

Newfane Board of Education

December 7, 2010

The December 7, 2010 regular meeting of the Newfane Board of Education was held in Room 121 of the Newfane Early Childhood Center. The meeting was called to order by Board President Reineke at 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

J. Reineke, K. Artieri, J. Flagler, M. Malone, F Westgate

MEMBERS PRESENT

P. Young, S. Burley, S. Smith, J. Bower, D. Connolly, B. Schuler

**ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT**

J. Olenick, C. Stieffenhofer

OTHERS PRESENT

Trustee Malone read the Newfane Central School District's mission statement.

**READING OF
DISTRICT MISSION
STATEMENT**

Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Westgate
RESOLVED, that the proposed agenda for December 7, 2010 be and is approved.
Resolution Carried: 5 YES 0 NO

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

Motion made by Trustee Malone and seconded by Trustee Flagler
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session regarding a proposed Memorandum of Agreement and pending consultant contract.
Resolution Carried: 5 YES 0 NO

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting recessed at 7:06 p.m.

Trustee Ames arrived at 7:09 p.m. and Trustee Kilcullen arrived at 7:29 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Westgate
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the memorandum of agreement relative to CSEA sick bank, and further that the Superintendent of Schools be and is authorized to sign said memorandum of agreement.
Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

**Memorandum of
Agreement
CSEA, sick bank**

Attorney Jeffrey Weiss from Harris Beach Law Firm outlined legal issues regarding recent Special Education changes.

PRESENTATION
Jeffrey Weiss, Harris
Beach Law Firm

Motion made by Trustee Malone and seconded by Trustee Westgate
RESOLVE, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the District enter into contract with Ruffell Reimbursements as the Medicaid third-party biller effective December 1, 2010 at a charge of \$4,800.00 annually.

**Approval of Contract
Medicaid
Reimbursement
Ruffell
Reimbursements**

Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Flagler
Moved that the Board of Education refer this resolution to the Policy Committee.

Motion to commit Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

There were no comments at this meeting.

**PUBLIC REMARKS OR
COMMENTS**

President Reineke spoke regarding two conferences the he attended. He and Trustee Artieri attended a BOCES conference regarding the fiscal environment of New York State. He also attended a seminar given by Lumsden & McCormick regarding GASB 54 and will forward information received to the Board of Education.

**REPORTS OF
OFFICERS**

There were no reports from standing committees or boards at this meeting.

**REPORTS OF
STANDING
COMMITTEES AND
BOARDS**

There were no remarks or comments at this meeting, Roberta Faery represented.

**NTA REMARKS OR
COMMENTS**

Motion made by Trustee Ames and seconded by Trustee Flagler
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the minutes of the November 16, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Education be and are approved.

CONSENSUS ITEMS

Approval of
Board Minutes –
November 16, 2010

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Ames and seconded by Trustee Flagler
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon reviewing the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and/or the Committee on Preschool Special Education for meetings held November 9 and November 23, 2010, will arrange for the appropriate special education programs and services to be provided.

Classification, Placement
and Minutes
Special Education

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Ames and seconded by Trustee Flagler
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and file the Treasurer's Monthly Report for the period of September 1 through September 30, 2010.

Treasurer's Monthly
Report

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Malone
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the resignation with regret, of Vicki Jonathan from her position as AIS Teacher Tutor/Substitute Teacher effective November 22, 2010.

PERSONNEL
Accepted resignation of
AIS Teacher
Tutor/Substitute Teacher
Vicki Jonathan

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Malone
Whereas, Lee Ann Connolly commenced full-time service in the elementary tenure area effective September 1, 2008;

Appointment to
Probationary Service
Lee Ann Connolly

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Lee Ann Connolly, having a professional certificate in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and a professional certificate in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), is appointed to probationary service in the elementary tenure area effective retroactively to September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Malone
 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the
 Athletic Director, that the individuals listed below be and are appointed as
 coaches for the 2010-11 school year.

Appointment of
 Spring Coaches

SPORT	POSITION	NAME	%	STEP
Varsity Baseball	Head Coach	Jeff Kneeland	10%	11
JV Baseball	Coach	Chad Gretz	8%	7
Varsity Softball	Head Coach	Katy Stedman	10%	11
JV Softball	Coach	Mark Nice	8%	6
Track & Field	Head Coach	Mike Heitzenrater	10%	10
	Assistant	Chuck Nagel	8%	6
	Assistant	Eric Klumpp	8%	5
	Assistant	Connie Hornquist	8%	3
Tennis	Coach	Sean McDonnell	8.5%	1
Resolution Carried:		7 YES	0 NO	

Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Malone
 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that
 Dylan Parker, be and is approved as an Unpaid Assistant for the 2010-11 school
 year in the sport of Boys Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball, with the
 understanding that unpaid assistants are to work under the direct supervision of
 the Head Coach and that at no time are they to supervise students unattended.
 Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Appointment of
 Unpaid Assistant
 Dylan Parker

Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Malone
 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the
 Collective Negotiation Settlement Memorandum with the Newfane Administrative
 Council, dated December 2, 2010, be approved to the extent required by law.
 Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approval of Settlement
 Memorandum
 Newfane Administrative
 Council
 July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012

Motion made by Trustee Westgate and seconded by Trustee Ames
 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the
 Board of Education hereby approves the Resolution of Settlement between the
 Newfane Civil Service Employees Association and the Superintendent of Schools
 regarding enclosure 2010-12.7.14F.
 Resolution Carried: 6 YES 1 NO - Trustee Artieri

Approval of Stipulation of
 Settlement
 CSEA

Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Ames
 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Superintendent Christine
 Tibbetts, Joseph Najuch, Jason Divincenzo, Thomas Stack, Catherine Sullivan,
 Thomas Adams, Sheila Flanagan, Gregory Weber, and Peter Young, to attend the
 Avid National Conference in Dallas, Texas, and also approve the associated
 expenses incurred while traveling from December 8 through December 11, 2010,
 with the understanding that the training will be covered in full by two grants,
 Special Education 611 ARRA and Title IIA.
 Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

NEW BUSINESS
 Approval of AVID
 National Conference

Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Ames
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve a school expenditure from Mark's Pizza (McKee Street, Newfane) in the amount of \$123.76, for the December 14, 2010 District Leadership Team Orientation.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Authorization of
Expenditure
District Leadership Team
Orientation

Motion made by Trustee Artieri and seconded by Trustee Ames
RESOLVED, that the Newfane Varsity Baseball Team be and is authorized to travel and participate in the Mingo Bay Baseball Classic Tournament in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, during the period of April 18 to April 22, 2011, according to the following conditions:

AND FURTHER, all personal expenses will be covered by individual players or coaches. No personal expense or cost will be charged to the school district.

AND FURTHER, all boys will travel with and be chaperoned by their parents.

AND FURTHER, that two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled trip, the Athletic Director provide the Superintendent of Schools with a full and complete itinerary, player list, chaperone list, and related details.

AND FURTHER, that a field trip request form be completed and the standard release forms be executed for each player, coach, and family member in attendance and that same be delivered to the Principal or Superintendent of Schools prior to departure.

AND FURTHER, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the payment of the \$500.00 entry fee into the tournament.

Discussion followed regarding cost. Trustee Malone inquired as to if this is covered in the Budget. Trustee Ames replied that it is covered and that the cost to play in the tournament is less than if the team played the same number of games locally and had to pay umpires.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approval of the Varsity
Baseball Participation in
the Mingo Bay Baseball
Classic Tournament

There were no remarks or comments at this meeting.

**PUBLIC REMARKS OR
COMMENTS**

-President Reineke noted that members of the Board of Education and Administration took a building tour lead by Dan Connolly and would like to receive an overview of the Security system that is in place.

-Trustee Artieri congratulated the Administration on their new contract.

-Trustee Flagler completed FORT training

-Trustee Ames offered an invitation to all regarding the Sport's Booster fundraiser which takes place January 22, 2010.

-Trustee Malone brought up that she received a request that a girl's Lacrosse team becomes a team; Trustee Malone requested that she would like to see the FOIL response that was included in the information items of this meeting;

Inquired as to whether or no the Model U.N. JVA was posted externally – Peter Young responded that the JVA's are posted so that both internal and external candidates may apply; Trustee Malone also mentioned that she would like the Board to consider collecting feedback from both the staff and community as a way to begin the Budget process.

**ANYTHING FOR THE
GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**ADMINISTRATIVE
ROUNDTABLE**

*High School Principal Steven Burley mentioned the timing between Parent-Teacher conferences and the closing of the 15 week marking period. He pointed out that the Winter Sport Teams are ready to begin and hopes that they can also qualify for the Scholar Athlete Designation as all the Fall Sports did. Ryan Lockwood participated in the New York State Music Festival and will be participating in the "All-Eastern States" concert in the Spring. These are great honors and congratulations to both Ryan and Phil Quinn, Ryan's Vocal Music Teacher. Congratulations also to Darius Matulavage who participated in the local version of the American Legion Oratorical Contest on the U.S. Constitution, and won the contest for Niagara County. He will be going onto Regionals. Thank you also to facilitators Carrie Monteleone and Paul Leader.

*Sharon Smith's and Kathy Nagle's presentations were received after the meeting and will be included as Information Items for the Board of Education at the December 14, 2010 meeting.

Motion made by Trustee Westgate and seconded by Trustee Artieri

Moved, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Seymour, District Clerk