



*Newfane Central School District*  
*Board of Education*

**NEWFANE BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

March 7, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER**

The March 7, 2017 workshop meeting of the Newfane Board of Education was held in room 129 of the Early Childhood Center. The meeting was called to order by Board President Schmitt at 7:04 p.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

J. Schmitt, P. Kelahan, A. Kennedy, P. Kilcullen, L. Licht, C. Wentland

**TRUSTEE EXCUSED**

J. Little

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

M. Baumann, D. Ames, J. Bower, B. Schuler, J. Arroyo, T. Adams, D. Bedette, D. Hawkins, P. Young

**OTHERS PRESENT**

L. Fletcher, K. Lynch, J. Kneeland, L. Klumpp, J. Heck

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT**

**ESTABLISH ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Motion made by Trustee Kennedy and seconded by Trustee Wentland  
RESOLVED, that the proposed agenda for March 7, 2017 be approved, as amended.  
Resolution Carried:           6 YES           0 NO

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Trevor Tomtishen was present to represent the Newfane Varsity Football Team. Fall Sports teams were recognized previously but Mr. Tomtishen was not available for that meeting. Congratulations to him and the team.

**PUBLIC REMARKS OR COMMENTS**

J. Heck, L. Klumpp and J. Kneeland shared their concerns for class size of the second grade cohort. Ms. Heck stated concern for physical classroom size, teacher effectiveness with the number of students in the class as well as attrition with the past retirement of a kindergarten teacher. Ms. Klumpp indicated that her student complains of noise level and shared her concerns over individual attention to students with this class size. She also wanted to remind the board that the district is in the business of education. Ms. Kneeland stated that she has spoken to others who are not able or choose not to speak at the meetings about their concerns.

**NTA STATEMENT**

The NTA was represented by L. Fletcher. She thanked the board for their support of professional development for teachers and in particular technology training for the changing teaching environment. The teachers are sharing what they learn with each other and communication has increased. Thank you also for supporting the Arts in district.

## **ROUTINE ORDER OF BUSINESS REVIEWED**

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

- February 21, 2017 regular meeting minutes
- January 2017 Treasure's Monthly Report
- January 2017 School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement
- Classification and placement of Students
- February 2017 Warrants

## **PERSONNEL ORDER OF BUSINESS REVIEWED**

The Board of Education reviewed the following

- Retirement of Science Teacher, Timothy Lanighan, effective June 29, 2017
- Resignation of Cafeteria Monitor, Diane Steel, effective March 10, 2017
- Resignation of Fitness Room Supervisors, Mitchell Tomtishen and Connor Sears
- Recommendation for a Substitute Laborer, Lawrence Lakes
- Recommendation of Unpaid Assistants Matthew Lingle (B-JV Baseball) and Daniel Coakley (Track)
- Approval of a MOA with the Newfane Administrative Council
- Pending appointment of a Director of Facilities

## **OLD ORDER OF BUSINESS REVIEWED**

The Board of Education reviewed the following

- Amendment to the previous resolution regarding Musical Advisor stipend allocation

## **NEW ORDER OF BUSINESS REVIEWED**

The Board of Education reviewed the following

- A budget transfer for coaches
- A budget transfer for equipment
- Approval of attendees for the Scholastic Achievement Recognition Dinner
- Approval of attendees for the PTA Partnership Dinner
- Declaration of May 26, 2017 as a "no school day"
- Adoption of the District Calendar for the 2017-18 school year
- Approval of the CSEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement
- Adoption of the Budget Vote and Election Notices
- Recommendation of Policy Changes
- Recommendation for participation in the Finger Lakes Regional Robotics Competition, students

## **OPEN DISTRICT BUSINESS DISCUSSION**

Superintendent Baumann led the Board of Education in a budget discussion. The board discussed proposed expenses and revenue. The board will vote on the pending proposed budget at the April 4, 2017 meeting. The Public Hearing will take place at the May 2, 2017 meeting and the Budget Vote and Election takes place on May 16, 2107.

## **PRESENTATIONS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Elementary Principal Jenna Arroyo and Counselor Amber Pratt will update the board regarding counseling in the Elementary School.
- Middle School student Joseph Gysbers will present his Eagle Scout Project to the Board
- There will be a presentation on the Capital Outlay Project

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Trustee Wentland and seconded by Trustee Kelahan  
MOVED, that the Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss the CSEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.

Resolution Carried:           6 YES               0 NO

Recessed at 8:50 pm

Reconvened at 9:13 p.m.

**CONCLUDING ORDERS OF BUSINESS - ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Trustee Kelahan and seconded by Trustee Licht

MOVED, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Resolution Carried:           6 YES               0 NO

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Seymour  
District Clerk