



**Newfane Central School District
Board of Education**

NEWFANE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2024

The January 16, 2024 meeting of the Newfane Board of Education was held in Room 129 at the Early Childhood Center. The meeting was called to order by Board President Tomasine at 7:01 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

M. Bower, A. Casinelli, R. Dunn , E. Oudette, J. Schmitt, S. Tomasine
M. Benoit
J. Bower, D. Hawkins, L. Krueger

**TRUSTEES PRESENT
TRUSTEE EXCUSED
ADMINISTRATION
PRESENT
OTHERS PRESENT
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
and
DISTRICT MISSION
STATEMENT**

A . Durow, The Heimiller Family, The Tallas Family

The District Mission Statement was read by Trustee Schmitt.

Motion made by Trustee Casinelli and seconded by Trustee Schmitt
RESOLVED, that the proposed agenda for January 16, 2024 be approved.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

**ESTABLISH ORDERS OF
THE DAY**
Approved the agenda

There were no remarks at this time.

**PUBLIC REMARKS OR
COMMENTS**

PRESIDENT REPORT:

REPORTS

President Tomasine shared that family fun night at the Middle School on January 11, 2024 was a good turnout.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent L. Krueger shared a slideshow on the Superintendent’s Report which included the following:

- Raptor Management System
- Newfane Senior High School opens up an Ontario Shores Credit union branch
- Newfane Teachers Honored as NYS Master Teachers
- Student voice and Stakeholder feedback sought in website refresh
- Coach Nagel recognized by the Buffalo Bills
- Newfane participates in Tech wards at NCCC
- Newfane Middle School hosts family fun night
- Newfane wrestling has a perfect match
- High School Physical Ed teacher secures tennis equipment donation

- Upcoming Board of Education presentations and visitations for the BoE
- Upcoming Events

The Superintendent’s Report slideshow can be found on the Newfane Central School District website.

Elementary School Principal D. Hawkins presented the Board of Education an update on the reading program. The presentation included information on the Amplify program and two second grade students as guest speakers.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Audit Committee – Superintendent L. Krueger shared that the Audit Committee has recommended that the BoE take action on the Internal Audit at the February Board meeting.

Curriculum Committee - Trustee Bower shared that the committee discussed two proposed electives to offer in the fall that are driven by student interest and need. The first class is on media and propaganda and the second class would be a third year non-regents math class .

District Safety & Facilities Committee - The committee touched base on the Raptor Visitor management system. President Tomasine shared the system has a good level of safety and security.

NEWFANE TEACHER’S ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:

NTA was represented by N. Kurial, there was not a comment at this time.

The Routine Order of Business was voted on by consensus to be listed separately in the minutes.

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Dunn RESOLVED, that the minutes of the December 19, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education be and are approved.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

ROUTINE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approved meeting minutes

Encl. 2024.01.16.8A

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Dunn RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon reviewing the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education will arrange for the appropriate special education programs and services to be provided for meetings held as listed in Enclosure 2024.01.16.8B.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Approved the classification and placement of students

Encl. 2024.01.16.8B

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Dunn RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and file the Monthly Treasurer’s Report for the period of November 2023.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Accepted and file the Monthly Treasurer’s Reports

Encl. 2024.01.16.8C

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Dunn RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept and file the Capital Budget Status Report for the period of November 2023.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Accepted and filed the Monthly Capital Budget Status Report

Encl. 2024.01.16.8D

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Dunn
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that
the Board of Education accept and file the following Warrant Reports for the
periods of November and December 2023.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Accepted and filed the
Monthly Warrants
Encl. 2024.01.16.8E

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Dunn
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that
the Board of Education accept and file the School Lunch Profit and Loss
Statement for the period of November 2023.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Approved School Lunch
and Loss Statements
Encl. 2024.01.16.8F

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Dunn
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that
the Board of Education accept and file the Quarterly Appropriation Status
Report for the period ending December 2023.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Accepted and filed the
Quarterly Appropriation
Status Report
Encl. 2024.01.16.8G

The Personnel Order of Business was voted on by consensus to be listed
separately in the minutes except for A,B, and G.

Motion made by Trustee Oudette and seconded by Trustee Bower
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation, for the
purpose of retirement, of Wendy Geise from her Business Educational
Teaching position effective June 30, 2024 at the close of business.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

**PERSONNEL ORDER OF
BUSINESS**
Accepted a resignation
for the purpose of
retirement
W. Geise,
Business Educational
Teacher
Encl. 2024.01.16.9A

Motion made by Trustee Dunn and seconded by Trustee Bower
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that
the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation, for the purpose
of retirement, of Glenn Smith from his School Counselor position effective
June 30, 2024 at the close of business.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Accepted a resignation
for the purpose of
retirement
G. Smith,
School Counselor
Encl. 2024.01.16.9B

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Bower
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that
the Board of Education accept the resignation, of Toni Jesz from her School
Monitor position effective January 01, 2024 at the close of business.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Accepted a resignation
T. Jesz,
School Monitor
Encl. 2024.01.16.9C

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Bower
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that
the Board of Education accept the resignation, of Josh Yapple from his Varsity
Tennis Coach position effective January 02, 2024 at the close of business.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Accepted a resignation
J. Yapple,
Varsity Tennis Coach
Encl. 2024.01.16.9D

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Bower
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that
Jennifer Skidmore, residing in Newfane, New York, be and is appointed as a
Food Service Helper, effective January 2, 2024 with a 26-week probationary
period from January 2, 2024 to June 28, 2024 at a rate of \$15.45 per hour,
according to the terms and conditions of the Cafeteria Personnel Association
collective bargaining agreement.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Appointed
J. Skidmore,
Food Service Helper
Encl. 2024.01.16.9E

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Bower
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that
Toni Jesz residing in Newfane, New York, be and is appointed to a 1.0 FTE
Instructional Associate position, effective January 2, 2024, with a 52-week
probationary period from January 2, 2024 to January 1, 2025 at a rate of
\$17.54 per hour according to the terms and conditions of the CSEA bargaining
agreement.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Appointed T. Jesz,
Instructional Associate
Encl. 2024.01.16.9F

Motion made by Trustee Dunn and seconded by Trustee Bower
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that
Andrew Durow, residing in Niagara Falls, New York, be and is appointed as a
Custodian, effective January 17, 2024 with a 52-week probationary period
from January 17, 2024 to January 16, 2025 at a rate of \$21.69 per hour,
according to the terms and conditions of the CSEA collective bargaining
agreement.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Appointed A. Durow,
Custodian
Encl. 2024.01.16.9G

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Bower
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that
MaryAnne Grudzinski, be and is appointed as a Substitute Food Service
Helper, effective January 4, 2024 at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Appointed M. Grudzinski,
Substitute Food Service
Helper
Encl. 2024.01.16.9H

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Bower
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that
the following individual, be and is approved as a unpaid Coaching Assistant
for the 2023-2024 school year in the sport noted, with the understanding
that an unpaid Coaching Assistant is to work under the direct supervision of
the Head Coach and that at no time are they to supervise students
unattended.

NAME	SPORT
Joel Grundy	Varsity Softball

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Approved J. Grundy,
unpaid Coaching
Assistant
Encl. 2024.01.16.9I

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Bower
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that
the following individuals be appointed for the 2023-2024 school year as
Mentors for the Newfane Robotics Club.

Steve Brauen	Frank Darrow	Ryan Discroll
Myles Geise	Bryon Hoffman	Karl Miller
Lynette Pipiles	Paul Sheldon	Lauren Seymour
Robert Seymour	Debbie Zap	
Resolution Carried:	6 YES	0 NO

Appointed unpaid
Mentors, Robotics Club
Encl. 2024.01.16.9J

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Bower
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that
Jonathan Moote, be and is approved to complete observation/volunteer
hours for Daemen University at Newfane Central School District under the
supervision of BOCES itinerant Physical Therapist Margret Nawrocki, effective
January 08, 2024.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Approved J. Moote,
practicum student
Encl. 2024.01.16.9K

The New Order of Business was voted on by consensus to be listed
separately in the minutes.

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Oudette
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Wrestling Team,
including individuals listed in the enclosure, Coaches and chaperones to
participate in the Eastern States Classic Wrestling Tournament being held at
SUNY Sullivan Community College in Shelldrake, New York , January 11, 2024
through January 13, 2024 and,

RESOLVED, that all students will travel with and be chaperoned by coaches.
RESOLVED, that prior to the scheduled trip, the Coach/Athletic Director will
provide to the High School Principal a full and complete itinerary, player list,
chaperone list, and related details.

RESOLVED, that a field trip request form be completed and the standard
release forms be executed for each player and Coach in attendance and that
same be delivered to the Principal prior to departure.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the
Board approves the expenses as outlined in Enclosure 2024.01.16.10A.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

**NEW ORDER OF
BUSINESS**
Approved a Wrestling
Tournament
Encl. 2024.01.16.10A

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Oudette
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that
the Newfane Central School District accept a donation of physical education
equipment, an approximate value of \$850.00 (Eight hundred fifty dollars)
from United States Tennis Association to the Newfane Physical Education
Department.

Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Accepted a donation,
United States Tennis
Association
Encl. 2024.01.16.10B

Motion made by Trustee Schmitt and seconded by Trustee Oudette
RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that
the Superintendent of Schools, or her designee, be and is authorized to enter
into a service agreement with RJW Services, LLC.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Approved district
shredding with RJW
Services
Encl. 2024.01.16.10C

**CONCLUDING ORDERS
OF BUSINESS**

Public remarks or
comments

There were no comments at this time

This time was used for trustees to share information without action.

Anything for the “good of
the order”

- There are no presentations for the next meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS FOR
THE NEXT MEETING**

Motion made by Trustee Casinelli and seconded by Trustee Bower
Motion to enter into Executive Session to review and discuss an appeal
received from a parent pursuant to Board Policy #8450.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO
Meeting recessed at: 8:16 pm reconvened at: 8:53 pm

Executive Session

Motion made by Trustee Oudette and seconded by Trustee Bower
MOVE, that the Board of Education enter back into regular session for action
regarding the Board’s determination of a parent appeal received pursuant to
Board Policy #8450.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Enter back into Regular
Session

Motion made by Trustee Dunn and seconded by Trustee Bower
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after reviewing and
considering an appeal filed by parent pursuant to Board Policy #8450,
hereby denies the appeal in its entirety; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes
Dr. Krueger to notify the parent of the Board’s determination in writing.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO

Denial of Parent Appeal

Motion made by Trustee Oudette and seconded by Trustee Dunn
MOVED, that the Board of Education enter Executive Session to discuss a
specific personnel matter.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO
Meeting recessed at: 8:54 pm reconvened at: 9:48 pm

Executive Session

Motion made by Trustee Oudette and seconded by Trustee Dunn
MOVED, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.
Resolution Carried: 6 YES 0 NO
Meeting adjourned at: 9:49 pm

ADJOURNMENT
Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Frank
District Clerk