NEWFANE BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 3, 2020

The March 3, 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.

A. Kennedy
J. Bower, G. Noon, H. Staley, P. Young, M. Przybysz, A. Chaffee
A. Siegmann

The District Mission Statement was read by Trustee Licht.

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Lingle
RESOLVED, that Bart Schuler is appointed as Clerk Pro Tem for this meeting.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Casinelli and seconded by Trustee Lingle
RESOLVED, that the proposed agenda for March 3, 2020 be approved.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

There were no remarks at this time.

Mark Przybysz, Middle School Principal presented an update on the Middle School and recognized students for achievements.

Superintendent Baumann discussed the tax levy and indicated a 1% tax increase. He stated that there are no cuts now, cuts will be made in 3 to 4 years. Big cuts were made at the High School last year.
PRESIDENT REPORT:
President Schmitt mentioned All County this weekend, there is a chicken bar-b-que tomorrow, asked if parent university will be rescheduled, no it is not. The recent Science Fair was a success and the most recent Superintendent Evaluation was missed.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:
Superintendent Baumann mentioned that the PTA Partnership Dinner is March 26 and that D. Bedette is meeting with faculty regarding January 2021 regents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
There were no committee reports at this meeting.

NEWFANE TEACHER’S ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:
Chad Gretz represented the NTA, there was no comment at this time.

THE REMAINDER OF THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED AS WORKSHOP ITEMS WITHOUT VOTE

RESOLVE, that the minutes of the February 18, 2020 and March 3, 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 2020.03.17.8B.

RESOLVE, 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 January 2020.

RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and file the following Warrant Reports for the period ending January 2020.

RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and file the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the period of January 2020.

RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Tyler Gugliuzza, be and is approved as an unpaid assistant for the 2019-20 school year in the sport of Varsity Baseball, with the understanding that unpaid assistants are to work under the direct supervision of the Head Coach and that at no time are they to supervise students unattended.
RESOLVE, that the Board of Education appoint the following individuals, as listed below, to work for a stipend of $190.00 during the District’s Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on May 19, 2020, and;

FURTHER RESOLVE, that as permitted by Board policy number 5323, meals and refreshments will be provided to up to 9 election inspectors, the District Clerk and the Business Administrator at a cost not to exceed $250.00:

Gerald Claude  
2829 Transit Road, Newfane, New York 14108  
Machine Custodian

Roger Taylor  
6124 East Avenue, Newfane, New York 14108  
Machine Custodian

Darlene Erck  
6347 Hatter Road, Newfane, New York 14108  
Chief Election Inspector

Jan Edgerton  
3301 Ewings Road, Newfane, New York 14108  
Asst. Election Inspector

Michele Malone  
157 Corwin Avenue, Newfane, New York 14108  
Asst. Election Inspector

Judy Murphy  
2765 Main Street, Newfane, New York 14108  
Asst. Election Inspector

Mary Ann Neff  
2547 McClew Road, Burt, New York 14028  
Asst. Election Inspector

Colleen Schultz  
3725 Ewings Road, Lockport, New York 14094  
Asst. Election Inspector (prorated)

Bernadette Seymour  
District Clerk  
Permanent Chairperson*

Bart Schuler  
Business Administrator  
Acting Clerk* (*No stipend paid)

RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following students be and are approved as an unpaid student, observing and participating, in the district as outlined, effective March 2020 through June 2020.

Gabrielle Maybach, Elementary School  
Michele Schultz, High School

RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Kathryn Sidoti be and is appointed as a noncertified substitute teacher, effective March 11, 2020.
RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Danielle Call, residing in Burt, New York, be and is appointed to the position of part time instructional associate effective March 18, 2020 with a 52 week probationary period from March 18, 2020 to March 17, 2021 at a rate of $13.95 per hour, according to the terms and conditions of the CSEA collective bargaining agreement.

RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education amend the following resolution regarding the appointment of Instructional Associate, Amy Kline, to remove the end date of the appointment and consider the employee to be appointed as a permanent 1.0 FTE Instructional Associate, effective September 9, 2019. Refer to the previously approved resolution of October 15, 2019: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Amy Kline, residing in Lockport, New York, be increased to the position of 1.0 FTE Instructional Associate from a 0.5 FTE Instructional Associate position, effective September 9, 2019 through June 30, 2020, according to the terms and conditions of the CSEA bargaining agreement and the attached Enclosure 2019.10.15.9C.

NEW ORDER OF BUSINESS

Attendees to the Scholastic Achievement Recognition Dinner
Encl. 2020.03A.17.10A

Attendees to the PTA Partnership Dinner
Encl. 2020.03A.17.10B

“...rules for use of Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions...”

RESOLVE, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education adopt the following rules:
Rules for use of Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Propositions to be Placed Thereon:
1. The form of ballot shall conform substantially in size and type to that prescribed by the Election Law of the State of New York for use on standard voting machines.
2. The voting machines shall be those owned by the County, but if the County’s voting machines are not available, voting machines may be obtained from some other source satisfactory to the Board of Education.
3. For each voting machine, two (2) qualified voters of the District shall be appointed by the Board of Education to act as Election Inspectors.
4. The Board of Education shall pay all expenses necessary or incidental to the use or rental, as the case may be, of voting machines, including but not limited to the operation and sealing thereof and the training of the
Election Inspectors in the use thereof.

5. Immediately before any voting machine is used at meetings, elections or votes, annual, special or however otherwise denominated or designated, the Election Inspectors shall examine it and see that all counters are set at zero (000), and that the ballot labels are properly placed, and that the machine is, in all respects, in proper condition for use.

6. At the close of polling, the ballots from each voting machine will be placed into a sealed envelope or other receptacle. The sealed ballots, along with all election results verification shall remain secured for the period of thirty days following the meeting, election or vote at which same has been used and as much longer as may be necessary or advisable because of existing or threatened contest over the result of the meeting, election or vote, except as otherwise provided by the Education Law of the State of New York.

7. Any proposition to be voted upon, when presented other than by the Board of Education and except where required by law to be stated in the published notice of meeting, election or vote, must be set forth in such manner as to conform to the requirements of the Education Law of the State of New York, and must be presented in a petition bearing the signatures of twenty-five (25) qualified voters, or 2% of the number of qualified voters voting in the previous annual vote – whichever is greater, of the School District (except where the number of signatures is specified in said Education Law in which case the provisions of the Education Law shall apply) and filed with the Board of Education not less than thirty (30) days before the meeting, election or vote, unless otherwise prescribed by law.

8. Any question or proposition to be voted upon when required by law to be stated in the published notice of meeting, election or vote and prescribed other than by the Board of Education, must be presented by petition as set forth in rule 7 above and filed with the Board of Education not less than fifty-five (55) days before the meeting, election or vote unless otherwise prescribed by law.

9. Any question or proposition to be presented by the Board of Education must be set forth in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting, election or vote, except as to a question or proposition required by law to be stated in the published notice of the meeting, election or vote, in which event such resolution must be adopted at a meeting of the Board not less than fifty (50) days before the meeting, election or vote, except that the fifty (50) day time limitation shall not apply to a special meeting called under the provisions of Section 2007 subdivision 3, paragraph 1, of the Education Law of the State of New York.

10. In the event that any question or proposition to be voted upon is too lengthy to be placed upon the ballot, an abstract of such question or proposition shall be placed thereon in such form as may be prescribed by the Board of Education of the District, concisely stating the purpose and effect and setting forth and indicating generally and briefly the subject matter of
the question or proposition. Wherever the question is excessively lengthy as above described, a sufficient number of copies thereof shall be available at the voting place in order that each voter may be furnished with a copy thereof before voting.

11. Where circumstances require that the form of ballot, type or ballot label be different from that prescribed by the Election Law of the State of New York, the form of ballot, type or ballot label shall conform to that required by such circumstances.

12. The Niagara County Board of Elections shall have no jurisdiction with regard to the use of voting machines in connection with any school district meeting, election or vote.

13. The Board of Education shall have sole discretion in determining when voting machines shall be used.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Newfane Central School District, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to section 3651 of the Education Law there is hereby established a capital reserve fund for the Newfane Central School District, which shall hereby be designated as the “2020 Building Capital Reserve Fund”.

Section 2. Such 2020 Building Capital Reserve Fund (hereinafter “the Fund”) is hereby established for financing, in whole or in part, the following objects or purposes of the Newfane Central School District:
To finance reconstruction, renovation and equipping of the High school, Middle school, Elementary school, Early Childhood Center and facilities, including the District athletic facilities, fields and track; pavements and grounds; fire suppression, phone and security systems; heating, plumbing, electrical and ventilation systems; structural repairs to doors, windows, floors and roofs; and other various improvements for energy efficiency and costs incidental thereto.

Section 3. The ultimate amount of such the Fund shall be $7,000,000.00, plus earnings thereon.

Section 4. The probable term of the Fund shall be ten (10) years, after which time no further funds may be transferred to the Fund, unless previously extended by the voters, but the Fund may continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with Education Law or until the funds are exhausted.

Section 5. The source from which funds for the Fund will be obtained is as follows: (i) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time; (ii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time; and (iii) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time; all as permitted by law.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect upon the approval of a majority of the qualified voters of the school district voting on a proposition therefore submitted at the annual meeting of the Newfane Central School District, the details of which shall be specified by a further resolution of the Board of Education. Upon such approval, no further action of this Board of
Education will be required to perfect the establishment of such Reserve Fund. The form of proposition to be so submitted to the voters at the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2020 shall be substantially as follows:

Proposition #2

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit: 2020 Capital Reserve Fund RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Newfane Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a Building Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law (to be known as the 2020 Building Capital Reserve Fund”) with the purpose of such fund being to finance reconstruction, renovation and equipping of the High school, Middle school, Elementary school, Early Childhood Center and facilities, including the District athletic facilities, fields and track; pavements and grounds; fire suppression, phone and security systems; heating, plumbing, electrical and ventilation systems; structural repairs to doors, windows, floors and roofs; and other various improvements for energy efficiency and costs incidental thereto. The ultimate amount of such fund is to be $7,000,000.00, plus earnings thereon. The probable term of such fund is to be ten (10) years, but such fund shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with Education Law or until such funds are exhausted. The sources from which funds shall be obtained for such Reserve are: (i) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time; (ii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time; and (iii) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time; all as permitted by law.

RESOLVE, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopt the following resolution with regard to the budget hearing and notice of the annual district meeting, budget vote and election:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1716 of the Education Law, it is necessary to set the date of the District’s budget hearing;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 1716 and 2002 of the Education Law, it is necessary to provide for publication of the notice of the annual meeting and election of the District, as well as notice of the budget hearing of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Newfane Central School District:

1. THAT, the provisions of this resolution shall be effective regardless of anything to the contrary in the Board Policy Manual, or the previous minutes of this Board, or otherwise;

2. THAT, it is hereby determined, pursuant to Section 1716 of the Education Law, that the Annual Budget Hearing of this District, for presentation of the proposed 2020-21 school district budget, shall be conducted on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time in Room 129, Newfane Early Childhood Center, 6048 Godfrey Road, Burt, New York.
3. THAT, pursuant to Section 2002 of the Education Law, the Annual Meeting and Election of the District shall be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 from 8:00 AM prevailing time until 8:00 PM prevailing time, in the Newfane Central School District Elementary School Building, 2909 Transit Road, Newfane, New York, for the purpose of voting on the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the District’s estimated expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the Board of Education and for the transaction of such other business as may be authorized by law.

4. THAT, qualified voters may apply for absentee ballots at the office of the District Clerk, with a listing of persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued being available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk during each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Sundays.

5. THAT, the District Clerk is hereby directed to publish a copy of the following notice in the Lockport Union-Sun & Journal, four times within the seven weeks next preceding such District meeting, the first publication in such newspaper to be at least 45 days before said annual meeting and election:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING,
BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF THE
NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing for the qualified voters of the Newfane Central School District will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time in Room 129, Newfane Early Childhood Center, 6048 Godfrey Road, Burt, New York, for the presentation of the 2020-2021 budget.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual District Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of the Newfane Central School District, Niagara County, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. prevailing time to 8:00 p.m. prevailing time in the Newfane Elementary School Building, located at 2909 Transit Road, Newfane, New York, for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and electing two (2) members of the Board of Education for three (3) year terms commencing on July 1, 2020.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 2018-c. Such form may include a driver’s license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name, and address.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the voting on the budget will consist of voting on the following proposition, as well as other such matters as may be lawfully presented at the meeting:
PROPOSITION NUMBER 1
Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:
RESOLVED, that the budget of the Newfane Central School District (the “District”), Niagara County, New York, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore shall be hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in said District to be levied and collected as required by law.

PROPOSITION NUMBER 2
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Newfane Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a Building Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law (to be known as the 2020 Building Capital Reserve Fund”) with the purpose of such fund being to finance reconstruction, renovation and equipping of the High school, Middle school, Elementary school, Early Childhood Center and facilities, including the District athletic facilities, fields and track; pavements and grounds; fire suppression, phone and security systems; heating, plumbing, electrical and ventilation systems; structural repairs to doors, windows, floors and roofs; and other various improvements for energy efficiency and costs incidental thereto.

The ultimate amount of such fund is to be $7,000,000.00, plus earnings thereon. The probable term of such fund is to be ten (10) years, but such fund shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with Education Law or until such funds are exhausted. The sources from which funds shall be obtained for such Reserve are: (i) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time; (ii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time; and (iii) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time; all as permitted by law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that voting machines will be used to record the vote on the budget, on such proposition, and on the election of members of the Board of Education.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of Education of this District has adopted Rules for the Use of Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Propositions to be Placed Thereon, and printed copies for general distribution are available in the office of the District Clerk located at the Newfane Early Childhood Center, 6048 Godfrey Road, Burt, New York.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of Education of this District will have prepared and completed a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money which will be required during the 2020-2021 fiscal year for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and the amount for each. The amount for each purpose estimated necessary for payments to Boards of Cooperative Educational Services shall be shown in full, with no deduction of estimated state aid. The amount of state aid provided and its percentage relationship to the total expenditures shall also be shown. Such statement shall be completed at least seven days
before the budget hearing at which it is to be presented and copies thereof shall be prepared and made available, upon request, to residents within the District during the period of seven days before the budget hearing and/or fourteen days immediately preceding the annual meeting and election, and may be obtained by any resident in the District at each school house in the District in which school is maintained as well as the District Office during normal business hours on and after April 28, 2020, excluding Saturdays and Sundays. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District, shall be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, and shall state the name and residence of the candidate. Each petition must be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays but not later than 5:00 p.m. on the thirtieth day preceding the annual meeting and election, to wit, April 20, 2020.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that qualified voters may apply for absentee ballots at the office of the District Clerk between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be issued to the voter in person. Absentee ballots must be received in the office the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. A listing of persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk during each of the five days prior to day of the election, except Sundays.

6. That the District Clerk is hereby directed to arrange for the use of two voting machines for said District meeting and election and for the printing of ballots to be used in said machines, which ballots shall be printed in the form required by the Rules of the Use of Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Propositions to be Placed Thereon previously adopted by the Board of Education, and each proposition to be submitted shall be so printed thereon in full with the words YES and NO so printed for each proposition.

Dated: March 17, 2020
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bernadette Seymour, District Clerk

RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the contract between Cannon Design and the Newfane Central School District be and is approved per the attached agreement for the authorized capital improvement project included in the 2019-2020 budget.
RESOLVE, that the 2020-2021 School Calendar proposed listed as Enclosure 2020.03.17.10G, which provides for a two-week recess period March 29 through April 9, 2021, be and is adopted, and further that it be noted and understood that said calendar is not in alignment with the Orleans-Niagara BOCES calendar, but does meet the contractual requirements of the Newfane Teachers Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, and that special schedule considerations will be required for students that attend Orleans-Niagara BOCES.

RESOLVE, that up to ten of the Newfane Varsity Wrestling Team be and is authorized to travel and participate in the NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Championship at Times Union Center in Albany, New York, February 28, 2020, traveling February 27, 2020 and February 29, 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 2020.03.17.10H.

RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, that the following budget transfer be approved:
From budget code
A2020-150-60 administration middle $28,938.48
A2110-120-40 teacher elementary $31,879.20
A2110-160-30 instructional associate early childhood ctr. $10,000.00
A2330-153-70 summer school teacher, high $7,746.88
A2855-153-80 coaches, teacher $11,342.20
A9060-800-20 health insurance $95,398.37
To budget code
A1620-160-21 operations/facilities & community $20,068.84
A2020-150-30 principal early childhood center $74,484.82
A2110-120-60 teacher middle $31,879.20
A2110-160-40 instructional associate elementary $27,693.06
A2250-160-70 instructional associate high $12,090.13
RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the district policies listed below and annexed to this resolution, enclosure 2020.03.17.10J, receive their first reading March 3, 2020.

#4210 – Administrative Organization and Operation
#5741 – Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers
#6562 – Employment of Retired Persons
#7530 – Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Policy updates
Encl. 2020.03A.17.10J

High School Student, Allison Siegmann requested that the Board of Education consider letting upperclassmen use the Fitness Center (unsupervised by parent or guardian) during the community use time.

This time was used for trustees to share information without action.
The Board of Education requested that information gathered regarding the Alternative Veteran’s Tax Exemption be shared with the whole board.

March 17, 2020
- Winter Athletes
- BoardDocs Program
- Budget Presentation

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Casinelli
MOVED, that the Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss a specific personnel matter.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO
Meeting recessed at: 9:15 pm reconvened at: 10:32 pm

Executive Session

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Casinelli
MOVED, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO
Meeting adjourned at: 10:32 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bart Schuler
Clerk Pro Tem

Bernadette Seymour
District Clerk