



**Newfane Central School District  
Board of Education**

**NEWFANE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

**August 1, 2023**

The August 1, 2023 meeting of the Newfane Board of Education was held in the West Cafeteria of Newfane High School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Tomasine at 7:01 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER**

M. Bower, A. Casinelli, R. Dunn, M. Lingle, J. Schmitt, S. Tomasine  
L. Krueger, K. Klumpp, D. Hawkins, C. Miller, P. Young

**TRUSTEES PRESENT  
ADMINISTRATION  
PRESENT  
OTHERS PRESENT**

N. Enderton, C. Hill and family, J. Moore, C. Mrozek (Janiszewski), C. Murray,  
T. O'Shea Licinio,

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
and  
DISTRICT MISSION  
STATEMENT**

The District Mission Statement was read by Trustee Schmitt.

Motion made by Trustee Casinelli and seconded by Trustee Lingle  
RESOLVED, that the proposed agenda for August 1, 2023 be approved.  
Resolution Carried:           6 YES           0 NO

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

E. Oudette and M. MacEvoy both presented the Board of Education with a speech on why they would each like to be the chosen candidate for the open Board of Education seat.

**PUBLIC REMARKS OR  
COMMENTS**

**PRESIDENT REPORT:**

**REPORTS**

President Tomasine thanked both E. Oudette and M. MacEvoy for their speech and welcomed Superintendents L. Krueger back to Newfane.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Superintendent L. Krueger thanked E. Oudette and M. MacEvoy for coming to speak at the Board of Education meeting. L. Krueger shared that the 5<sup>th</sup> graders equipped with hard hats and safety vests went over to the middle school to see the work that was being done. Thank you to K. Crombie, D. Hawkins, G. Maybach, Jacob and Brittany from Turner for allowing the students that opportunity. An update on the Capital Reserve project was given by L. Krueger which remained everything is still on track within the finishing time frame except for the auditorium at the middle school that will not be ready for opening day.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no reports at this time.

**NEWFANE TEACHER’S ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:**

NTA was represented by C. Hurtgam she welcomed Superintendent L. Krueger back to Newfane and she is excited to see the final result of the middle school construction project.

The Routine Order of Business was voted on by consensus to be listed separately in the minutes.

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Lingle RESOLVED, that the minutes of the July 11, 2023 meeting(s) of the Board of Education be and are approved.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

**ROUTINE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Approved meeting minutes  
Encl. 2023.8.01.8A

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Lingle 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 2023.08.01.8B.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Approved the classification and placement of students  
Encl. 2023.08.01.8B

The Personnel Order of Business was voted on by consensus to be listed separately in the minutes. Except Resolutions C, D, and H.

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt 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 Kathy Smith from her Typist position, effective August 21, 2023 at the close of business.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

**PERSONNEL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Accepted the resignation for the purpose of retirement, K. Smith  
Encl. 2023.8.01.9A

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Lingle RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Ellie Todd, residing in Gasport, New York, having NYS Initial Certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1 – 6) and Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2), be and is appointed as a 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher, in the Elementary Education tenure area, at step 1, Bachelors, effective August 30, 2023, with a four-year probationary period of August 30, 2023 through August 29, 2027.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Appointed E. Todd, Elementary Teacher  
Encl. 2023.8.01.9B

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Dunn RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Cassidy Mrozek (Janiszewski), residing in West Seneca, New York, having NYS Professional Certification in Literacy (Birth – Grade 6), Childhood Education (Grade 1-6) and Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2), be and is appointed as a 1.0 FTE Reading Teacher, in the Remedial Reading tenure area, at step 3, Masters, effective August 30, 2023 with a four-year probationary period of August 30, 2023 through August 29, 2027.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Appointed C. Mrozek (Janiszewski), Reading Teacher  
Encl. 2023.8.01.9C

Motion made by Trustee Dunn and seconded by Trustee Lingle  
 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that  
 Connor Hill residing in Newfane, New York, having NYS Initial Certification in  
 Social Studies (Grade 7-12), be and is appointed as a 1.0 CTE Long Term  
 Substitute Teacher, in the Home Economics-General Education tenure area,  
 at step 1, Bachelors, effective August 30, 2023 – January 26, 2024.

Appointed  
 C. Hill, Long Term  
 Substitute  
 Encl. 2023.8.01.9D

Resolution Carried:            6 YES            0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Lingle  
 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that  
 Danyelle Cassick residing in Burt, New York, be and is appointed to a 1.0 FTE  
 Instructional Associate position, effective August 30, 2023, with a 52-week  
 probationary period from August 30, 2023 to August 29, 2024 at a rate of  
 \$16.91 per hour according to the terms and conditions of the CSEA bargaining  
 agreement.

Appointed D. Cassick,  
 Instructional Associate  
 Encl. 2023.8.01.9E

Resolution Carried:            6 YES            0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Lingle  
 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that  
 the following be and are appointed to work supervision hours at Newfane  
 Middle School during the 2023-2024 school year according to the provisions  
 of Appendix E, Extra Service Positions, of the Newfane Teacher’s Association  
 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Appointed D. Krull and  
 K. Hoffman,  
 Supervision Positions  
 Encl. 2023.8.01.9F

NAME	POSITION
David Krull	Intramurals
Kelly Hoffman	Academic Monitoring Program ( AMP)

Resolution Carried:            6 YES            0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Lingle  
 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that  
 Wendy Geise and Robyn Wolf be and are appointed to work supervision  
 hours, at Newfane High School during the 2023-2024 school year according to  
 the provisions of Appendix E, Extra Service Positions, of the Newfane  
 Teacher’s Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Appointed  
 W. Geise and R. Wolf,  
 Supervision Positions  
 Encl. 2023.8.01.9G

Resolution Carried:            6 YES            0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Casinelli and seconded by Trustee Bower  
 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that  
 the following extracurricular clubs and organizations operate for the 2023-  
 2024 school year and that the following advisors be and are appointed  
 according to provisions of Appendix C, Co-Curricular Stipends, of the Newfane  
 Teacher’s Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Appointed co-curricular  
 advisors for the 2023-  
 2024 school year  
 Encl. 2023.8.01.9H

BUILDING	ACTIVITY	ADVISOR(S)
Elementary School	Chorus	Melissa Pestinger
Elementary School	Student Senate Advisor	Virginia Bower

Elementary School	FAITH	Brenda Lekanka and Tammy Rowan
Elementary School	Yearbook Advisor	Beth Gaskill
Middle School	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Advisor	Molly Sheldon
Middle School	Agriculture Education Club	Alexis Damon
Middle School	Art Club Advisor	Victor Thibault
Middle School	Band ( Pep Band)	Megan Keppler
Middle School	Chess Club Advisor	Jillian Long
Middle School	Chorus Club Advisor	Nicole Kelly
Middle School	Conservation Club Advisor	Victor Thibault
Middle School	Drama Club Advisor	Marcy Ferington
Middle School	Junior Honor Society Advisor	Amanda Riggs
Middle School	Library Club Advisor	Cassie Clarcq
Middle School	Math Club advisor	Abigail Cimato and Jessica Mullane
Middle School	Middle School Month	Mike Heitzenrater and Jillian Long
Middle School	Newspaper Club Advisor	Jillian Long
Middle School	Peer Mediation Advisor 1	Heather Miller
Middle School	Peer Mediation Advisor 2	Alana DePoint
Middle School	Science Club Advisor	Marcy Ferington
Middle School	Service Club Advisor	Cassandra Hurtgam
Middle School	Stage Band Advisor	Megan Keppler
Middle School	Student Senate Advisor	Carla Palazzo
Middle School	Technology Club Advisor	Nick Kiser
Middle School	Yearbook Advisor	Michael Heitzenrater
High School	Art Club	Jessica Tabone
High School	Biliteracy Club	Jessica Najuch
High School	Computer Club	Megan Forsyth
High School	Drama Club	Claudia Hovey
High School	Freshman Class Advisor	Tyler Gugliuzza
High School	GSA Advisor	Jillian Long
High School	Junior Class Advisor	Sean McDonnell
High School	Model U.N. Spring Conference Advisor	Jill Keys
High School	Model U.N. Fall Conference Advisor	Jill Keys
High School	Musical Director	Claudia Hovey
High School	Musical 1st Assistant	Chris Hart
High School	Musical 2nd Assistant	Karen Dunn
High School	Musical 3rd Assistant	Michelle Hart
High School	Musical 4th Assistant	TBD
High School	National Honor Society	Brenda Siegmann
High School	Robotics 1 Advisor(s)	Dan and Lisa Sherwood
High School	Robotics 2 Advisor	Bernadette Seymour
High School	Senior Class Advisor(s)	Joseph and Jessica Najuch
High School	Sophomore Class Advisor	Jessica Tabone and Andrea Merchant
High School	Student Senate Advisor(s)	Jessica Tabone and Sean McDonnell
High School	Tech and Motor Sports Advisor	Henri Kursten
High School	Varsity Club Advisor	Eric Klumpp

High School	Youth Activation Committee Advisor	Renee Luck
High School	Yearbook Advisor	Angela Silvestrini
High School	Yearbook Asst. Advisor	Alexandrea Jaruszawicus

Resolution Carried: 5 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTENTION (R. Dunn)

The New Order of Business was voted on by consensus to be listed separately in the minutes.

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Dunn RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following Tax Warrant providing a tax levy of \$14,029,883 to meet the estimated expenses of the school district plus \$125,000 for library purposes:

To the collector of the Newfane Central School District, County of Niagara, New York State;

You are hereby commanded:

1. To give notice and start tax collection on September 1, 2023 (in accordance with the provision of Section 1322 of the Real Property Tax Law).
2. To give notice that the collection will end on October 31, 2023.
3. To collect taxes in the sum of \$14,029,883 to meet the estimated expenses of the school district plus \$125,000 for library purposes in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with the provisions of Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.
4. To make no changes or alterations in this tax warrant or the attached tax rolls but shall return the same to the Board of Education. The Board may recall its warrant and tax roll for correction of errors or omissions in accordance with the provisions of Section 1316 of the Real Property Tax Law.
5. To forward by mail to each owner of real property listed on the tax rolls within ten (10) days after the start of collection a statement of taxes due on his property on press-numbered tax bill forms provided by the school district in accordance with the provisions of Section 922 of the Real Property Tax Law. To forward by mail, without interest penalties, to the office of the county treasurer a detailed tax bill of all state land parcels liable for taxes on the school tax rolls in accordance with provisions of Section 540 and 544 of the Real Property Tax Law.
6. To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sums listed on the attached tax rolls without interest penalties to all taxes collected during the first month of the tax collection period (from September 1, 2023 to October 2, 2023). To add two percent (2%) interest penalties to all taxes collected during the second month of the tax collection (between October 3, 2023 and October 31, 2023) and to add an additional three (3%) percent interest penalties to all taxes collected after October 31, 2023, and to account for such sums as income due the school district.
7. To issue press-numbered receipts only on forms provided by the school district in acknowledgment of receipt of payments of taxes and to retain, preserve, and file exact copies of all such receipts issued as required by Section 986 of the Real Property Tax Law.

**NEW ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Approved the Tax  
Warrant  
Encl. 2023.8.01.10A

8. To promptly return this warrant at the expiration and if any taxes on the attached tax rolls shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting thereof on forms showing by town the total assessed valuation, tax rate, the total tax levy, the total amounts collected, and the total amounts remaining uncollected as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law. This warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 910, 912, and 914 of the Real Property Tax Law and is delivered in accordance with Sections 1306 and 1318 of this law. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education. This warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal of extension has been endorsed on the fact of the warrant in writing in accordance with Section 318, subdivision 2 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Given under our hand(s) this 1st day of August 2023  
Signatures of the Members of the Board of Education  
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Dunn  
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,  
that the Newfane District Wide Safety Plan be approved.  
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Approved the District  
Wide Safety Plan  
Encl. 2023.8.01.10B

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Dunn  
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that  
NOCO Energy being the lowest responsible bidder, as analyzed by Energy  
Enterprises, Inc., relative to the large usage group bid of July 12, 2023, be and  
is awarded the bid to supply natural gas to the Newfane Central School  
district for one year, from September 2023 to August 2024, based on the  
method 1 year one year basis rate of \$.08, as established by the NYMEX.  
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Awarded a bid, Natural  
Gas  
Encl. 2023.8.01.10C

J. Moore addressed the Board of Education with his complaints regarding  
Panther field. His complaints included the lights shining onto his property,  
the driveway gates next to his home being open and cutting of the lawn.

**CONCLUDING ORDERS  
OF BUSINESS**  
Public remarks or  
comments

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

Anything for the "good of  
the order"

- There are no presentations for the next meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS FOR  
THE NEXT MEETING**

Motion made by Trustee Dunn and seconded by Trustee Schmitt  
MOVED, that the Board of Education enter Executive Session to discuss a  
specific personnel matter.

Executive Session

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO  
Meeting recessed at: 7:41 pm reconvened at: 8:55 pm

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Dunn  
MOVED, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.  
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO  
Meeting adjourned at: 9:01 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**  
Respectfully submitted,  
  
Crystal Frank  
District Clerk