

Newfane Central School District Board of Education

NEWFANE BOARD OF EDUCATION RE-ORGANIZAITONAL MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The July 11, 2017 reorganizational meeting of the Newfane Board of Education was held in room 129 of the Early Childhood Center. The meeting was called to order by District Clerk Seymour at 7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

J. Schmitt, J. Little, P. Kelahan, A. Kennedy, L. Licht, C. Wentland

ADMINSTRATION PRESENT

M. Baumann, B. Schuler, D. Ames, G. Noon, J. Arroyo, T. Adams, D. Bedette,

OTHERS PRESENT

J. Wolfe, M. Royce, B. Gysbers, R. Luck, A. Casinelli, M. Lingle, W. Krayss, M. Haylett, L. Erck,

J. Flagler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Appointed the District Clerk, B. Seymour

Motion made by Trustee Wentland and seconded by Trustee Licht

RESOLVED, that Bernadette Seymour, residing in Burt, New York, be and is appointed to an exempt position as District Clerk, which includes District Election/Budget Vote Chairperson, Records Management Officer (Disposition), and Assistant to Records Access Officer, effective July 1, 2017, per the conditions of her employment agreement with the District.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

The Board of Education cast votes for the pending appointment of the trustee, the names and votes are listed below prior to the appointment:

Anthony Casinelli 10pts

Joseph Flagler 3pts

Bethany Gysbers 5pts

William Krayss 3pts

Margaux Lingle 13pts

Maryellen Royce 2pts

Appointed M. Lingle as Board of Education Trustee

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Wentland

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Margaux Lingle to serve as a Newfane Board of Education Trustee for the 2017-2018 school year, with the term expiration of June 30, 2018.

Resolution Carried: 5 YES 1 NO - Little

Administration of Oaths – Board of Education Trustees Little (prior to meeting) and Lingle.

The District Clerk called for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education.

Trustee Licht nominated Trustee Schmitt for the office of President.

Trustee Little nominated himself for the office of President.

The District Clerk conducted a Roll Call vote for President:

Trustee Schmitt 6 YES

Trustee Little 1 YES

Trustee Schmitt was elected President of the Newfane Board of Education for the 2017-2018 School Year.

The District Clerk called for nominations for the office of Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Trustee Schmitt nominated Trustee Licht for the office of Vice-President.

Trustee Little nominated himself for the office of Vice-President

The District Clerk conducted a Roll Call vote for Vice-President:

Trustee Licht 6 YES

Trustee Little 1 YS

Trustee Licht was elected Vice-President of the Newfane Board of Education for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Administration of Oaths - Board of Education Officers President Schmitt and Vice-President Licht.

BREAK - President of Board to run the remainder of the meeting

The designations and reorganizational consensus items were voted on as consensus to be listed separately in the minutes of the meeting.

Approved the Official Bank Depositories and Investment Banking Firms

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the following designations be approved as Official Bank Depositories and Investment

Banking Firms: Key Bank, Manufacturers & Traders, Evans Bank and JP Morgan/Chase Bank.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved the 2017-18 Board Meeting Schedule/Official Newspapers

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approved the following meeting schedule and official newspaper for the 2017-18 school year:

July	11 th Re-Org	
August	1 st	15^{th}
September	5 th	19^{th}
October	3^{rd}	17^{th}
November	7 th	21^{st}
December	5 th	19^{th}
January		16^{th}
February	6 th	20^{th}
March	6 th	20^{th}
April	10 th	24^{th}
May	1 st	15^{th}
June	5 th	19^{th}

Meetings will be held in Room 129 of the Newfane Early Childhood Center, unless notice of location change given.

The annual required Public Budget Hearing will be May 1, 2018.

The annual Budget Vote and Election will be held May 15, 2018.

The official newspaper is: Lockport Union Sun & Journal.

Approved appointments – district wide Special Category

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of the following individuals for the 2017-2018 school year:

- a. School Physician: Dr. Harnath Clerk
- b. Potential Impartial Hearing Officers: The certified list promulgated by the Commissioner of Education.
- c. Committee Chairpersons for the Committee on Preschool Special

Education (CPSE) and Committee on Special Education (CSE):

Jennifer Bower, Director of Special Education

Maura Yates, CSE/CPSE Chairperson

Dr. Elizabeth Botzer, School Psychologist

Kim Sorrentino, School Psychologist

Julie Hinton, Special Education Counselor

- d. Chapter 504 Grievance Hearing Officer: Jennifer Bower
- e. Records Access Officer: Michael Baumann, Superintendent

Records Management Officer (Disposition): Bernadette Seymour

- f. Human Rights Officers/Civil Rights Compliance Officers: Jennifer Bower, Thomas Adams.
- g. DASA Coordinators: Daniel Bedette, Danielle Hawkins, Thomas Adams, Jenna Arroyo, Peter Young, Jennifer Bower.
- h. Medicaid Compliance Officer: Jennifer Bower
- i. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") Privacy Official/Complaint Official: Bart Schuler
- j. Asbestos designee: George Noon
- k. Board Officials: Derek Vallese School District Treasurer

Bart Schuler – Purchasing Agent

Michael Baumann- Deputy Purchasing Agent

Janet Roger – Tax Collector

- 1. Central Treasurers Extra Classroom Accounts: Derek Vallese and Colette Weyers
- m. Designated Education Official: Michael Baumann, Superintendent
- n. School Pesticide Representative: George Noon
- o. Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth: Peter Young
- p. Federal Child Nutrition Program:

Reviewing and/or Verification Official: JoAnne Huntington

Hearing Official (for appeals): Bart Schuler

- q. Debt Obligation, Tax Exempt Compliance Officer: Bart Schuler
- r. Mentor Coordinator, Peter Young
- s. Faculty Auditor, extra-classroom activities funds; Bart Schuler, elementary and middle schools and Derek Vallese, high school

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Appointed School Attorneys

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the law firms of Hodgson Russ, LLP, William Berard Law, and Harris Beach, PLLC be appointed as school attorneys; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools be and is authorized to enter into agreement with other attorneys as needed; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following individuals shall be authorized to contact school attorneys:

Board of Education President

Board of Education Vice-President

Superintendent of Schools

Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools

District Clerk

School Business Administrator

Director of Special Education

Appointed Parent Members of Special Education Committees

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of the following individuals for the 2017-2018 school year:

Parent Member of the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE): Lori Guido; and

Parent Member of the Committee on Special Education (CSE): Lori Guido

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Appointed School District's Fiscal Advisor

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. be appointed as the District Fiscal Advisor.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved a stipend, Speech Pathologist

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the board of education grant Kim Reddinger, speech pathologist, a stipend of \$1,500 for the 2017-18 school year, for services as a New York State licensed service provider.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved a stipend, Occupational Therapist

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the board of education grant Kim Schuler, Occupational Therapist, a stipend of \$1,500 for the 2017-18 school year, for services as a New York State licensed service provider.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Appointed the Director of Health and Physical Education, D. Ames

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that Douglas Ames be appointed as the Director of Health and Physical Education for the 2017-2018 school year.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Assured bonding of personnel

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator be and is directed to assure that each employee be bonded for in excess of \$100,000 and that the Treasurer, Internal Claims Auditor, Tax Collector, School Business Administrator, and Superintendent be bonded for an additional \$1,000,000 (provided in the District's Insurance package).

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved authorizations

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the following:

- 1. Superintendent to certify payrolls.
- 2. Superintendent, or his designee, be authorized to approve field trips, in-service credits, professional development and graduate hours, leave days, leaves of absence, estimated expenses, district representation, and attendance at meetings, conferences, or conventions pursuant to Board of Education policy. Also members of the Board of Education are authorized to attend local, state, and national meetings as provided within budgetary allocation, upon approval of the Board of Education.
- 3. Superintendent to require any employee(s) to submit to a medical examination to determine his/her fitness to continue employment. The Superintendent of Schools shall also be authorized to appoint and engage school physician(s) and make such arrangements as are necessary to effectuate this resolution.
- 4. School Business Administrator to advertise for any items that require bidding.
- 5. Petty Cash Funds

Business Office	Derek Vallese	\$75.00
District Office	Shannon Emborsky	\$100.00
Central Services	Connie Heselberger	\$75.00
Middle School	Kirsten Wright	\$75.00

Newfane Elementary	Tracy Kaiser	\$100.00
Newfane Early Childhood Ctr.	Gretchen Harrington	\$75.00
High School	Colette Weyers	\$100.00
Food Service	JoAnn Huntington	\$75.00
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6. Authorized Signature on Checks and Wire Transfers: Derek Vallese as Treasurer.

7. The Superintendent to approve temporary changes in special education placements in such special, extenuating circumstances when placement is necessary prior to a regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Authorization to Borrow Money, 2017-18 School Year

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution delegating the Board of Education's power to authorize the issuance of revenue anticipation notes of the District:

The Board of Education of the Newfane Central School District, in the County of Niagara, New York, hereby resolves (by the favorable vote of not less than a majority of all the members of said Board of Education) as follows:

Section 1. In order to facilitate the issuance from time to time of revenue anticipation notes (the "Notes") to meet periodic cash-flow needs, the Board of Education of the Newfane Central School District, in the County of Niagara, New York, hereby delegates its power to authorize the issuance of revenue anticipation notes to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District, pursuant to Section 30.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law"). Section 2. All Notes so authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 3. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 61.00 of the Law, inclusive, the powers to sell and issue such Notes, including any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute arbitrage certifications relative thereto (and any other necessary related documents), are hereby further delegated to the President of the Board of Education.

Section 4. All of such Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 5. The powers hereby delegated shall be exercised by the President of the Board of Education until such time as the Board of Education, by resolution, shall elect to resume the same.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Re-adopted all board policies, By-laws, and code of ethics

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt, for the 2017-18 school year, all Board Policies, By-Laws, and Code of Ethics that were in effect during the 2016-17 school year.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Established the mileage reimbursement rate

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education establish the mileage reimbursement rate for the 2017-2018 school year based upon the IRS standard mileage rate.

Set authorized signature for child nutrition program

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee, be and is authorized to act as the District's agent with regard to the Newfane Central School District's participation in the National School Lunch/Special Milk Programs and to enter into contracts and agreements for participation on behalf of the District.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Designated building administration, relating to suspension of students

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby designates the following building administrators, based upon their current job assignments, as "principals" for the purposes of Education Law Section 3214 for the 2017-2018 school year: Michael Baumann, Daniel Bedette, Danielle Hawkins, Thomas Adams, Jenna Arroyo, Bart Schuler, Jennifer Bower, Peter Young.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Authorized pay rates

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent shall be authorized to employ the following personnel, as necessary, with compensation according to the following schedule:

Uncertified Substitute Teachers:

Per Diem \$80.00/day

Certified Substitute Teachers:

\$90.00/day
\$100.00/day
\$11.25/hr
\$11.25/hr
Step 1 of CSEA CBA
\$11.25/hr
\$10.40/hr
\$11.25/hr
\$21.00/hr
\$20.00/hr
\$14.75/hr
\$12.50/hr
\$12.00/hr
\$19.00/hr
\$18.00/hr

Authorized letters of reasonable assurance

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools or his designee be and is authorized to send letters of reasonable assurance of continuing employment, for the purpose of complying with the Unemployment Insurance Amendments of 1976, to Newfane School District staff whom the District intends to be employed during the subsequent school year.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Authorized terminations

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools be and is authorized to conduct termination hearings as required by law or collective bargaining agreement and is authorized to terminate persons from employment subject to the final approval of the Board of Education.

District Health Care Plan

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools or his designee be and is authorized to vote and otherwise act on behalf of the Newfane Central School District with respect to all business pertaining to the Orleans/Niagara School Health Plan, and that the Superintendent of Schools shall have the standing authority to delegate such responsibility to the Business Administrator.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Authorized fund transfers

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools be and is authorized to transfer funds between accounts as necessary to the operation of the District in amounts up to \$5,000; and further that any amounts exceeding \$5,000 will require Board approval.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Adopted the non-discrimination statement

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the following non-discrimination statement and directs that it be published to staff, students, and others as appropriate:

The Newfane Central School District does not discriminate against any employee, student, applicant for employment or candidate for enrollment on the basis of gender, race, color, religion or creed, age, national origin, marital status, disability, sexual orientation or any other classification protected by law (including, with respect to employees and applicants for employment, genetic predisposition or carrier status), unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification or otherwise provided for by law. Any person wishing to obtain information about the District's procedures for grieving alleged civil rights violations may obtain information by contacting Jennifer Bower, a Civil Rights Compliance Officer.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Authorized BOCES bidding

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Western New York, to bid jointly various commodities and services including but not limited to: art supplies; general office and school supplies; medical supplies; physical education and athletic supplies; custodial supplies; toner cartridges; fuel oil and gasoline; natural gas; electricity; trash/recycling; fire extinguisher and fire systems inspections; back flow prevention; and emergency generator inspection and preventative maintenance service.

WHEREAS, the Newfane Central School District wishes to participate in the cooperative bidding program through Orleans/Niagara BOCES, and other BOCES as permitted by law, that will be drafting specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the BOCES Board of Education and making a recommendation thereon; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Newfane Central School District Board of Education authorized the above mentioned program to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Newfane Central School District Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the cost of the cooperative bidding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Newfane Central School District Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decision of the participating district on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the group; (3) that after award of the contract(s), it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Authorized execution Orleans-Niagara BOCES and Erie1 BOCES service agreements

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools be and is authorized to execute service agreements with the Orleans-Niagara BOCES and ERIE1 BOCES for services that may from time to time be required.

Adopted the fee schedule

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the following fee schedule for the use of District facilities for persons or organizations using the District facilities:

Fees for Use of Facilities:

Classroom \$15.00 per half day/\$30.00 per day Cafeteria \$15.00 per half day/\$30.00 per day

(SH/MS) (Any kitchen must have café employee on site)

Gyms \$15.00 per hour

Baseball/Softball Field \$30.00 per event

Soccer Field \$30.00 per event

Football Field \$100.00 per event

Pool \$15.00 per hour (mandatory) *

Auditorium/Stage (Full use) \$30.00 per hour Auditorium (House only) \$15.00 per hour Fees may be waived for community or non-for profit groups.

Personnel Fees:

Pool

Chief Lifeguard \$18.22/hr Each addt'l Instruct. Lifeguard \$14.83/hr Custodian \$21.88/hr Custodian OT \$32.82/hr Grounds person \$27.28/hr Grounds person OT \$40.92/hr Laborer \$19.40/hr Laborer OT \$29.10/hr

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Adopted tuition rates

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, the Board of Education adopt the following tuition rates for the 2017-18 school year:

General Education

K-6 \$4,788 7-12 \$7,577 <u>Special Education</u> K-6 \$17,541 7-12 \$20,330

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Authorized an insurance contract- comprehensive coverage

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that Utica Mutual Insurance Company, Utica, NY, through The Evans Agency, Inc., Angola, NY, is authorized to provide the Newfane Central School District's comprehensive insurance coverage which includes, but is not limited to property, general, auto, and excess coverage for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Authorized overnight travel

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is permitted to authorize students and their respective coaches/advisors to travel overnight, if needed, to engage in sectional and state competitions; and further such expenditures are designated to the dollar amount permitted by Board policy.

^{*} Residents are required to execute a waiver form or provide for insurance coverage as well as hire a sufficient number of school-approved lifeguards, as determined by the Aquatic Director.

Authorized a use of facilities agreement – American Red Cross shelter agreement

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education be and is authorized to execute an agreement with the American Red Cross concerning the use of district facilities as mass care shelters.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Authorized arbitration payments

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools or his designee be and is authorized to approve payments for and related to matters of arbitration, not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Designated authorized agents, hold harmless agreements

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education designates the following as agents for the district in regards to hold harmless agreements for the use of facilities:

Michael Baumann Superintendent

Bart Schuler Business Administrator

George Noon Director of School Facilities and Operations

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Authorized interim appointments, staff

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools or his designee be and is authorized to employ individuals on an interim basis until such time as the Board of Education is able to act upon a formal recommendation per appointment. Such interim appointments shall be considered temporary in nature.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved established standard work day, additional titles

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby establishes the following standard work days for appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of the body.

Title/Name	Standard worl	b	egins/ends eeping system	Participates in employer's time	Days/Month (based on record of activities)
Treasurer, Derek Vallese	7.5	irs 7	7/1/17-6/30/18	Y	n/a
Claim auditor, Mary Ann	Neff 2.0	irs 7	7/1/17-6/30/18	Y	n/a
Tax collector, Janet Roge	er 7.5 l	irs 7	7/1/17-6/30/18	Y	n/a
District clerk, Bernadette	Seymour 6.0	irs 7	7/1/17-6/30/18	Y	n/a
Resolution Carried:	7 YES	0 NO			

ADJOURNMENT

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

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Seymour District Clerk