



**Newfane Central School District
Board of Education**

NEWFANE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 22, 2020

The April 22, 2020 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 7:04 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Casinelli, L. Licht, E. Oudette, J. Schmitt, M. Stefanoski
- A. Kennedy, M. Lingle
- B. Schuler – remote, others excused

TRUSTEES PRESENT
TRUSTEES REMOTE
ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
and
DISTRICT MISSION
STATEMENT

The District Mission Statement was read by Trustee Licht

Motion made by Trustee Casinelli and seconded by Trustee Licht
RESOLVED, that the proposed agenda for April 22, 2020 be approved.
 Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

ESTABLISH ORDERS OF
THE DAY
 Approved the agenda

There were no remarks at this time.

**Public remarks or
comments**

PRESIDENT REPORT:

President Schmitt did not have a report at this time.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

COVID-19 Update: Mr. Baumann updated the board with the most recent information from the state regarding possible State Aid reductions; that Newfane is in compliance with district negotiated contracts relating to the 180 days of instruction; the Friday before Memorial Day will not be declared as a “day off” this year.

Chrome Books: Decisions are being made internally on collection, inventory system and sterilization of the Chrome Books that have been distributed to the students.

Suggested by SED: The State Education Department has made the suggestion that small districts think about possible mergers in the future.

Budget Vote and Election: A tentative date for the Annual Budget Vote and Election is June 9. The process and timeline is not determined as of now.

Student grading: There is ongoing discussion with other districts and Newfane Administration about Final Grades for students. There is not a consensus at this time.

Budget: A couple local districts have adopted their 2020-2021 budgets and some others are waiting, expecting more information from the state on aid. The Board of Education discussed waiting to vote on the budget until the May 5, 2020 regular meeting date. (New Order of Business). Mr. Baumann presented the board with a summary of information shared over the past few months including revenue, expenses and future projections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no reports at this time.

NEWFANE TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:

The NTA was not represented at this meeting.

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

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Casinelli
RESOLVED, that the minutes of the March 17, 2020, March 31, 2020 and April 7, 2020 meetings of the Board of Education be and are approved.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

ROUTINE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approved the minutes
Encl. 2020.04.22.8A

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Casinelli
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 2020.04.22.8B.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved the classification and placement of students
Encl. 2020.04.22.8B

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Casinelli
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and file the School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the period of February 2020.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved the school lunch profit and loss statement
Encl. 2020.04.22.8C

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Casinelli
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and file the following Warrant Reports for the period ending February 2020.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Accepted and filed the warrants
Encl. 2020.04.22.8D

The Personnel Order of Business was voted on by consensus to be listed separately in the minutes. (except 9A)

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Casinelli
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 Nancy Cich from her Elementary Teacher position, effective June 30, 2020 at the close of business.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

PERSONNEL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Accepted the resignation for the purpose of retirement of N. Cich.
Encl. 2020.04.22.9A

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Oudette
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
that Rebecca Seelbinder, while serving a probationary position in the
Remedial Reading Teacher Tenure Area as approved at the July 10, 2018
Board of Education meeting, be approved to extend the leave of absence
from her Elementary Teacher Tenure area position for the 2020-2021 school
year, per Enclosure 2020.04.22.9B.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved the
continuation of a leave
of absence for
R. Seelbinder
Encl. 2020.04.22.9B

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Oudette
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that
the health insurance of two full time lifeguards, be and is approved to
continue through the school closure related to COVID-19.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved the
continuation of Health
Insurance

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

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Stefanoski
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
that \$20,000 be transferred from the High School Budget Code, A2110.480-
70-0000 to the Elementary Budget Code, A211.480-40-0000, and;
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eureka Math books be and are approved for
purchase from the vendor Great Minds LLC, with a total purchase price of
\$19,773.60, as presented in Enclosure 2020.04.22.10A.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

**NEW ORDER OF
BUSINESS**
Approved a budget
transfer and book order
Encl. 2020.04.22.10A

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Stefanoski
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Newfane Central School
District cast its votes for the Orleans/Niagara BOCES Board of Education
members for the following seven individuals:

Vincent Cancemi, Sr., Niagara Falls City School District
Anthony Casinelli, Newfane Central School District
Janice Covell, Starpoint Central School District
Carol Feltz, Barker Central School District
Thomas Klotzbach, Lyndonville Central School District
Robert McDermott, Niagara Wheatfield Central School District
Wendy Swearingen, Lewiston-Porter Central School District

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved the O/N
BOCES Board of
Education members

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Stefanoski
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Newfane Central School
District, hereby approves the proposed administrative budget for the
Orleans/Niagara BOCES in the amount of \$2,783,582.

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Approved the
administrative budget
for O/N BOCES

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Stefanoski
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
that the emergency child care agreements with YMCA and Jill's Play Yard for
child care services provided for children of essential workers be and are
approved.

Approved child care
agreements
Encl. 2020.04.22.10D

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Trustee Licht and seconded by Trustee Oudette
MOVED, that resolutions number 10E and 10F be tabled until the
May 5, 2020 scheduled Board of Education meeting.

Resolutions Tabled

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

TABLED

*Approved the Capital
Project to be included in
the 2020-2021 budget*

*RESOLVED, A RESOLUTION, DATED APRIL 22, 2020, 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 GYMNASIUM) TO BE A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA, AND
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INCLUSION OF FUNDING FOR SUCH
PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT'S PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET.
WHEREAS, the Newfane Central School District, Niagara County, New York
(the "District"), after consultation by District officials with the District's
selected architectural
firm (Cannon Design), has resolved that the District should propose to
undertake, during the
District's pending (2020-2021) fiscal year, a capital outlay project involving
modest upgrades
and improvements at the District's Middle School building, such work being
anticipated to
include, but not necessarily to be limited to, the removal and replacement of
the gymnasium
bleachers and wall pads, along with associated painting work (collectively,
the "Project"); and
WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of the Project (inclusive of all
preliminary and incidental costs) has been determined by Cannon Design 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., 2020-2021) budget, with the work on the
Project expected
to be completed during the 2020-2021 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
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 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
2020-2021 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 2020-2021
fiscal year; and be it further
RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

TABLED
RESOLVED, that the General Fund Budget for the 2020-2021 school year of the Newfane Central School District shall be \$36,007,988 and that said amount shall be put forth before the District voters on a date to be determined by New York State, as Proposition 1.
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed property tax report card and budget notice, which corresponds to the budget, adopted on April 22, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year, be and is approved.

Adopted the 2020-2021
School District Budget
Encl. 2020.04.22.10F

**CONCLUDING ORDERS
OF BUSINESS**

Public remarks or
comments

There were no remarks or comments at this time.

Anything for the “good
of the order”

This time was used for trustees to share information without action.
Appreciation was given for all the employees working hard to educate and
feed our students. Thank you

Presentations for Next
Meeting

Future presentations are postponed.

ADJOURNMENT
Respectfully submitted,

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

Resolution Carried: 7 YES 0 NO

Meeting adjourned at: 10:09 pm

Bernadette Seymour
District Clerk