

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held at Newfield Central School on May 7, 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 5:37 p.m. by S. Allinger, President.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by G. Wiltsie, to enter Executive Session at 5:37 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance.

During Board of Education Comments, H. Cooper brought up the letter from Brownie Troop #41215 regarding elementary playground equipment. M. Rynone expressed appreciation for the middle school science fair, and her personal favorite the “make your own lava lamp” display.

The annual Budget Hearing and Meet the Candidates Night was held during this meeting. Board members introduced themselves and gave some opening remarks. C. Thomas presented highlights of the 2014-15 school year and reviewed the proposed budget for 2015-16.

Information was also provided on proposition #3, the boiler project. S. Allinger stated that the replacement of the boilers was only the first part of a multi-part project. The high efficiency boilers are needed to address the immediate heating needs of the district, while at the same time cutting energy costs. The plan is for the project to be “fast-tracked” for approval with SED so that the boilers can be operational by mid-November. They should integrate with whatever “green” energy system the facilities committee ultimately decides to pursue.

The floor was then turned over to the three candidates running for election—Linda Korbel, Scott Jackson and Missy Rynone—to give a brief statement and answer questions from the audience. L. Korbel said that she had been asked by members of the community to run for School Board again and that she had concerns about the Common Core. S. Jackson was not initially present, but was given the opportunity to speak when he arrived. He shared that he grew up and attended school in Newfield. He has many ties to the community and felt that he could provide a voice for not only parents, but also the older population. M. Rynone stated that she enjoyed serving on the Board with the best interests of the students, faculty and staff in mind. The candidates fielded questions from the sitting Board members and the audience. Questions included inquiries about past experiences on the Board, the Common Core and school climate.

C. Thomas closed the Budget Hearing and Meet the Candidates portion of the meeting by reminding everyone to vote on May 19, 2015.

J. Augustine was present to give the Athletic Department report. He congratulated the athletes for a very successful winter sports season, with both the boys and girls basketball teams earning the IAC

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small schools south title and the boys going on to win the Section IV championship. He thanked S. Yapple for helping to coordinate the arrangements for hosting the sectional game. He commented on the participation by student-athletes in the volunteer work party for the community garden and the purchase of twenty new modified uniforms which are used for multiple sports. Also purchased and installed, but not yet fully operational, is an AED for the outdoor athletic complex. A phone line is needed to enable the unit to connect with 9-1-1. Also needed is field maintenance, including aeration and seeding of Cancro Field. The high school gym floor is showing some wear. S. Yapple has asked the vendor to come in to discuss maintenance and cleaning. The National Federation of High School Sports has standardized sports schedules starting in the fall. All sports will start and end on the same date. In other changes, NYSED and NYSPHSAA have made it much more difficult for athletes to change classification due to new criteria. It is also more difficult to find qualified coaches due to changes in certification requirements. M. Rynone thanked J. Augustine for preventing our student athletes from accepting gifts that would endanger their eligibility status and asked about certification requirements for existing coaches. R. Borgella asked about how changing classification criteria would impact the sports offered. J. Augustine responded and said that the increase in club sports have taken numbers away and are a safety concern, with athletes playing the same sport year 'round. H. Cooper asked if the coaches had been told NOT to encourage their players to participate on outside teams but instead to be well-rounded athletes. S. Allinger asked J. Augustine to come to a future meeting to talk to the Board in Executive Session prior to his reappointment as Athletic Director.

Motion was made by H. Cooper, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to approve the following on consent agenda:

Adoption of the attached Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release (Attachment 14-15-62);

Approval of the second reading of the following policy revision(s) (Attachment 14-15-63);

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

- a) Sheri Whitley - 10 month, part time Teacher Aide at the starting rate (currently \$9.00/hr.) effective May 11, 2015 (probationary period through September 10, 2016)
- b) Danielle Everhart - 10 month, part time Teacher Aide at the starting rate (currently \$9.00/hr.) effective May 11, 2015 (probationary period through September 10, 2016) and acceptance of her subsequent resignation as a School Monitor effective May 8, 2015

Approval of the updated districtwide teaching and non-teaching substitute lists (Attachment 14-15-64)

Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by R. Borgella, to appoint the attached list of incumbents for coaching and co-curricular positions for the 2015-16 school year or season (Attachment 14-15-65), with the exception of the Athletic Director appointment. Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

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Motion was made by G. Wiltsie, seconded by P. Miller, to accept the minutes of the meeting held on April 22, 2015. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (R. Borgella).

Motion was made by G. Wiltsie, seconded by M. Rynone, to adopt the following resolution:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the necessary funds to implement the tentative agreement between the Newfield Central School District and the Civil Service Employees Association, Unit of Local 855, signed on April 23, 2015.

Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

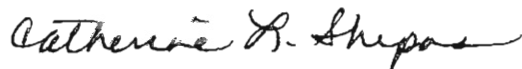
Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance. H. Cooper commented that asking questions is OK. If the questions about the professional development trip had never been asked, the community would still have misconceptions.

Motion was made by P. Miller, seconded by R. Borgella, to enter Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 10:00 p.m.

Motion was made by G. Wiltsie, seconded by P. Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine L. Shipos
District Clerk