



**Newfane Central School District  
Board of Education**

**NEWFANE BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

The February 1, 2022 meeting of the Newfane Board of Education was held in the Middle School Auditorium. The meeting was called to order by Board President Lingle at 7:00 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER**

A. Kennedy, M. Lingle, J. Schmitt, S. Tomasine, E. Oudette, M. Stefanoski  
A. Casinelli  
M. Baumann, P. Young, J. Bower, D. Bedette, C. Puinno

**TRUSTEES PRESENT  
TRUSTEES EXCUSED  
OTHERS PRESENT**

The District Mission Statement was read by Trustee Tomasine.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
and  
DISTRICT MISSION  
STATEMENT**

Motion made by Trustee Oudette and seconded by Trustee Schmitt  
RESOLVED, that the proposed agenda for February 1, 2022 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**

**HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE**

Principal Bedette introduced several students and outlined their accomplishments. The students were from the BOCES National Technical Honor Society, Top three academic seniors, All State for Vocal and Area All State for Vocal. Congratulations to all the students!

**ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Athletic Director Puinno shared information on the athletic department. Programs outlined were the scholar athletes, sports teams including team highlights and video, committees to address athletic topics such as dual sports, athletic academic eligibility and the athletic hall of fame.

**PRESIDENT REPORT:**

President Lingle asked that a moment of silence be taken for past High School Assistant Principal Ken Kiedrowski who recently passed.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Mr. Baumann updated the Board of Education on the following topics:  
COVID: local county numbers are decreasing. Currently we have 9 students and 4 adults testing positive. The district has started implementing the test to stay initiative, we are finding this is helping to keep students in the classroom.

Test distribution is scheduled for Wednesday February 2. Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will all be given tests to take home in their backpacks. Also, there will be a distribution at the High School from 4 – 7 pm Wednesday.

Masking recap: The state mandate has been given a stay, the mandate for schools is still in place. The Health Department’s mandate expires on February 21. The local districts are requesting that the Governor give authority to the districts moving forward. Mr. Baumann indicated that the Board of Education needs to have conversation and set a policy that can be shared with the families of the district.

Personnel Changes: The Business Office is restructuring the secretary position away from clerical or accounting into an administrative assistant. Civil Service has given the approval for that position and we will be posting. Collaboration with the National Center of Rural Research through Harvard University has begun and the topics are in pertinent to our district, absenteeism and college preparedness. Updates will be coming regularly. Budget: Mr. Baumann mentioned that there will be two additional capital reserve resolutions included in the budget for the community to vote on. The accounts are a capital reserve account for technology and a capital reserve account for equipment. There will be a maximum dollar figure as well as a term.

Mr. Baumann gave kudos to the Newfane District for the use of the Huddle program, our YouTube channel and for Norm the announcer. Norm brings something really special to the games that he announces – a really cool dynamic to our games.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Trustee Kennedy recapped the recent Legislative Breakfast. It was well attended and it was great that the superintendents had the opportunity to thank the legislators for their support.

NOSBA will be hosting a Potential Board Candidate orientation again this year. It will be on April 2 here at NECC. Erie County will also be holding one, that information will be shared soon.

**NEWFANE TEACHER’S ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:**

There was no report at this time.

**The following items were reviewed by the Board of Education**

The Routine Order of Business was reviewed.

Meeting Minutes

Classification and placement of students

Monthly Treasurer’s Report (pending)

Monthly Budget Transfers Report (pending)

Monthly Capital Budget Status Report (pending)

Monthly Warrants (pending)

School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement

Quarterly Student Activity Funds Report

The Personnel Order of Business was reviewed.

Termination of employment of a probationary grounds’ person

Appointment of a Summer Program Coordinator

**ROUTINE ORDER OF  
BUSINESS**

**PERSONNEL ORDER OF  
BUSINESS**

Appointment of School Nurse, this was removed from the 2/15/22 agenda  
Accept a resignation and subsequently appoint an Instructional Associate  
Appointment of an Assistant Cook  
Appointment of an Advanced Mentor  
Approve an extracurricular advisor  
Approve district substitutes  
Approve unpaid coaching assistants  
Approve practicum students  
Approve field placements

The New Order of Business was reviewed.  
Approve participation in the Wrestling Championship Tournament  
Approve a conference request, Football Clinic  
Declare excess property

**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”

- Budget Presentation

Presentations for the  
next meeting

Motion made by Trustee Oudette and seconded by Trustee Tomasine  
MOVED, that the Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss  
negotiations.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolution Carried:       6 YES       0 NO  
Recessed at: 8:44 pm   Reconvened at: 9:40 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Resolution Carried:       6 YES       0 NO  
Meeting adjourned at: 9:41 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Seymour  
District Clerk