

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held at Newfield Central School on October 16, 2014.

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: C. Thomas, Superintendent; V. Volpicelli, Elem. 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 6:31 p.m. by S. Allinger, President.

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance.

There were no Board of Education comments.

P. Bedford was present to get the Board's approval of a substitution proposed by the contractor for the electronic sign. There would be no price difference to the district, but the new sign would have better resolution, unlimited content and web-based programming. Times New Roman was selected for the lettering, with black outlines if possible. P. Bedford commented that the sign would take about four weeks for delivery. The Board asked that the existing sign remain in use until the new one is operational.

S. Yapple began the facilities and operations department report by commenting on the recent PESH inspection of the elementary and maintenance buildings. He assured the Board that all items of non-compliance would be addressed well before the deadline. He commented that he would soon begin filling in the pool after checking with area authorities (DEC, Tompkins County Health Department, Newfield Code Inspector) about applicable regulations. He will come back to the Board with design proposals for the pool house when they are complete.

A. Birch, T. Hackett and J. Kozlowski presented information on the annual eighth grade trip to Washington, DC. This year's trip will again be three days (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) in March. A. Birch reviewed the itinerary, while T. Hackett described some of the activities. R. Borgella asked about students who had trouble affording the trip and was assured that between fundraising and scholarships that would not be an issue.

Motion was made by R. Borgella, seconded by G. Wiltsie, to approve the 8th grade trip to Washington, DC for the spring of 2015 as proposed. Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

A. Birch and T. Hackett reported on middle school math curriculum work that they did over the summer. A. Birch shared her passport project while T. Hackett talked about the free online review program that he uses. M. Rynone thanked them for their enthusiasm.

V. Volpicelli added to her report by mentioning that she shared the district goals with the elementary faculty. She also commented on the volunteers working with elementary students including tutors from IC, hockey players from Cornell and high school buddies. R. Hawk was proud to share that Newfield High School blood drives result in the highest level of donations in Tompkins County, even though we

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are the smallest school. She also reported on the successful senior trip and homecoming activities. M. Jasinski commented that the parenting group has been well attended, while C. Jackson mentioned a parent support group that she is forming.

C. Thomas read a proclamation and distributed gifts to the Board for NYS School Board Recognition Week. She also updated the Board on enrollment figures.

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

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on October 2, 2014;

Approval of the Treasurer's Reports from the months of July and August 2014;

Approval of the Student Fund Bank Reconciliation (Attachment 14-15-24);

Approval of submitted Claims dated October 16, 2014;

Approval of Payroll through November 20, 2014;

Approval of the attached recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and/or the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (Attachment 14-15-25);

Approval of salary credit for the following graduate credits and/or degrees as per contract:

a) Jake Kozlowski - +6 for a total of 12

Acceptance of the following resignation(s):

a) Judy Mills from her position of part time, 10 month Teacher Aide effective October 10, 2014

Approval of the following extra-curricular appointment(s) for the 2014-15 school year or season:

a) Matt Schwoeble - Modified Boys' Basketball Coach (7th Grade)

Approval of the following student teacher placements for the winter of 2015:

a) Sara Gaechter - Ithaca College - Supervising Teacher Colleen Betters

Approval of the updated Districtwide Teaching Substitute List (Attachment 14-15-26)

Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion was made by H. Cooper, seconded by P. Miller, to appoint the following school district representatives to serve on the Kelloggs Corners Schoolhouse Committee:

a) Dr. Cheryl Thomas

b) Mr. Charles Githler

c) Mrs. Cathy Shipos

Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

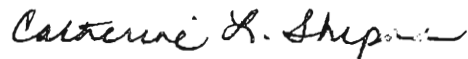
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Motion was made by M. Rynone, seconded by R. Borgella, to agree to enter into the attached three-year contract with the OCM BOCES for the provision of telecommunications services to the District not to exceed in total over the life of this agreement the annual amount of \$8500 plus associated CNYRIC service charges (Attachment 14-15-27). Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Privilege of the Floor was offered to all in attendance.

Motion was made by H. Cooper, seconded by P. Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine L. Shipos  
District Clerk