

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held at Newfield Central School on August 6, 2015.

Members Present: R. Borgella, H. Cooper, S. Jackson, L. Korbel, P. Miller, J. Pawlewicz, 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 5:04 p.m. by C. Shipos, Acting District Clerk.

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by R. Borgella, to enter Executive Session with school attorney Conrad Wolan of Sayles & Evans at 5:04 p.m. to consult with legal counsel.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 5:48 p.m.

C. Shipos called for nominations for the office of President for the 2015-16 school year. R. Borgella nominated G. Wiltsie; J. Pawlewicz nominated H. Cooper; G. Wiltsie nominated R. Borgella.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by P. Miller, to elect G. Wiltsie as Board President for the 2015-16 school year. Motion was defeated, 3 in favor, 4 opposed (H. Cooper, S. Jackson, L. Korbel, J. Pawlewicz).

Motion was made by J. Pawlewicz, seconded by S. Jackson, to elect H. Cooper as Board President for the 2015-16 school year. Motion was defeated, 3 in favor, 4 opposed (R. Borgella, L. Korbel, P. Miller, G. Wiltsie).

Motion was made by G. Wiltsie, seconded by S. Jackson, to elect R. Borgella as Board President for the 2015-16 school year. Motion was defeated 3 in favor, 4 opposed (H. Cooper, S. Jackson, L. Korbel, J. Pawlewicz).

Discussion was held to try to break the stalemate. G. Wiltsie stated that, although he had avoided seeking an officer position, he did have more experience on the Board than either of the other two nominees. He would be willing to serve if needed and so that Newfield would not be a laughingstock. S. Jackson volunteered to change his vote to R. Borgella so that the Board could move forward. H. Cooper said that she was willing to step down and cede the position to R. Borgella because she thinks that he is knowledgeable and intelligent. She did caution him to facilitate, rather than dominate, conversation in his new role. J. Pawlewicz commented that she liked the fact that H. Cooper is committed to open communication.

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by G. Wiltsie, to elect R. Borgella as Board President for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried 5 in favor, 2 opposed (L. Korbel, J. Pawlewicz).

R. Borgella called for nominations for the office of Vice President for the 2015-16 school year. L. Korbel nominated H. Cooper. G. Wiltsie nominated L. Korbel, but she declined the nomination.

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to elect H. Cooper as Vice President of the Board for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

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(H. Cooper left at 6:01 p.m.)

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by L. Korbel, to appoint Tracy Condie as Treasurer for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by L. Korbel, seconded by G. Wiltsie, to appoint Catherine Shipos as District Clerk of the Board of Education for the 2015-16 school year at an annual stipend of \$2000 and authorize Catherine Shipos to serve as Acting Clerk from July 1 to August 6, 2015. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Oath of Office was administered to the Treasurer, District Clerk and Superintendent.

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance.

During Board of Education Comments, G. Wiltsie expressed his relief that the Board could now move ahead.

C. Thomas asked to postpone her report until the August 20th meeting, in light of the fact that several Board members needed to leave early.

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

Acceptance of the minutes of the meetings held on July 7 (Reorganizational) and July 7, 2015;

Assignment of Joanne James, Business Administrator, as the Authorized Party for Tioga State Bank accounts (Attachment 15-16-05);

Adoption of the attached resolution entering into a contract with OCM BOCES to provide network printing services (Attachment 15-16-06);

Adoption of the attached Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials (Attachment 15-16-07);

Appointment of the following 2015-16 mentors (*mentors will be assigned to first-year teachers as needed from this approved list*):

- a) Amanda Birch (coordinator and possible mentor)
- b) Peter Pfarrer
- c) Brandon Steinorth
- d) Brett Hotchkiss
- e) Liz Atkins
- f) Lori White
- g) Jan McClure
- h) Jill Green
- i) Cindy O'Rourke
- j) Alex MacDonald
- k) Steve Bassi

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- l) Lisa Hawke
- m) Andrew Battles
- n) Sharon Powell

Adoption of the following policy additions, deletions and/or revisions:

- a) 9270.1 Substitutes (Attachment 15-16-08)
- b) 9330 Smoking on School Premises by Employees (Attachment 15-16-09)
- c) 9340 Employee Assistance Program (Attachment 15-16-10)
- d) Annual School Lunch Policy Statement (and waiver of second reading) (Attachment 15-16-11)

Acceptance of the following resignation(s):

- a) Cara Putman's resignation from her position in the School Media Specialist tenure area effective September 1, 2015
- b) Alana Hohwald's resignation from her position in the Mathematics tenure area effective September 3, 2015
- c) Sunny Miller's resignation from her position in the Music tenure area effective August 5, 2015

Approval of the Superintendent's recommendation of the following appointments, pending fingerprint clearance where necessary:

- a) Katie Troger - four year probationary appointment in the English tenure area effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019 at the rate of \$37,500 + \$800 MS stipend
- b) Guari Kohlhatar - four year probationary appointment in the Mathematics tenure area effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019 at the rate of \$44,200 + \$800 stipend
- c) Helen Pflueger - four year probationary appointment in the Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions: General tenure area effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019 at the rate of \$39,275 + \$800 MS stipend
- d) Brooke Sterio - four year probationary appointment in the Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions: General tenure area effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2019 at the rate of \$42,500 + \$800 MS stipend
- e) Amber Rawn - part time 10 month appointment to the position of Teacher Aide effective September 8, 2015 at the rate of \$9.00/hr., probationary period through November 7, 2016
- f) Theresa Jones - part time 10 month appointment to the position of Teacher Aide effective September 8, 2015 at the rate of \$9.00/hr., probationary period through November 7, 2016
- g) Theresa Jones - part time 10 month appointment to the position of School Monitor effective September 8, 2015 at the rate of \$8.75/hr., probationary period through November 7, 2016
- h) Erin L'Amoreaux - part time 10 month appointment to the position of Teacher Aide effective September 8, 2015 at the rate of \$9.00/hr., probationary period through November 7, 2016

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- i) Christopher Corning - part time 10 month appointment to the position of Teacher Aide effective September 8, 2015 at the rate of \$9.00/hr., probationary period through November 7, 2016
- j) Sheila Gustafson - part time 10 month appointment to the position of Teacher Aide effective September 8, 2015 at the rate of \$9.00/hr., probationary period through November 7, 2016
- k) Mary Parmenter - part time 10 month appointment to the position of Teacher Aide effective September 8, 2015 at the rate of \$14.30/hr., probationary period through November 7, 2016

Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by S. Jackson, to approve the attached Claims (Warrant #2, 3 & 8). Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by S. Jackson, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to approve the Superintendent's recommendations on the following extra-curricular positions for the 2015-16 school year or season:

- a) Football, Assistant (.5) - Bobby Sinn CORRECTION
- b) Football, Assistant (.5) - Joe Peterson

Motion was made by G. Wiltsie, seconded by L. Korbelt, to enter Executive Session at 6:12 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter involving a particular person. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed. The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:18 p.m.

The pending motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to approve the following modifications to the 2015-16 general fund budget:

- a) Increase budget to purchase buses as approved by voters \$200,000
Appropriation Code A5510-210-00-0000 (Buses)
Revenue Code A5997 (Transportation Reserve)
- b) Increase the budget to accept "bullet aid" from Assemblywoman Lifton of \$ 50,000
Appropriate Code A2630-200-00-0000 (Computer Hardware - Local)
Revenue Code A3289 (State Aid Other)

Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by G. Wiltsie, seconded by L. Korbelt, to adopt the attached preliminary Tax Warrant (Attachment 15-16-12). Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by L. Korbelt, to approve the attached Tax Collection Agreement with the Town of Newfield (Attachment 15-16-13). Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by L. Korbelt, seconded by G. Wiltsie, to adopt the attached Bond Resolution for the Capital Project approved by voters on May 19, 2015 (Attachment 15-16-14). Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

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Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by G. Wiltsie, to adopt the following resolutions (Attachment 15-16-15):

- a) RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to select C&S Companies of Syracuse, NY as the Energy Performance Contractor Provider for the Newfield Central School District for the 2015-16 energy performance project(s) as a result of the Request for Proposal submission process.
- b) RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent: Regarding the Energy Project being implemented by C&S Companies, the Newfield Central School Board intends to act as lead agency for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process. Pursuant to this process, based on §617.5 (c)(8): {"routine access of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings;"}, the Board deems this project to be a Type II action requiring no further environmental reviews.

Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by L. Korbel, seconded by S. Jackson, to approve the first reading of the following policy additions, deletions and/or revisions:

- a) 5300 Code of Conduct

There was discussion about the Dignity for All Students Act. G. Wiltsie felt that it should be broken out in a separate article, rather than inserted into the existing text of the Code of Conduct. He commented on issues surrounding bullying in relation to his daughter's experience at the high school. J. Pawlewicz asked that the dress code section be revisited to reflect current practice.

Motion to approve the first reading carried 5 in favor, 1 opposed (G. Wiltsie).

(P. Miller left at 6:34 p.m.)

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance. A. Heffron shared her opinion that G. Wiltsie's statements were grandstanding and reflected his own personal agenda.

Motion was made by G. Wiltsie, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Shipos

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District Clerk