

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held at Newfield Central School on June 18, 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; 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 5:33 p.m. by S. Allinger, President.

Motion was made by G. Wiltsie, seconded by M. Rynone, to enter Executive Session at 5:33 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel. Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance.

During Board of Education Comments, G. Wiltsie commented on inaccuracies in a recent Newfield News article. He also said that it had been his privilege to serve on the Board of Education with S. Allinger and M. Rynone and thanked them for their years of service. M. Rynone shared information on Cornell's Outreach program, which has many workshops and offerings to area districts including a physics lending lab! H. Cooper thanked the staff members who stepped up to help the community during the recent flooding. She also commented on the "call the question" motion at the meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> and said she felt violated. As an elected official with a right to speak on matters before the Board, she felt as if her voice was taken from her unfairly.

C. Wilcox, high school art teacher, gave a Prezi presentation on her recent accomplishments and goals for next year. By redesigning the courses offered, she has been able to dramatically increase enrollment. She has also organized the kiln and dark rooms to make the space more organized and usable. She shared highlights of the year, including the art show and the "Compost Kuze, pt 2" iMovie. She hopes to start a digital class, obtain a grant to supplement the art budget, and continue to work with the Art Club and Aesthetics Committee on murals and installations. M. Rynone said that she had been inspired by the amount of talent displayed at the art show.

(R. Borgella left at 7:18 p.m.)

P. Leonardi gave a report from the Technology Department. He gave an update on the Smart Schools Bond Act, a new online technology survey, infrastructure upgrades completed in 2014-15 and planned purchases for 2015-16. H. Cooper asked about the training planned for the implementation of the interactive whiteboard projectors. P. Leonardi replied that the Technology Integration Specialist would work with teachers on best ways to utilize the new tools available to them.

The administrative team joined the Board at the table for a review of district goals, highlighting areas of accomplishment since the last update. Each supervisor reviewed progress in their area, including the Teaching is the Core grant, FISH award winners, co-teaching implementation, plans for a testing room,

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Literacy/Numeracy Night, Foundations training, dental services made available, Expeditionary Learning, trout release, MS Science Night, garden project, Arts Festival, various awards and community service projects. P. Miller thanked them for an outstanding job.

During Administrative Reports, M. Jasinski commented on a brochure he is developing for families on state assessments. C. Griggs invited Board Members to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade moving up ceremony. V. Volpicelli spoke about the number of retirements in her building. J. James mentioned that several business office functions would be moving to the BOCES CBO next year.

S. Allinger thanked each administrator individually for their contributions to the District and wished them well in the future.

C. Thomas presented the outgoing Board Members with a photo montage of the schools as a token of appreciation for their service. She also commented on the special election for a vacant seat on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

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

Approval of Treasurer's Reports for April 2015;

Approval of Payroll through August 30, 2015;

Approval of the proposed renaming of the Howard Nye Scholarship as the Howard and Melba Nye Scholarship and acceptance of donations thereto;

Adoption of the listed textbooks for middle and high school ELA (Attachment 14-15-73);

Adoption of the following policy additions, deletions and/or revisions (Attachment 14-15-74):

- a) 9230 Employment of Retired Persons Above the Section 212 Salary Cap
- b) 9240 Recruitment and Hiring
- c) 9250 Professional Service Providers
- d) 9260.3 Determining Seniority
- e) 5152 Admission of Non-Resident Students

Approve the attached pay rates for seasonal positions (Attachment 14-15-75);

Approve the Superintendent's recommendation of the following seasonal appointments for the Summer of 2015:

- a) Kittie Hollander - Summer Aide
- b) Sharon Gay - Summer Aide
- c) Joanne Nye - Summer Aide
- d) Kim Gatch - Summer Aide
- e) Cortney Miller - Summer Aide
- f) Shannon Sanfacon - Summer Aide
- g) Cheyenne Webster - Summer Student Aide
- h) Rachel Hollander - Summer Student Aide

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- i) Jennifer Rumsey - Summer Cleaner
- j) Brenda Shubuck - Summer Cleaner
- k) Nico Nunez - Summer Cleaner
- l) Cody Frederick - Summer Cleaner
- m) Phaedra Frederick - Summer Cleaner
- n) Melissa Summers - Summer Cleaner
- o) Dianne Carman - Summer Aide
- p) Amy Porter - Summer Aide
- q) Nicole Jackson- Summer Office Help
- r) Jackie Jenney - Summer Driver and Bus Cleaner
- s) Mari Potter - Summer Driver
- t) Ed Korbel - Summer Driver
- u) Duane Baker - Summer Driver
- v) Lois Beach - Summer Driver
- w) Darla Wright - Summer Driver
- x) Anne Marshall - Summer Driver
- y) Crystal Clark - Summer Driver
- z) Pam Watros - Summer Food Service
- aa) Amy Porter - Summer Food Service
- bb) Holley Searles - Summer Food Service

Approval of the attached updated substitute lists (Attachment 14-15-76)

Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by M. Rynone, to approve the attached Claims (Warrant #60 & 61). Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to approve the attached CSE/CPSE Recommendations (Attachment 14-15-77). Motion carried 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (G. Wiltsie).

Motion was made by M. Rynone, seconded by P. Miller, to accept the following resignation(s):

- a) Katherina Doolittle-Thornton's resignation from her position of Teacher Aide effective June 30, 2015
- b) Deborah DeLorenzo's resignation from her position of Teacher Aide effective June 30, 2015

Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by M. Rynone, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of the following appointments:

- a) Nicole Webster - three-year probationary appointment in the Social Studies tenure area effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 at \$37,500

Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

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Motion was made by M. Rynone, seconded by G. Wiltsie, to approve the Superintendent's recommendations on the following extra-curricular positions for the 2015-16 school year or season:

- a) HS Technical Director - Steve Yaple
- b) Auditorium Manager - Steve Yaple
- c) HS Drama Assistant Director - Ann-Marie Thayer
- d) Literary Magazine - Ben Mueller
- e) National Honor Society (.5) - Peter Pfarrer
- f) Interact Club (.5) - Cara Putman
- g) H.S. Yearbook (.5) - Courtney Wilcox
- h) H.S. Yearbook (.5) - Cara Putman
- i) Football, Assistant - Brett Hotchkiss (RESIGNATION)

Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by M. Rynone, seconded by G. Wiltsie, to approve the Superintendent's recommendations on the following extra-curricular positions for the 2015-16 school year or season:

- a) National Honor Society (.5) - Rick Pawlewicz

Motion carried 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (J. Pawlewicz).

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by G. Wiltsie, to accept the minutes of the meeting held on June 4, 2015. Motion carried 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (J. Pawlewicz).

Motion was made by H. Cooper, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to establish the following non-resident tuition rates for the 2015-16 school year:

- a) Pre-K - \$1500
- b) Grades K-6 - \$2400
- c) Grades 7-12 - \$5400

Motion carried 5 in favor, 1 opposed (M. Rynone).

Motion was made by M. Rynone, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to adopt the following resolution:

*WHEREAS, Section 135.4(c) (7) (ii) (a) (4) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education provides for a board of education to permit pupils in grades no lower than seventh grade to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for senior high school pupils, or senior high school pupils to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for pupils in the seventh and eighth grades; and*

*WHEREAS, these pupils are to be allowed to compete at levels that are appropriate to their physical maturity, physical fitness, and sport skills in relationship to other pupils in accordance with the standards established by the Commissioner of Education; and*

*WHEREAS, the State Education Department issues the competition standards for these pupils to compete under a program called the Athletic Placement Process;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Newfield Central School District Board of Education shall permit pupils to compete after successfully completing the Athletic Placement Process for the requested sport and level.*

Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

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Motion was made by J. Pawlewicz, seconded by M. Rynone, to accept Kathy Rumsey's resignation for retirement purposes from her position of Teacher Aide effective September 4, 2015, with thanks for her 27 years of service. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by M. Rynone, seconded by H. Cooper, to authorize the President to sign the engagement letter with Port, Kashdin & McSherry for audit services for the year ending on June 30, 2015 (Attachment 14-15-78). Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance. C. Githler commented that his relationship with the Superintendent has been a positive one. She has been open to discussion of issues and has always lived up to what she said she would do. He is looking toward the future and hoping others will do the same. S. Allinger thanked him for being candid in his relationships. S. Jackson asked about the BOCES special election and commented that when reviewing goals it might be nice to hear what wasn't accomplished or what still needed to be worked on. He also questioned the athletic placement process and expressed the hope that it could be revised if necessary.

S. Allinger addressed the District Clerk and each Board Member individually and thanked them for their dedication, willingness to serve and leadership.

Motion was made by M. Rynone, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine L. Shipos  
District Clerk