



**Newfane Central School District
Board of Education**

NEWFANE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 2, 2021

The March 2, 2021 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.

CALL TO ORDER

A. Casinelli, A. Kennedy, M. Lingle, E. Oudette, J. Schmitt, S. Tomasine
M. Stefanoski
K. Crombie, A. Chaffee

**TRUSTEES PRESENT
TRUSTEES EXCUSED
OTHERS PRESENT**

The District Mission Statement was read by Trustee Lingle.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
and
DISTRICT MISSION
STATEMENT**

Motion made by Trustee Casinelli and seconded by Trustee Kennedy
RESOLVED, that the proposed agenda for March 2, 2021 be approved.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

**ESTABLISH ORDERS OF
THE DAY**
Approved the agenda

There were no comments at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESIDENT REPORT:

REPORTS

President Schmitt mentioned the passing of past Principal, Norman Kopeck. The board trustees shared fond memories of him. A moment of silence in remembrance was observed.

Mr. Schmitt asked for clarity on what is considered an official announcement at the building level and would like them posted for parents.

Sports complex: Would like to know what discussions are taking place and that everyone who should be included are included, so that the best decisions are being made for the future. Specifically asked about the grass area behind the high school and how the complex may affect the scheduling of the fall sports that play simultaneous now. Superintendent Baumann indicated that everyone is welcome to share ideas and that July 1 is when the concept will be submitted to the state and finalized.

Mr. Schmitt mentioned the recent asbestos report that only showed minor items. Discussion on that was short.

COVID Update: Mr. Baumann indicated that the district is not planning on changing our current safety protocol which includes social distancing and other safety and educational processes. If new guidelines are made, we will do what is best for our students.

Regents Exams: This topic will be revisited as to how all students will be on track and which exams are to be administered and how.

Scholarship: If the board is going to sponsor a scholarship decisions need to be made so that it can go to guidance and get set up. There is an account set up but the board needs to make some guidelines. The board will share ideas and finalize.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Baumann mentioned the National Technical Honor Society student that was not included in the High School Update, Jacob Iles was inducted at the second location. Information was shared on how the ceremonies can be watched.

Project Labor Agreements update and information was shared in documents to the board trustees.

Middle School Update: Principal Keith Crombie and Dean of Students Aimee Chaffee presented the board with an update on the current environment and effectiveness of the Middle School. They are trying to keep traditions in play in a modified way. Some programs were outlined and highlighted such as support of local teams, which can unite the students. Virtual NCMEA Virtual visits brought music home for the students. Support of the student is a guiding pillar. Promoting growth in students, not just academic but overall growth. The Middle School is keeping Mental Health at the forefront to support students. They shared a video perspective of how the school year is going from Teacher, T. Ludwig and Student, S. Shafer. A new program has been implemented of a virtual Parent Support meeting which is partnered with the PTSA, so parents can share ideas on what is working to support each other. The Middle School is trying to keep open and regular communication with teachers to support students and staff. These meetings are bi-weekly. They also use the NMS Panther Press to share information and success of the middle school.

Budget Discussion: Superintendent Baumann continued discussion on the Budget Development. Update on current spending, reviewed numbers by expenditure categories and review the funding. The updated information includes a 0.5% increase as discussed. Anticipated adoption date is April 20. Discussion on actual expenses and contingencies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Kennedy – NOSBA prospective board member meeting is pending finalization and future programs will be coming together for later report. Audit committee meeting March 16 at 6 pm.

NEWFANE TEACHER’S ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:

The NTA was represented by A. Traverse, nothing to report at this time.

Motion made by Trustee Kennedy and seconded by Trustee Tomasine RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools be and is authorized to enter into a contractual agreement effective July 1, 2020, as presented in enclosure 2021.03.02.A1, with Kevin Klumpp, District Treasurer.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

ACTION ITEMS

Approved a contract,
District Treasurer, K.
Klumpp
Encl. 2021.03.02.A1

Motion made by Trustee Casinelli and seconded by Trustee Oudette
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
that the following contract be and is approved with Cannon Design, and;
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools be and is
authorized to sign said contract.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Approved a contract,
Capital Project
Encl. 2021.03.02.B1

THE AGENDA WAS REVIEWED WITHOUT ACTION

Reviewed:

Meeting Minutes

Classification and placement of students

School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement

Warrants

Treasurer's Monthly Report

**ROUTINE ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

Reviewed:

Unpaid Leave – Certified Position

Coaches

Appointments-Personnel

Student participation and Teaching

**PERSONNEL ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

Reviewed:

SARS Dinner attendees

Budget Transfers

Budget Vote and Election appointments and legal ads

District Policy

Meeting schedule

**NEW ORDER OF
BUSINESS**

**CONCLUDING ORDERS
OF BUSINESS**

There were no comments at this time.

Public comments

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

Anything for the "good
of the order"

Motion made by Trustee Oudette and seconded by Trustee Lingle

MOVED, that the Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss
a specific personnel matter.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Meeting adjourned at: recessed at: 9:00 pm reconvened at: 9:21 pm

Executive Session

Motion made by Trustee Oudette and seconded by Trustee Kennedy

MOVED, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Meeting adjourned at: 9:22 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Seymour
District Clerk