

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held at Newfield Central School on April 2, 2015.

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: C. Thomas, Superintendent; J. James, Business Administrator; C. Shipos, District Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by S. Allinger, President.

Motion was made by M. Rynone, seconded by R. Borgella, to enter Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. to discuss the employment of a particular person and labor negotiations. Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance.

Tammy Kubinec, Director of the Newfield Public Library, and Trustees Deborah Lazinski, Lois Patton and Joan Lockwood, were present to inform the Board that the library would be requesting an increase in funds through the school district ballot. Eighty percent of the library's funding comes from the Town of Newfield, Tompkins County or taxes collected by the school district. S. Allinger thanked them for coming by and shared her opinion that NPL is "one of the best small libraries in NYS."

C. Thomas began the budget discussion by announcing that the state budget passed and state aid runs were released. She reviewed a chart showing that the district is still not receiving as much in state aid as it did in 2009-10. That being said, there is a \$253,344 increase over last year's aid. Taking into consideration the conservative estimate already calculated in the budget, there is \$130,845 available for suggested additions. C. Thomas provided a copy of the district goals to help focus the discussion. The list of proposed add-ons was considered, with each member sharing their priorities. A straw vote determined the compromise of three special education aides, various classroom supplies, \$5000 toward a pick-up truck, a second auto floor scrubber, a \$20,000 increase in the repair line, and the reinstatement of CNYSBA dues.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by P. Miller, to amend the agenda to add the following to the consent agenda, item 2b:

Jolie King - 10 month, full time Administrative Assistant, Level 2, at the starting rate (currently \$11.50/hr.) effective April 7, 2015 (probationary period through June 6, 2016) and the acceptance of her pending resignation from the position of Teacher Aide effective April 6, 2015.

Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

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

Approval of the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint the following individual(s), pending fingerprint clearance where necessary:

- a) Taylor Bamforth - 12 month, full time Cleaner at the starting rate (currently \$9.00/hr.) effective April 6, 2015 (probationary period through April 5, 2016)
- b) Jolie King - 10 month, full time Administrative Assistant, Level 2, at the starting rate (currently \$11.50/hr.) effective April 7, 2015 (probationary period through June 6, 2016) and the acceptance of her pending resignation from the position of Teacher Aide effective April 6, 2015

Appointment of the following election worker(s) for the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2015:

- a) Connie Allen - Election Inspector

Adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Education Law Section 3012-c and Part 30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the individuals named below have completed all the necessary training to be certified as lead evaluators of classroom teachers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby certifies and/or re-certifies the following individuals as lead evaluators of classroom teachers:

Cheryl Thomas

Approval of the following updated substitute lists (Attachment 14-15-53):

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

Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by M. Rynone, to approve the following propositions to initiate a capital project to be submitted for voter approval on May 19, 2015 (Attachment 14-15-54):

a) **SEQRA Resolution**

WHEREAS, the voters of the Newfield Central School District (the "School District") will be asked to approve a proposition authorizing general obligation serial bonds (and bond anticipation notes in anticipation thereof) to finance a capital construction project consisting of school building reconstruction and equipping, to include the replacement of boilers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. According to the regulations of the New York State Education Department, the Newfield Central School District is primarily responsible for assuring compliance with the procedural and substantive requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of

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the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended) promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA").

2. *Based upon the review by the Board of Education of the proposed project, the Board hereby declares itself lead agency to the extent necessary, if any, for this purpose and hereby finds that the proposed action constitutes a "type II action" as such quoted term is defined in SEQRA and, therefore, is not subject to any further review by the School District under SEQRA. A listing of such type II actions is attached hereto. The action consists of routine activities of an educational institution, with no expansion of existing facilities, as well as replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind, on the same site.*

3. *A copy of this resolution shall be placed on file in the office of the District Clerk where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours.*

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

b) Proposition for Voter Approval

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. *The following notice shall be added to the notice of annual meeting and election:*

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at such time:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NEWFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CONSISTING OF SCHOOL BUILDING RECONSTRUCTION, TO INCLUDE REPLACEMENT OF BOILERS AND THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ORIGINAL FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT, AND APPARATUS AND OTHER INCIDENTAL IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH FOR SUCH RECONSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL USE, ALL AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$600,000; AND THAT SUCH COSTS, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SHALL BE RAISED BY THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS, WITH SUCH TAX TO BE OFFSET BY STATE AID AVAILABLE THEREFOR; AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH TAX, DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS MAY BE NECESSARY NOT TO EXCEED SUCH ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST SHALL BE ISSUED.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the aforesaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

PROPOSITION

Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this annual voter meeting, authorizing school building reconstruction and equipping, to include replacement of boilers and incidental improvements, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$600,000; the issuance of debt obligations of the School District therefor, and the levy of a tax in annual installments therefor, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor, all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

The School District has completed its environmental review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA") and, on April 2, 2015, has duly determined and found the purpose to be a type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA.

2. At such meeting taxes to be levied by installments will be proposed providing for payment of such capital costs and providing for the financing costs therefor. Such taxes shall be levied upon all the taxable property of the District, shall be levied in annual installments and shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education.

3. The District Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby directed to add the above to the notice of the annual meeting of the School District.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by M. Rynone, to approve the first reading of the following policy addition:

a) 6674 Medicaid Compliance Program Policy

Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by H. Cooper, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to establish the new Co-Curricular Activity of Outdoor Sports/Conservation Club, valued at 10 points, effective for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by G. Wiltsie, to accept the minutes of the meeting held on March 19, 2015. Motion carried 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained (H. Cooper, J. Pawlewicz).

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Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance.

S. Allinger commented that she was very proud of this year's budget process. She congratulated members for their thoughtful conversation and willingness to reach a compromise. J. Pawlewicz shared her "amazing" experience on the eighth grader's trip to Washington, D.C.

Motion was made by H. Cooper, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.
Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine L. Shipos
District Clerk