

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held at Newfield Central School on May 21, 2015.

Members Present: R. Borgella, H. Cooper, P. Miller, J. Pawlewicz, M. Rynone, G. Wiltsie

Members Absent: S. Allinger

Also Present: C. Thomas, Superintendent; J. James, Business Administrator; V. Volpicelli, Elem. Principal; C. Griggs, M.S. Principal; R. Hawk, H.S. Principal; C. Jackson, Dir. of Spec. Prog.; M. Jasinski, Dir. of Curr. & Inst.; C. Shipos, District Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by P. Miller, Vice President.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to enter Executive Session at 5:34 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person and the proposed acquisition of real property. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance. A. Heffron called for the resignation of three Board Members for their "bullying" of L. Korbel at the previous meeting.

During Board of Education Comments, H. Cooper thanked everyone for voting on May 19th and said that she would miss M. Rynone at the Board table. J. Pawlewicz encouraged everyone to vote for the Newfield Garden Project online as it is in the running for a \$25,000 grant. G. Wiltsie responded to A. Heffron by stating that he had asked what he felt was an appropriate question.

T. Wilcox shared information on a proposed textbook that she would like the district to purchase for use in high school health classes. She passed copies of the book around, and stated that no new textbooks had been purchased for health since 2004.

V. Volpicelli added to her written report by sharing copies of the elementary yearbook and thanking advisors Kristin Black and Lisa Miller. R. Borgella asked her about participation in the dental clinic. C. Griggs highlighted the Science Fair and the recent trout release. R. Hawk invited everyone to the Prism Concerts on May 28th and 29th and gave kudos to R. Pawlewicz for the 100% college acceptance rate and the number of scholarships received by seniors. C. Jackson stated that the testing room will become a reality in 2015-16. M. Jasinski spoke about the attendance at preschool concerts and the recent parenting workshops. J. James reported that the new Treasurer would start on May 26th. J. Pawlewicz asked about a charge on the warrant.

C. Thomas congratulated the high school band on their silver rating at the NYSSMA festival.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to approve the following on a consent agenda:

Approval of payroll through June 18, 2015;

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Adoption of the attached resolutions to participate in cooperative purchasing with DCMO BOCES (Attachment 14-15-66):

- a) Cooperative Purchasing Resolution
- b) Cafeteria Supplies and Food Bid Resolution
- c) Generic Resolution

Authorization of the President to sign the attached Agreement for Health and Welfare Services with Ithaca City School District (Attachment 14-15-67);

Approval of the attached recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and/or the Committee on Preschool Special Education (Attachment 14-15-68);

Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting(s) held on May 7, 2015;

Acceptance of the following termination(s):

- a) Redouane Elghazi - termination from his position of Cleaner effective May 8, 2015

Approval of the following Student Teachers or Interns for the 2015-16 school year:

- a) Katherine Goldberg - Social Worker Intern - Syracuse University
- b) Megan Dunn - Social Worker Intern (Fall semester) - Ithaca College

Appointment of Tracy Condie to the 12 month, full time, exempt position of School District Treasurer effective May 26, 2015 at the rate of \$35,000 (to be pro rated);

Approval of the updated Districtwide Non-Teaching Sub List substitute list (Attachment 14-15-69).

Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by G. Wiltsie, to approve the attached Claims (Warrants #51, 53 & 54).

Motion was made by M. Rynone, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to postpone approval of the attached Claims (Warrants #51, 53 and 54) until the next meeting. Motion to postpone carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by H. Cooper, seconded by R. Borgella, to approve the extra-curricular appointment of AnnMarie Thayer to Elementary Band for the 2015-16 school year or season. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by M. Rynone, to approve the extra-curricular appointment of Lisa Hawke as Academic Advisor (MS) for the 2015-16 school year or season. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to approve the extra-curricular appointment of Jeffrey Augustine as Athletic Director for the 2015-16 school year or season. Motion carried 5 in favor, 1 opposed (G. Wiltsie).

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G. Wiltsie stated that, although he had no problem with Mr. Augustine's services as an Athletic Director, he felt that the time could be better spent working with students in his primary role of special education teacher.

Motion was made by M. Rynone, seconded by G. Wiltsie, to approve the extra-curricular appointment of Steven Yaple as MS Technical Director for the 2015-16 school year or season. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by M. Rynone, to hereby acknowledge the results of the annual school district election and budget vote held on May 19, 2015 as follows:

Proposition I, 2015-16 School Budget:	243 Yes/74 No
Proposition II, School Buses:	254 Yes/62 No
Proposition III, Boiler Project:	250 Yes/60 No
Proposition IV, Newfield Public Library:	222 Yes/89 No

School Board Election (2 seats):

Korbel 190

Jackson 229

Rynone 149

Write-Ins (if any) - Zach Pollio 4, Tyler Edwards 1

Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by H. Cooper, to accept Sheila Chapman's retirement from her position of Payroll Clerk effective June 25, 2015, with thanks for her more than 27 years of service. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to accept Der Walters' retirement from his position of Custodian effective September 7, 2015, with thanks for his 16 years of service. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance. A. Heffron questioned the topic listed for discussion during Executive Session and urged greater transparency. Discussion followed as to the interpretation of the law allowing the purchase of real property to be an Executive Session topic only if the value of the property in question would be affected. G. Wiltsie said that A. Heffron raised a valid point, although he felt that the Board had always been mindful of adhering to the Open Meetings Law.

Motion was made by H. Cooper, seconded by R. Borgella, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine L. Shipos
District Clerk