolds, posed questions to the board regarding testing of teachers that are not vaccinated and asked if vaccinated teachers should also be tested as they can be spreaders. Same for students and other staff. She asked for clarification on protocol for quarantining, education for students quarantined and outside opportunity for gym classes. Mr. Baumann indicated that some of these topics were to be addressed in his report and some will be looked into.

Public remarks

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Mr. Young, Director of Curriculum presented to the board a summary of events provided for professional development this summer, participants, state requirements for teachers and upcoming events. The goal of these courses is to improve student achievement and it was great that so many teachers took advantage of these opportunities.

SUMMER SCHOOL FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Mr. Baumann, Superintendent, continued the discussion of Summer School from the previous meeting with a break down on cost and reimbursement for the program.

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

PRESIDENT REPORT:

President Lingle appreciates the communication coming home from the Elementary School and Middle School. Students are excited that field trips are going to take place. Mrs. Lingle mentioned that the ERS rates are published and reduced this year – what about TRS? TRS rates should be coming out within the next month or so.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Baumann updated the Board of Education on the following: COVID- weekly conference call with local Superintendents and the Health Commissioner, presented that the numbers are trending upwards in the county. Mr. Baumann shared information specific for the district and is organizing staff so that information can be shared and consistent decision making can be made. Update on staff testing: out of 287 staff members, 35 staff needed to be tested as not vaccinated or status not shared – there are 11 staff who have not been tested or shared status as of this evening, a decision will be made how to handle these employees tomorrow. The district and county do not have the ability to test all staff and students regardless of vaccination status. Quarantined students are handled academically like any student out sick (not counted in absence total for class attendance), they get homework and if out more than 10 days would be eligible for tutoring. Students are allowed to zoom into class with the teacher’s approval but the district is not implementing remote learning. The Board of Education will be asked to accept a donation of picnic tables from Brianna Kline, Girl Scout, at the October meeting. They are beautiful and professional looking. It was asked if the Tech Department might be able to make plaques for this donation. Trustee Schmitt asked if the Middle School Drop off area could be looked at and maybe expanded due to clusters at drop off.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Audit Committee met prior to this meeting, Chairperson Lingle updated the board on the External Audit Review that took place with a summary of findings and that there were no surprises with the Management Letter. The Audit Committee is recommending that the board receive the audit at this meeting, so the agenda was amended to include a resolution to do this. Nicole Enderton will be replacing Sarah Bowman as a community member on the committee, the members will be approved at the second October meeting.

Curriculum Meeting was attended by Trustee Kennedy who shared that the curriculum facilitators were very well prepared and focused on the student education in their area. They shared ideas and plans for success. Good results are coming from all the hard work of the past few years. She was very impressed with the scope and depth of their reports.

NEWFANE TEACHER’S ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:

The NTA was represented by R. Seelbinder, there was no report at this time.

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

Motion made by Trustee Tomasine and seconded by Trustee Kennedy RESOLVED, that the minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education be and are approved.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Tomasine and seconded by Trustee Kennedy RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon reviewing the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education will arrange for the appropriate special education programs and services to be provided for meetings held as listed in Enclosure 2021.09.21.8B.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Tomasine and seconded by Trustee Kennedy RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and file the Warrants for the period ending August 2021.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

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

Motion made by Trustee Tomasine and seconded by Trustee Stefanoski RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Margaret Gmerek from her Payroll Clerk position effective October 3, 2021 at the close of business, and;

FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Margaret Gmerek residing in Burt, New York, be and is appointed to a 1.0 FTE Instructional Associate position, effective October 4, 2021, at a rate of \$17.48 per hour according to the terms and conditions of the CSEA bargaining agreement.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Tomasine and seconded by Trustee Stefanoski RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Meghan King, residing in Newfane, New York, be and is appointed to a part time position of Cafeteria Monitor, at a rate of \$12.75, effective September 7, 2021 with a probationary period of September 7, 2021 to September 6, 2022, according to the terms and condition of the CSEA collective bargaining agreement.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Tomasine and seconded by Trustee Stefanoski RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Albert Kramp residing in Newfane, New York, be and is appointed as a provisional Payroll Clerk, effective September 7, 2021 at a rate of \$19.60

ROUTINE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes
Enclosure 2021.09.21.8A

Classification and
placement of students
Enclosure 2021.09.21.8B

Accept and file the
Warrants
Enclosure 2021.09.21.8C

PERSONNEL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Accept a resignation and
subsequently appoint an
Instructional Associate,
M. Gmerek
Enclosure 2021.09.21.9A

Appointed M. King as a
Cafeteria Monitor
Enclosure 2021.09.21.9B

Appointed A. Kramp,
provisional Payroll Clerk
Enclosure 2021.09.21.9C

per hour, with a probationary period of September 7, 2021 to September 6, 2022, according to the terms and condition of the CSEA collective bargaining agreement.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Tomasine and seconded by Trustee Stefanoski RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Cameron Seib, be appointed as an uncertified Substitute Teacher in the district effective September 13, 2021.

Appointed C. Seib and an uncertified Teacher Substitute Enclosure 2021.09.21.9D

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Tomasine and seconded by Trustee Stefanoski RESOLVED, that the following resolution approved at the August 7, 2021 Board of Education meeting be amended as outlined:

Amended the appointment of C. Puinno, Assistant High School Principal/Athletic Director Enclosure 2021.09.21.9E

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Chanceton Puinno, residing in Depew, New York, and having School Building Leader, Internship Certificate (~~pending approval~~) and also NYS Initial Certification in Social Studies Grades 7-12 and Students with Disabilities Grades 7-12-Generalist, be and is appointed as the, High School Assistant Principal /Athletic Director in the High School Assistant Principal tenure area effective ~~September 20, 2021~~ **October 9, 2021**, at a salary of \$85,000 prorated with a four-year probationary period from ~~September 20, 2021~~ **October 9, 2021** through ~~September 19, 2025~~ **October 8, 2025** contingent on meeting the eligibility criteria set forth by state law, 8 NYCRR Section 30-1.3, and;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby designates Chanceton Puinno, as “principal” for the purposes of Education Law Section 3214, as it relates to suspension of students, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Tomasine and seconded by Trustee Stefanoski RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following extracurricular club and organization operate for the 2021-2022 school year and that the following advisor be and is appointed according to provisions of Appendix C, Co-Curricular Stipends, of the Newfane Teacher’s Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Appointed Co-curricular Advisor, Elementary Yearbook Enclosure 2021.09.21.9F

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>ADVISOR</u>
Yearbook	Elementary	Elizabeth Gaskill

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Tomasine and seconded by Trustee Schmitt RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the items listed in Enclosure 2021.09.21.10A and appended to this resolution be and are declared excess property, and;

NEW ORDER OF BUSINESS
Approved excess property Enclosure 2021.09.21.10A

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee, be and is authorized to dispose said items.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Tomasine and seconded by Trustee Schmitt RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that New Wave Energy being the lowest responsible bidder, as analyzed by Energy Enterprises, Inc., relative to the large usage group bid of August 24, 2021, be and is awarded the bid to supply electricity to the Newfane Central School district for one year, from October/November, 2021 to October/November, 2022, based on the Index-Based Adder Option basis rate of lighting at \$0.00944, SC2D at \$0.00873, SC3P at \$0.00738, and SC3S at \$0.00777 per kwh used, plus the current market price as established by the New York Independent System Operator/Location Based Marginal Price.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Awarded a bid, Electric Enclosure 2021.09.21.10A

Motion made by Trustee Tomasine and seconded by Trustee Schmitt RESOLVE, that the annual audit of the Newfane Central School District for the year ending June 30, 2021 conducted by the certified public accounting firm of Lumsden & McCormick, be and is received by the Board of Education, and further that the audit report be made public upon request.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Received the Annual External Audit

There were no remarks at this time.

CONCLUDING ORDERS OF BUSINESS
Public remarks

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

Anything for the "good of the order"

Motion made by Trustee Stefanoski and seconded by Trustee Oudette MOVED, that the Board of Education enter executive session to discuss a specific legal issue and personnel items.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Meeting recessed at 8:41 pm reconvened at 9:29 pm

Executive Session

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

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Seymour
District Clerk