

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held at Newfield Central School on November 20, 2014.

Members Present: S. Allinger, R. Borgella, H. Cooper, P. Miller, J. Pawlewicz, M. Rynone

Members Absent: G. Wiltsie

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

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The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by S. Allinger, President.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to enter Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. to discuss the proposed acquisition of real property. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance.

During Board of Education Comments, H. Cooper congratulated C. O'Rourke for her Apple for the Teacher nomination.

R. Brown presented information on a golf program which he hopes to make available for Newfield students at Hillendale Golf Course. Through donations of time, equipment and financial support, the program would be free for students and no cost to the district. Questions arose about the most appropriate means of implementing the program. R. Brown will approach the town Recreation Program. Board members conveyed their thanks for his generosity and creativity in putting this program together.

J. Augustine gave the athletic department report. He commented on the winter sports season, including indoor track and cheerleading. He reported on a "battle of the fans" video contest sponsored by NYSPHSAA, the uniform replacement schedule and the newly approved concussion management policy. Board members thanked him for his concern for student welfare and for taking the time to research and bring forward the concussion management program.

S. Miller gave a presentation on the use of technology gaming in education. The research suggests many positive correlations, and she has used some of the methods with her classes and found them helpful. She is pursuing the donation of equipment and software to outfit a gaming room in the elementary building

C. Griggs, C. Jackson and M. Jasinski shared the middle school's Learning Assistance Plan with the Board. Required by SED because middle school classified students failed to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in ELA, the plan will focus on Curriculum Development and Support (Tenet 3) and Teacher Practices and Decisions (Tenet 4).

Motion was made by H. Cooper, seconded by P. Miller, to approve the Local Assistance Plan for the Newfield Middle School for the 2014-15 school year (Attachment 14-15-32). Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

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During Administrative Reports, V. Volpicelli commented that the buzzer system is taking up more time than anticipated. She also clarified that the new dental program will be available to students, K-12, starting in February. C. Griggs congratulated the middle school drama program on its recent production of, "Once Upon This Island, Jr." She also stated that she has received positive feedback on the buzzer system from parents, although there are still some bugs that need to be worked out. In the same vein, R. Hawk said that the high school office staff are compiling a log of issues to be addressed including the impact of cold weather on the camera's function.

(H. Cooper left the meeting at 8:16 p.m.)

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

Approval of the Treasurer's Reports from the months of September and October 2014;

Approval of the Student Fund Bank Reconciliation;

Approval of Payroll through December 18, 2014;

Acceptance of the Tax Collector's Report (Attachment 14-15-33);

Approval of the attached recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and/or the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (Attachment 14-15-34);

Acceptance of Judy Mills' resignation from her position of School Monitor effective November 24, 2014;

Approval of the following appointments, pending fingerprint clearance where applicable:

- a) Jennifer Daniels - part time, 10-month position of Teacher Aide at the starting rate of \$9.00/hr. effective November 17, 2014 (probationary period through January 16, 2016)

Approval of the following student teacher placements:

- a) Kathy Perez - Ithaca College - Supervising Teacher Tammy Wilcox - January-March 2015
- b) Nikki Deiseroth - Ithaca College - Supervising Teacher Alana Hohwald - March-May 2015

Approval of the following updated Substitute List(s) (Attachment 14-15-35):

- a) Districtwide Non-Teaching Substitute List
- b) Districtwide Teacher Substitute List

Approval of the following volunteer(s) for the 2014-15 school year or season:

- a) Paul Gatch - Track
- b) Thomas Szebenyi - Tutor

Motion carried 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

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(H. Cooper returned 8:20 p.m.)

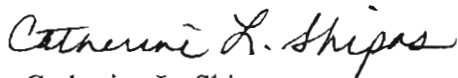
Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by P. Miller, to approve the submitted Claims dated November 20, 2014. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by R. Borgella, to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on November 6, 2014. Motion carried 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (H. Cooper).

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance.

Motion was made by H. Cooper, seconded by P. Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine L. Shipos
District Clerk