NEWFANE BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

The February 4, 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 7:30 pm.

M. Baumann, B. Schuler, J. Bower, G. Noon, P. Young, M. Przybysz,
D. Bedette, D. Hawkins
Connor Hoffman

The District Mission Statement was read by Trustee Lingle.

Motion made by Trustee Casinelli and seconded by Trustee Kennedy
RESOLVED, that the proposed agenda for February 4, 2020 be approved.
Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

There were no comments at this time.

Principal Bedette and Assistant Principal Hawkins, presented students from 3 areas of recognition. Tech Wars were represented by Nathaniel Sauls and Zach Niver; Adaptive PE – Independent Study program was presented by Lydia Chunco and Josh Everett; and the Youth Action Committee was presented by Lorin Anders and Lizzy Murray. Caitlyn Miller was also in attendance for recognition. The Board of Education was invited to the May 1st Pep Rally for Unified Sports. Congratulations to all the programs and students.

Superintendent Baumann presented the initial budget presentation. He outlined the timeline, budget codes, preliminary budget assumptions, yearly enrollment comparisons, staffing, line item outline and funding sources.
PRESIDENT REPORT:
President Schmitt asked the board for a nomination name for the O/N BOCES Board. Anthony Casinelli is the trustee to be nominated. Thank you to Ann Kennedy for serving that past few years. Mr. Schmitt mentioned that at the Legislative Breakfast, it was great to see the board members from around the area, other points of view, and capital outlay project discussions. President Schmitt feels that there is a benefit to continuing with the annual capital outlay projects. Mr. Schmitt also complimented the music program as his family was at the music festival this past weekend. Congratulations to all the students and teachers.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:
Superintendent Baumann reminded the board that there is a retreat scheduled for Monday February 10TH and handed out the agenda. The visit from a Broadway actress who worked with the students this week was great and there has been wonderful athletic competitions this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Trustee Casinelli reported that the safety committee met last week and said that the LED lighting project is completed with an anticipated savings of $20,000 yearly. There was also a meeting on web applications that will make notification immediate to first responders if there is an emergency. Trustee Lingle attended the Elementary Building Planning Team and mentioned that the building will be hosting a building celebration to celebrate a number of years open. There is a science fair at the Elementary this month and the new PC’s in the library are appreciated. Trustee Kennedy mentioned that the New Board Member training at the end of March will again be held at Newfane, she attended a speed boarding event and is interested in exploring the grants available for the district, and suggested having a designated Grant Writer in district. President Schmitt mentioned the upcoming Career Day at the Elementary and if interested in helping maybe reach out to Counselor Pratt. He also requested a presentation from B. Seymour, District Clerk regarding the BoardDocs Program, at an upcoming meeting.

NEWFANE TEACHER’S ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE: 
L. Fletcher represented the NTA, she thanked the Board of Education for putting the tools in the classroom so that they can service the students.
THE REMAINDER OF THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED AS WORKSHOP ITEMS WITHOUT VOTE

RESOLVE, that the minutes of the January 21, 2020 and February 4, 2020 meetings of the Board of Education be and are approved.

RESOLVE, 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 2020.02.18.8B.

RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Amy Murray, residing in Newfane, New York, be and is appointed to a part time position of Cafeteria Monitor, effective ..., 2020 with a probationary of .... 2020, according to the terms and condition of the CSEA collective bargaining agreement.

RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the individuals listed in Enclosure 2020.02.18.9B be and are approved to work in the District as substitute employees for the 2019-2020 school year, effective February 19, 2020, and a copy of such list shall be kept with the minutes of this meeting.

RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following students, be and are approved as an unpaid student, participating in field work, at the Elementary School, in affiliation with Niagara County Community College as noted, with Kathy DiNardo, Math Teacher, January 29, 2020.
   Samantha Gaines
   Carly Taylor

RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Ryan Keys and Charles Nagel, High School teachers and Football coaches, attend the NYS High School Football Coaches Association Football Clinic at the Turning Stone Resort and Conference Center in Verona, New York, traveling February 6-8, 2020, also are approved the associated expense, as presented in enclosure 2020.02.18.10A.

RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the use of Smart Schools funds to purchase fifty Apple iPads, from the vendor Apple Inc. Education at a cost of $16,647.30.
RESOLVE, that approximately up to fifteen of the Newfane Varsity Wrestling Team be and is authorized to travel and participate in the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Class Tournament at Falconer High School in Falconer, New York, February 8, 2020, traveling February 7, 2020 and February 8, 2020, and;
RESOLVE, that all students will travel with and be chaperoned by coaches.
RESOLVE, that prior to the scheduled trip, the coach will provide to the High School Principal a full and complete itinerary, player list, chaperone list, and related details.
RESOLVE, that a field trip request form be completed and the standard release forms be executed for each player and coach in attendance and that same be delivered to the Principal prior to departure.
RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the expenses as outlined in Enclosure 2020.02.18.10C, and;
FURTHER RESOLVE, that approximately up to ten of the Newfane Varsity Wrestling Team be and is authorized to travel and participate in the NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Qualifier Tournament at Southwestern High School in Jamestown, New York, February 15, 2020, traveling February 14, 2020 and February 15, 2020, and;
RESOLVE, that all students will travel with and be chaperoned by coaches.
RESOLVE, that prior to the scheduled trip, the coach will provide to the High School Principal a full and complete itinerary, player list, chaperone list, and related details.
RESOLVE, that a field trip request form be completed and the standard release forms be executed for each player and coach in attendance and that same be delivered to the Principal prior to departure.
RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the expenses as outlined in Enclosure 2020.02.18.10C.

RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Eureka Math books be and are approved for purchase from the vendor Great Minds LLC, with a total purchase price of $16,052.68, as presented in Enclosure 2020.02.18.10D.

RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the district policies #5672 Information Security Breach and Notification, #5681 School Safety Plans and #6550 Leaves of Absence, annexed to this resolution and listed as enclosure 2020.01.21.10H, receive their first reading on January 21, 2020 and their second and final reading on February 18, 2020.

There were no remarks or comments at this time.

CONCLUDING ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Public remarks or comments
This time was used for trustees to share information without action.

*The Board of Education discussed the recent proposed Alternative Veteran Tax Exemption Public Hearings. The board decided to gather more information in order to make an informed decision on the proposed tax. They will not take action for the 2020-2021 school year. The process has not been determined for gathering information.

February 18, 2020

- Budget Presentation

Motion made by Trustee Casinelli and seconded by Trustee Oudette

MOVED, that the Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss specific personnel matters and collective bargaining agreement negotiations.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Meeting recessed at: 9:37 pm reconvened at: 10:23 pm

Executive Session

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Casinelli

MOVED, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Meeting adjourned at: 10:23 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Seymour
District Clerk