



**Newfane Central School District
Board of Education**

NEWFANE BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

The November 2, 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 7:04 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

A. Casinelli, A. Kennedy, M. Lingle, E. Oudette, J. Schmitt, M. Stefanoski,
S. Tomasine
M. Baumann, J. Bower, G. Noon, K. Klumpp, K. Crombie, P. Young

TRUSTEES PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT

The District Mission Statement was read by Trustee Tomasine.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
and
DISTRICT MISSION
STATEMENT**

Motion made by Trustee Casinelli and seconded by Trustee Schmitt
RESOLVED, that the proposed agenda for November 2, 2021 be approved.
Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

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

There were no comments at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SPECIAL EDUCATION/STUDENT SUPPORT UPDATE:

Jennifer Bower, Director of Special Programs, updated the Board of Education on the function of the Special Education/Student Services department including staffing, student placements, comparative data and challenges.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

President Lingle did not have a report at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Baumann updated the Board of Education on the following:

County/District COVID update: The Niagara County Health Department indicated that the numbers have not changed much, more testing so more positive cases, more people are exhibiting flu like symptoms, children and vaccinated adults show mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. Hospitalizations and deaths are down in the county. In district, 2 students tested positive, 6 students are quarantined.

The NYS Department of Health issued a document on “test to stay” option for students, this would allow students to test daily to stay in school. Mr. Baumann is not an advocate for this practice as the district does not have enough tests and the testing should not fall on families to provide. He

advocates for continuing with current practices and procedures. This is in alignment with Niagara County.

Mobile Testing Option: The county along with districts have issued an RFP for Mobile Testing. The logistics are being discussed but Newfane District is able to continue our practice of inhouse testing, it is working well. Discussion took place as to whom is eligible to be tested in district, residents would be able to if working in other districts as needed. They would need to arrange this with Mr. Baumann.

Athletics: Masking for athletics is not completely decided. At this time the guidance that we have says all athletes need to be masked at all times. This is not possible for sports such as swim and is still being decided for the winter sports season.

COVID Clinic: The Niagara County Health Department is anticipating pediatric vaccines being approved and available very soon. They are requesting use of an area in district to hold a vaccination clinic for boosters and pediatrics, much like what was held last winter. The Board of Education did not object.

Capital Project Update: Bid openings next week which will be on the November 16 agenda for board approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Kennedy shared the minutes from the Health and Wellness Committee meeting. The committee addressed some very important questions and concerns of the district. Mrs. Kennedy also shared an update on NOSBA and planning for future events.

NEWFANE TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:

The NTA was represented by S. McDonnell, there was no report at this time.

The following items were reviewed by the Board of Education

The Routine Order of Business was reviewed.

Meeting Minutes

Classification and placement of students

Monthly Treasurer's Report

Monthly Budget Transfers Report

Monthly Capital Budget Status Report

Monthly Warrants

School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement

**ROUTINE ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

The Personnel Order of Business was reviewed.

Appointments: Extracurricular Advisors

District Substitutes

College Student, observe and participate

Unpaid volunteer coaching assistants

**PERSONNEL ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

The New Order of Business was reviewed.

Corrective Action Plan – External Audit

Excess Property

**NEW ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

**CONCLUDING ORDERS
OF BUSINESS**

Public comments

There were no comments at this time.

Anything for the “good
of the order”

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

Request made that an update on summer school ongoing results be
presented at a future meeting.

Executive Session

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Tomasine
To add and enter into the following executive session:

MOVED, that the Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss
a specific personnel item.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Recessed at: 8:45 pm Reconvened at: 9:10 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Trustee Kennedy and seconded by Trustee Casinelli

MOVED, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Meeting adjourned at: 9:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Seymour
District Clerk