

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held at Newfield Central School on February 5, 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 6:30 p.m. by S. Allinger, President.

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance.

During Board of Education Comments, G. Wiltsie asked about adding student representation on the Board of Education. He also commented on the Town's proposed noise ordinance and wondered about the school's possible liability for violating the ordinance during events. J. James assured him that those types of situations would be exempt from the proposed ordinance. J. Pawlewicz congratulated the senior chorus on their performance at Carnegie Hall. She also expressed concern over the middle school mid-term schedule, which she said was challenging for students.

Members of the high school Art Club and Aesthetics Committee (Cheyenne Ponton, Camryn Olmstead, Caitlin Howell, Robert Castrechino, Frank Reilly, Katherine Heath, Devonn McKenna, Jordann McKenna, Jaedee Miller and advisor Ms. Courtney Wilcox) presented their plan for a more unified, thematic approach to murals in the high school. Using mostly reclaimed materials including discarded books and paper, broken musical instruments, scrap wood, brick and PVC pipe, the three-dimensional murals would coordinate with the subjects being taught in the adjacent classrooms. Students asked for support in the budget for the aesthetic committee's vision. Board members were enthusiastic about the murals, and suggested approaching area contractors and/or building supply stores for contribution of materials.

C. Thomas and J. James gave the second budget presentation, this one focusing on the program component. Without state aid runs from the Governor, the budget assumes no increase. Basically a "roll-over" budget, there are very few new expenditures proposed. A short list of items to be added if funding allows includes teacher aides to work in special education, computer hardware and a few pieces of equipment. Board members had questions about itinerant teachers, number of special education students, charter school enrollment and state aid estimates.

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

Approval of the following late transportation request(s) to a non-public or charter school, pending space on the bus:

- a) Fenner - New Roots
- b) Hall - New Roots

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Acceptance of Stephanie Parente's resignation from her position of part time, 10-month Teacher Aide effective February 11, 2015;

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

Leslie Campos - three-year probationary appointment in the English tenure area effective February 2, 2015 through February 1, 2018 at Step 1C

Appointment of the following mentor(s) for the 2014-15 school year:

Lori White for Leslie Campos (.5 for the second semester of the 2014-15 school year)

Approval of the following updated districtwide substitute lists (Attachment 14-15-44):

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

Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by J. Pawlewicz, seconded by G. Wiltsie, to adopt the following resolution (Attachment 14-15-45):

*RESOLVED that the Newfield Central School District Board of Education hereby nominates Missy Rynone to appear on the ballot to fill a vacant seat on the Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services on April 22, 2015.*

Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by H. Cooper, seconded by P. Miller, to adopt the proposed 2015-16 school year calendar (Attachment 14-15-46). Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance.

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by R. Borgella, to enter Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations. Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by R. Borgella, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine L. Shipos  
District Clerk