Newfane Board of Education Meeting Minutes

The May 6, 2014 regular meeting of the Newfane Board of Education was held in room 121 of the Early Childhood Center. The meeting was called to order by Board President Reineke at 7:05 p.m.

Mrs. Seymour, District Clerk conducted attendance by roll call.

Dr. Wendt, D. Ames, D. Connolly, B. Schuler, P. Young, P. Leibring, T. Adams, D. Bedette, T. Stack, D. Zapp

Trustee Malone read the Newfane Central School District’s mission statement.

Motion made by Trustee Little and seconded by Trustee Schmitt
RESOLVED, that the proposed agenda for May 6, 2014 be approved.
Resolution Carried:               7 YES               0 NO

Time was allotted for public remarks or comments related to agenda items. There were no remarks at this time.

Dr. Wendt introduced Business Administrator Schuler who proceeded with the Public Budget Hearing presentation. The budget components were outlined separating State Aid, Property Tax, Review of Expenditures, Staffing cuts and the final budget figures. Discussion took place when Mr. Hellner asked for clarification on the actual savings regarding the superintendent share. Mr. Schuler, Mr. Kilcullen, Mrs. Artieri and Mrs. Malone all responded in support of the savings received from the share and cost vs. quality of individual in the superintendent seat. Mr. Hellner also referenced the budget and special education department costs. That area of education has many mandates however, is being looked at by Director Bower. Mr. Hellner also asked about teacher concessions which could not be responded to due to negotiations.

Mr. Adams presented the board with information which outlined the extra-curricular clubs activities and attendance. Examples of sign in sheets, minutes and participation were given. Discussion took place regarding possible changes in the club offerings driven by interest of the students.

Business Teacher, W. Geise showed a power point presentation which outlined course descriptions as well as written feedback from students in those courses. Students present to share their experiences were Brittney Nankey, Carlee McIntosh, Ashley Dorn, Emma Bow, Leah Good and Kati Marotta. The information and students comments were appreciated by all in attendance.

Dr. Wendt, Mr. Schuler
Mr. Adams
Mrs. Geise
President Reineke offered congratulations to the Circuit Stompers programs for their recent successful completion of competitions. It is Teacher Appreciation Week and President Reineke wanted to recognize all the great professionals that we have in this District and offer appreciation for what our teachers have done, are doing and will do in the future. Thank you.

Dr. Wendt shared a comment that a parent recently said to him which he felt was a good motto...“my kids are tough, they can take it”. Our kids can do it! The district and the board support teachers that allow the student to move to the next level. A note was made that the chorus and band concerts are Wednesday and that the Budget Vote and Election is May 20. Congratulations again to the Circuit Stompers. Thank you also to the board for approving the Memorial Day Holiday. Mention was also made that the Elementary grade 4 chorus concert had a date change.

There were no reports at this meeting.

The Newfane Teacher’s Association was represented by N. Dopp who handed out information regarding class size and student achievement. No comments or remarks were made at this time.

Mr. Stack indicated that the High School Music Teachers felt that an increase in lesson size was better than moving from a 5 day lesson rotation to a 6 day lesson rotation. Mr. Young indicated that music would no longer be included in the kindergarten day. He stated however, that there would be additional physical education offered and cited benefits of activity in young children. Dr. Wendt noted that there have been studies which support a direct correlation between music and math as well as that physical activity increases brain functions. Trustee Schmitt summarized that the only change created by not replacing a retirement in music is no more music in kindergarten which was 1 day a week to more physical education and art. Affirmed by administrators.

The Routine Order of Business was voted on by unanimous consent without objection, to be listed separately in the minutes.

Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Little
RESOLVED, that the minutes of the April 22, 2014 regular meeting of the Board of Education be and are approved.
Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Little
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and file the following Fuel Reconciliation for the periods of January 2014 through March 2014.

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Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO
Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Little
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and file the Treasurer's Monthly Reports for the period of March 31, 2014.
Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Accepted and filed the Treasurer’s Monthly Report
Encl. 2014.05.06.5C

Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Little
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and file the following Warrant Reports for the period ending April 2014.
Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Accepted and filed the Warrants
Encl. 2014.05.06.5D

Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Little
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 2014.05.06.5E.
Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved classification and placement of students
Encl. 2014.05.06.5E

Motion made by Trustee Artieri seconded by Trustee Lakes
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Susan Tower, from her District Treasurer position, effective June 27, 2014, at the close of business.
Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Accepted the resignation S. Tower for the purpose of retirement
Encl. 2014.05.06.6A

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt seconded by Trustee Malone
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Newfane Administrative Council and the District, and;
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized to sign said Memorandum of Agreement.
Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Accepted a memorandum of agreement with the Newfane Administrative Council
Encl. 2014.05.06.6B

Motion made by Trustee Little seconded by Trustee Kilcullen
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that Derek Vallese, residing in Lockport, New York, be and is appointed to the position of School District Treasurer, effective June 2, 2014 at an annual salary of $45,000, and according to the conditions of the attached employment agreement; and further that the Superintendent of Schools be and is authorized to execute said agreement effective June 2, 2014. Pending fingerprint clearance.
Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Appointed D. Vallese as District Treasurer
Encl. 2014.05.06.6C

Motion made by Trustee Little seconded by Trustee Kilcullen
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that Tyler Gugliuzza, be and is approved to work as a substitute laborer in the District, effective May 7, 2014.
Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved T. Gugliuzza as a substitute laborer
Encl. 2014.05.06.6D
Motion made by Trustee Little and seconded by Trustee Schmitt to discuss the pending resolution for a bid award. Approval from SED is pending so no award came be determined as of this time so no resolution available regarding the capital project to renovate the chimney at the Middle School.

Motion made by Trustee Little and seconded by Trustee Lakes to postpone the pending resolution.

Resolution to postpone Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Lakes seconded by Trustee Malone

RESOLVED, that books be and are approved for purchase from the vendor McGraw Hill, as presented in enclosure 2014.05.06.7B with a total cost of $4,128.36.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Little seconded by Trustee Malone

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the 2014-2015 School Calendar proposed listed as Enclosure 2014.05.06.7C, which provides for a two-week recess period March 30, 2015 through April 10, 2015, 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.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

C. Ames, PTSA representative reminded the board the meet the candidate night will be held on May 19 at 6:30 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.

G. Soemann, jested that he questioned if opening day of pheasant season was on the calendar. (back in history it would be declared)

The Board of Education Trustees and Interim Superintendent Wendt used this time to share information items, no action to be taken.

Motion made by Trustee Little and seconded by Trustee Schmitt

MOVED, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Seymour
District Clerk

NEW ORDER OF BUSINESS
Postponed
Award of a bid for chimney reconstruction at the Middle School
Encl. 2014.05.06.7A

Approved book purchase, Elementary School
Encl. 2014.05.06.7B

Adopted the 2014-2015 School District Calendar
Encl. 2014.05.06.7C

CONCLUDING ORDERS OF BUSINESS
Public remarks or comments

Anything for the “good of the order”