

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held at Newfield Central School on November 6, 2014.

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

Members Absent: H. Cooper

Also Present: C. Thomas, Superintendent; R. Hawk, H.S. Principal; M. Jasinski, Dir. of Curr. & Inst.; C. Shipos, District Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by S. Allinger, President.

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance.

G. Wiltsie commented on the need for a revised Code of Conduct in light of the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA). C. Thomas responded that the policy had been revised following legal advice from the Erie I BOCES policy service last year. J. Pawlewicz expressed concern about the additional workload placed on office staff monitoring entry into the buildings via the new buzzer entry system and the need for training of students and staff.

A. MacDonald invited the Board to the upcoming middle school drama performance of "Once Upon This Island, Jr." He played a montage of video clips from recent practices to peak interest.

J. McCaffrey and high school students S. Duff, J. Warnimont, A. Kuczek, P. King and J. Miller spoke about the high school Sources of Strength group. This student-run club is in its second year, and provides support for students going through tough times. Peer leaders help them to identify their own sources of strength including family support, positive friends, mentors, healthy activities, generosity, spirituality, mental health and medical access. The students shared how the program has helped each of them individually, and has improved the high school environment. J. McCaffrey commented that the University of Rochester has provided training and a small stipend for the first two years, but the group will be independent starting in 2015-16. Board members were enthusiastic about the program and expressed their pride in the students for supporting their peers.

M. Jazinski reported on the professional development committee's recent meeting. The committee plans to conduct a staff survey and reach out to non-teaching staff to determine their professional development needs.

M. Yapple and K. Harrington presented the proposed Sue France Scholarship. They reviewed the list of criteria, which was developed by Sue herself to reward the "average" student who is motivated to overcome adversity. She also commented that Pam Wrona, Sue's sister, would like to personally present the award in its first year.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to establish the Sue France Scholarship Fund as proposed (Attachment 14-15-28) and accept subsequent donations for same. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

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

Approval of the 2015-16 Cost Allocation Methodology for Shared Services as depicted on the TST BOCES Program Services printout (Attachment 14-15-29);

Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting(s) held on October 16, 2014;

Approval of the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and/or the Committee on Preschool Education (Attachment 14-15-30);

Adoption of the following resolutions certifying and/or re-certifying lead evaluators:

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:

Vicky Volpicelli  
Cathy Griggs  
Robin Hawk  
Mark Jasinski  
Cheryl Jackson

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 building principals;

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

Cheryl Thomas

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

- a) Daniel Emery - permanent appointment to the full-time 12 month position of Automotive Mechanic at the rate of \$22.00/hr. effective December 8, 2014 (probationary period through December 7, 2015)
- b) David Reinard - provisional appointment to the full-time 12 month position of Custodian at the rate of \$12.00/hr effective November 10, 2014 and subsequent resignation from the position of full time Cleaner

Approval of the following volunteers for the 2014-15 school year or season:

- a) Brett Hotchkiss- Girls' Basketball
- b) Stephanie Bond Girls' Basketball

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Approval of the following updated districtwide substitute list(s) (Attachment 14-15-31).

Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by P. Miller, to accept Jenna Stearns resignation from her position of Special Education teacher effective November 26, 2014. Motion carried 5 in favor, 1 opposed (G. Wiltsie).

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance. C. Githler spoke as a parent, teacher and union president. He said that he had been approached by several people about the change of approach in the district and a perceived blaming of teachers inherent in the theme, "Learning Matters! No Excuses."

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by J. Pawlewicz, to enter Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss matters leading to the discipline of a particular person and another student matter. Motion carried 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by P. Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine L. Shipos  
District Clerk