



*Newfane Central School District
Board of Education*

NEWFANE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 2, 2019

The April 2, 2019 meeting of the Newfane Board of Education was held in room 129 of the Early Childhood Center. The meeting was called to order by Board President Schmitt at 7:01pm.

CALL TO ORDER

A. Casinelli, A. Kennedy, L. Licht, M. Lingle, E. Oudette, J. Schmitt
P. Kelahan
M. Baumann, B. Schuler, G. Noon, H. Staley, P. Young, T. Adams,
D. Bedette
A. Sacco, C. Hoffman, Elementary Students and families

**TRUSTEES PRESENT
TRUSTEES EXCUSED
ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT
OTHERS PRESENT**

The District Mission Statement was read by Trustee Licht.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE and
DISTRICT MISSION
STATEMENT**

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Lingle
The board discussed the additional resolution prior to voting.
RESOLVED, that the proposed agenda for April 2, 2019 be approved as amended.

**ESTABLISH ORDERS
OF THE DAY**

Approved the agenda

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

There were no remarks at this time.

**Public remarks or
comments**

Elementary Principal, H. Staley introduced the following students that were recognized for individual accomplishments in and out of school.
A. Woock, S. Klinger, B. Human, J. Call, R. and D. Troy, E. Shaughnessy,
A. Doxey, G. Barone and M. Andrews. Congratulations!

**PRESENTATIONS
Elementary Student
Recognition**

Mrs. Staley updated the board on the goals of the Elementary School and how they are meeting them. Goals include Student Achievement, Technology, Professional Development and Communication. The Elementary School is creating a community within their building to achieve these goals.

**Elementary School
Update**

PRESIDENT REPORT:

REPORTS

President Schmitt commented on the successful New Board Member workshop that was held in district by NOSBA. Glad to host this event.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Baumann mentioned the State’s computer problem with the testing across the state. Newfane is paper based so we are not affected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Updates were given on the following committees:

Technology, NOSBA and District Safety

NEWFANE TEACHER’S ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:

N. Dopp represented the NTA, mentioned an upcoming scholarship event.

Motion made by Trustee Kennedy and seconded by Trustee Licht
RESOLVED, that the minutes of the March 19, 2019 meetings of the Board of Education be and are approved.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

ROUTINE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approved the minutes
Encl. 2019.04.02.8A

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Oudette
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Annette Allis from her Science Teacher position, effective June 26, 2019 at the close of business.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

PERSONNEL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Accepted the resignation
for the purpose of
retirement of
A. Allis
Encl. 2019.04.02.9A

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Suzann Costanzo from her Special Education Teacher position, effective June 28, 2019 at the close of business.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Accepted the resignation
for the purpose of
retirement of
S. Costanzo
Encl. 2019.04.02.9B

Motion made by Trustee Casinelli and seconded by Trustee Licht
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Jean Passuite from her Physical Education Teacher position, effective June 26, 2019 at the close of business.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Accepted the resignation
for the purpose of
retirement of
J. Passuite
Encl. 2019.04.02.9C

Motion made by Trustee Kennedy and seconded by Trustee Lingle
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Timothy Bonnette from his Foreign Language Teacher position, effective June 26, 2019 at the close of business.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Accepted the resignation
for the purpose of
retirement of
T. Bonnette
Encl. 2019.04.02.9D

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Lingle
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Elizabeth Kuczka from her Elementary Teacher position, effective June 26, 2019 at the close of business.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Accepted the resignation
for the purpose of
retirement of
E. Kuczka
Encl. 2019.04.02.9E

The remaining Personnel Order of Business was voted on by consensus to be listed separately in the minutes. (9F and 9G)

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education grant Julie Seitz-Brummer, Elementary Teacher, an unpaid leave of absence from April 4, 2019 through June 30, 2019.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Approved the unpaid
leave for
J. Seitz-Brummer
Encl. 2019.04.02.9F

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint the following individuals, as listed below, to work for a stipend of \$160.00 during the District's Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on May 21, 2019, and;
FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 \$240.00:

Appointed election
inspectors for the
2019-2020 Budget
Vote and Election

- 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
 - Gretchen Harrington
3576 Lkpt Olcott Road, Lkpt, New York 14094 Asst. Election Inspector
(prorated)
 - Michele Malone
6157 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
 - Ann Schuler
5400 Stone Road, Lockport, New York 14094 Asst. Election Inspector
 - Dolores Mitchell
6113 Prospect Street, Newfane, New York 14108 Alt. Asst. Election Inspt.
 - Patricia Schultz
6121 Ketchum Ave, Newfane, New York 14108 Alt. Asst. Election Inspt.
 - Bernadette Seymour District Clerk Permanent Chairperson*
 - Bart Schuler Business Administrator Acting Clerk*
- (*No stipend paid)
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

The New Order of Business was voted on by consensus to be listed separately in the minutes. (except 10AA and 10A)

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Oudette

A RESOLUTION, DATED APRIL 2, 2019, OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NIAGARA COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “DISTRICT”) DECLARING THE DISTRICT’S PROPOSED CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT (INVOLVING MODEST UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE DISTRICT’S MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES) TO BE A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INCLUSION OF FUNDING FOR SUCH PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT’S PROPOSED 2019-2020 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Newfane Central School District, Niagara County, New York (the “District”), has resolved that the District should propose to undertake, during the District’s pending (2019-2020) fiscal year, a capital outlay project involving modest upgrades and improvements at the District’s Middle School auditorium and athletic fields, such work being anticipated to include, but not necessarily to be limited to, upgrading existing auditorium lighting and, to the extent the bids allow, replacing the softball field backstop (collectively, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of the Project (inclusive of all preliminary and incidental costs) has been determined to be \$100,000; and WHEREAS, the District is proposing that the Project be financed by the application of \$100,000 of funds to be earmarked for such purpose as a “Transfer to Capital Fund” in the District’s pending (i.e., 2019-2020) budget, with the work on the Project expected to be completed during the 2019-2020 fiscal year of the District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with State Education Department guidance and policy, the District/Board of Education is the appropriate agency to be the lead agency to undertake Project review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to reserve the right to expand, contract or modify the scope of the Project in light of the level of future construction bids received, with the understanding that the estimated maximum cost of the Project will not exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5 of the SEQRA Regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) provides that certain activities are Type II actions which are not subject to review under SEQRA and that such activities include “routine activities of educational institutions,” “maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility;” “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site...unless such action meets or exceeds any [Type I] thresholds in section 617.4” and/or “emergency actions that are immediately necessary on a limited and temporary basis for the protection or preservation of life,

health, property or natural resources, provided that such actions are directly related to the emergency and are performed to cause the least change or disturbance, practicable under the circumstances, to the environment”; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project constitutes such routine activities of educational institutions; maintenance or repair activities; and/or in-kind, same-site replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction activities not

NEW ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approved the Capital Project to be included in the 2019-2020 Budget Encl. 2019.04.02.10AA

exceeding Type I thresholds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the final determination of the District's Board of Education that the proposed Project is a Type II action, which is not subject to review under SEQRA, and that the proposed Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed Project shall be included as a "Transfer to Capital Fund" line item (not exceeding \$100,000 in amount) in the District's proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year (with appropriate additional notification to District voters regarding the anticipated details of the work to be given in connection with the District's regular budget presentation and approval process), so that such Project may be initiated and completed (assuming voter approval of the District's proposed budget) during the District's 2019-2020 fiscal year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Kennedy
RESOLVED, that the General Fund Budget for the 2019-2020 school year of the Newfane Central School District shall be \$36,931,271 and that said amount shall be put forth before the District voters on May 21, 2019, as Proposition 1.

Adopted the 2019-2020
District Budget
Encl. 2019.04.02.10A

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed property tax report card and budget notice, which corresponds to the budget, adopted on April 2, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year, be and is approved.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Casinelli
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following budget transfer be approved:

Approved a budget
transfer
Encl. 2019.04.02.10B

	Code	Amount
From	2250-150-31 (spec. ed teacher, general)	\$16,000.00
	2830-150-31 (speech teacher, general)	\$84,000.00
To	2250-150-40 (spec. ed teacher, elementary)	\$16,000.00
	2830-150-40 (speech teacher, elementary)	\$41,000.00
	2830-150-60 (speech teacher, middle)	\$43,000.00

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Casinelli
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the memorandum of agreement resolving a grievance with the Newfane Teachers Association which amends the contractual language, and further that the Superintendent of Schools be and is authorized to sign said memorandum of agreement.

Approved a MOA with
the NTA
Encl. 2019.04.02.10C

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Casinelli
RESOLVED, that the 2019-2020 School Calendar proposed listed as
Enclosure 2019.04.02.10D, which provides for a two-week recess period
April 6 through April 17, 2020, 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: 6 YES 0 NO

Adopted the 2019-2020
District Calendar
Encl. 2019.04.02.10D

**CONCLUDING
ORDERS OF
BUSINESS**

Public remarks or
comments

There were no remarks or comments at this time.

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

Anything for the “good
of the order”

- There are not any presentations scheduled

Presentations for Next
Meeting

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Lingle
MOVED, that the Board of Education enter into executive session for the
purpose of discussing a specific personnel item, Collective Bargaining Unit
negotiations and a legal matter.

Executive Session

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO
Meeting recessed at: 8:17 pm Meeting reconvened at: 10:08 pm

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

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO
Meeting adjourned at: 10:08 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Seymour
District Clerk