

Minutes of Newton Falls Exempted Village Regular Meeting
Held December 17, 2009 – 6:30 P.M. – Jr./Sr. High School Board Room

President, Mrs. Brenda Koontz, called the Regular Meeting of the Newton Falls Board of Education to order at 6:31 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker, Mr. Ballas, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Koontz and Mrs. Shiley were in attendance.

Committees, and/or Delegations – Related to the Agenda

Education and Committee Reports

Student Achievement – Mrs. Koontz

Mr. Purnell reported that the elementary programs were awesome and that holiday parties are going on this week.

Mrs. Liber reported that choir concert with Jr./Sr. High was great, and that Friday is party day.

Mrs. Koontz said there were a lot of people at the choir concert.

Mr. Wilson said that open mic night is tonight.

Legislative Liaison - Mrs. Shiley

Mrs. Shiley reported on many bills in the legislature; HB318 – tax repeal, HB260 – election reform, SB111 – personal property tax loss, SB167 – school performance, SB173 – Core teaching funds, SB180 – Race to the Top, HB60 – School nutrition/Phys. Educ., and pension reform at STRS and SERS.

Finance Committee – Mr. Baker

No meeting this month.

Athletic Council – Mrs. Davis

Nothing

Trumbull County Career and Technical Center Report – Mrs. Shiley

Mrs. Shiley reported that the new representative to TCTC should become a member of the National School Board and that TCTC meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:00PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Shiley moved and Mrs. Davis seconded to the following motion:

#266-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newton Falls Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, November 19, 2009 and the Special Board Meeting, November 24, 2009.

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ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mrs. Shiley, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Baker, Mr. Ballas, Mrs. Koontz
MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

A. Reports

The Treasurer reported that audit is complete and in the final review stage. She also thanked Mrs. Shiley for her years of service on the Board.

B. Recommendations

1. Financial Report

Mr. Baker moved and Mrs. Shiley seconded the following motion:

#267-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approves the financial reports for the month of November 2009, and the short term investments made by the Treasurer which yielded \$199.52 for the General Fund and \$58.74 for the Construction Fund.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Shiley, Mr. Ballas, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Koontz
MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Baker asked about the negative balance in the set-aside accounts and the check to the Bank of NY. The Treasurer said that the negative balances will be cleaned up after the second real estate settlement and the check was for the December bond payment.

2. Bus Bids

Mrs. Shiley moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion:

#268-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approves the bus bids from the Trumbull County Bus Consortium as follows:

**School Bus Bid Opening Tally
November 12, 2009 – 12:00 Noon**

Company	Bid Bond	65 Complete	71 Transit	72 Transit	71 Complete
Myers Equipment	X	\$74,178	\$78,209	\$72,626	\$75,808
OBS, Inc.	X	No Bid	\$82,500	\$70,100	\$74,850
Power City International	X	No Bid	No Bid	\$76,900	\$74,750

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mrs. Shiley, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Baker, Mr. Ballas, Mrs. Koontz
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3. **Resolution to Request from Auditor**

Mrs. Shiley moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion:

#269-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education adopts a resolution to request millage from the auditor for an amount of \$585,011.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mrs. Shiley, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Ballas, Mrs. Koontz
Nays: Mr. Baker

MOTION CARRIED

4. **Donations**

Mrs. Shiley moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion:

#270-2009

DONATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education accept the following donations:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ohio Pyle	Newton Falls Schools	\$81.95
Kiwanis Cake Walk	Drama Club	\$31.16

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mrs. Shiley, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Baker, Mr. Ballas, Mrs. Koontz

MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

A. **Reports**

Mr. Wilson talked about the Race to the Top funds, the compromised HB318, the fire system at the Middle School, the K Company came out to get heat running in the locker room until the units can be replaced in January, he passed out a DVD to the Board from OSBA that they can share. He talked about the Supreme Court ruling on warrantless cell phone searches. And he informed the Board that arrangements have been made for Kathleen Nichols to come out to the school for an anti-bullying assembly April 14, 2010. He also brought up some concerns about the Middle School trip to Washington, since 50% of the Middle School is free/reduced lunch there is some concern about parents' ability to pay for such an expensive trip.

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B. **Recommendations**

1. **...Unpaid Maternity Leave – Andria Morningstar-Gray**

Mrs. Shiley moved and Mr. Baker seconded the following motion:

#271-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approves the unpaid maternity leave for Andria Morningstar-Gray, from January 22, 2010 through June 4, 2010 (End of 2009/2010 school year).

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mrs. Shiley, Mr. Baker, Mr. Ballas, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Koontz
MOTION CARRIED

2. **... Employment – Supplemental Contract**

Mrs. Shiley moved and Mr. Ballas seconded the following motion:

#272-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education employs the following for supplemental positions for the 2009/2010 school year:

Greg Lazarri – Lifting Coach – Season 1 – 12/1/2009 – 2/27/2010
Mark Baker – Lifting Coach – Season 3 – 6/21/2010 – 9/3/2010

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mrs. Shiley, Mr. Ballas, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Koontz
MOTION CARRIED

3. **...Employment – Classified Substitute**

Mrs. Shiley moved and Mr. Ballas seconded the following motion:

#273-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education employs the following classified substitutes for the 2009/2010 school year, on an as needed basis.

Gary Grimes

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mrs. Shiley, Mr. Ballas, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Koontz
MOTION CARRIED

4. **Use of School Facilities**

Mr. Baker moved and Mrs. Shiley seconded the following motion:

#274-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approves the use of school facilities consistent with adopted policies and procedures for the following:

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Knights of Columbus
Sam Cappellino, Youth Director
Youth (10-14) Free Throw Program

January 16, 2010
HS Gymnasium
9:00AM – 11:00AM

Mohawk Baton Corps.
Linda Buchanan
Competition

February 21, 2010
Jr. High and Sr. High
Gymnasium
8:00AM – 6:00PM

Mohawk Baton Corps.
Linda Buchanan
Competition

March 28, 2010
Jr. High and Sr. High
Gymnasium
8:00AM – 6:00PM

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Shiley, Mr. Ballas, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Koontz
MOTION CARRIED

5. Tuition Reimbursement

Mr. Ballas moved and Mrs. Shiley seconded the following motion:

#275-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approves the tuition reimbursement of three (3) semester hours at a cost of \$1,326.00 for Samantha Foy, Treasurer.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Ballas, Mrs. Shiley, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Koontz
MOTION CARRIED

6. Extended Field Trip – Middle School

Mrs. Shiley moved and Mr. Baker seconded the following motion:

#276-2009

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mrs. Shiley seconded to amend the following motion and take out the dates:

#277-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approves the extended field trip for the Middle School sixth grade to Washington DC, May 12, 13, 14, 2010, based on a number of 125 participants (80 paying students and 45 paying adults). ~~The trip will be confirmed upon participants paying 1/3 of the trip by February 1, 2010, 1/3 paid by March 1, 2010 and the remaining 1/3 paid by May 1, 2010.~~

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mrs. Koontz, Mrs. Shiley, Mrs. Davis
Nays: Mr. Baker, Mr. Ballas

MOTION AMENDED

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On the amended motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approves the extended field trip for the Middle School sixth grade to Washington DC, May 12, 13, 14, 2010, based on a number of 125 participants (80 paying students and 45 paying adults).

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mrs. Shiley, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Koontz
Nays: Mr. Ballas

MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Koontz said that this trip is educational for the kids. People know that it is coming and they can save for it. MVPs are also doing fundraisers (dances, candles) to help with the cost. Sometimes teachers pay for students too. There are always student that choose not to go. The students that go get a lot out of the trip and they look forward to the trip.

Mr. Wilson responded that he is not downplaying the trip. The issue is time away from school and if this is a school trip all students should go. His concern is that we didn't have 2/3 of the money by March 1st last year.

Mr. Baker expressed concern that he did not want tax payer money used for the trip.

7. Lifting Coach Job Description

Mrs. Shiley moved and Mr. Ballas seconded the following motion:

#278-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the lifting coach job description update as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mrs. Shiley, Mr. Ballas, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Koontz
MOTION CARRIED

Items too late for the agenda

Mrs. Shiley moved and Mr. Ballas seconded the following motion:

#279-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, that for all new terms commencing after the date of this resolution, members of the Newton Falls Board of Education shall be compensated at the maximum rate permitted by law.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mrs. Shiley, Mr. Ballas, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Koontz
MOTION CARRIED

Old Business

Mrs. Koontz asked if teachers had received the decorating dos and don'ts. Mr. Wilson said the High School does have it but not the Elementary. Mrs. Koontz asked if it was being followed. Mr. Wilson said the idea was to educate and that it is not the primary concern of custodians. Mrs. Koontz asked who is to make sure it is done. Mr. Wilson said custodians, Mr. Staton, principals and teachers.

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New Business

None

Communications

Mrs. Shiley shared with the Board that there were 10,072 in attendance at Capital Conference and that the new OSBA President is Kathy Johnson. There are many upcoming workshops for new board members, board presidents and levies. She also thanked custodians and Mr. Staton for the health dept. report.

Mrs. Koontz said the H1N1 clinic went well. Mr. Wilson said the second round will be held January 22, 2010.

Mrs. Shiley asked for an update on the mentoring program. Mr. Wilson said he met with Mrs. Giuliano and Mrs. Linzey to come up with an MOU. The ESC is no longer funding so we are working on a job description and amount.

Hearing of Individuals

Peggy Giuliano – Thank you to Mr. Wilson. They have been working on many things. She would also like a copy of the wall decoration memo.

Amy Frederick – What is going on with no tolerance on bullying? What is the policy?

**Mrs. Koontz said she received 3 or 4 phone calls about this as well. When she asked the principal she was told that when the kids get in trouble they sometimes use this as an excuse. She encouraged parents to go to the teacher, principal and Mr. Wilson before coming to the Board.

**Mr. Wilson agrees with no tolerance, but we must also follow due process. The resource officer has presented to the younger grades. There are two sides to every story and we must cooperate with the police on items that are happening outside of school. A lot of what is happening in outside of school on the computer or cell phone. We need to get parents involved.

**Mrs. Koontz said if a child is being bullied isn't it the teacher's responsibility to tell the principal.

**Mr. Wilson said the guidance dept. sets up a meeting with students to talk about proper behavior.

**Mrs. Koontz said she realizes that if you are being bullied that you don't want to tell who it is because of retaliation.

**Mr. Wilson said that kids have gone to the resource officer in confidence.

Peggy Giuliano – Teachers do investigate bullying. Punishment does not fit the crime when it comes to bullying. Detention means nothing to the kids. If it truly a problem then something more than detention is needed.

Rachelle Ginter – What is the definition of bullying? What are levels of bullying?

**Mrs. Koontz responded that bullying is wrong no matter what level.

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Sandy Dillon – See it all the time, kids come up and tell on others. When you witness it you give them a pink slip. You tell them it is harassment. As they get older they get smarter and sneakier and it is harder to catch them.

Ryan Frederick – Knows that Mr. Wilson's job is difficult. What is due process? We followed it, but didn't get contacted. We have involved the police. They are not combining the reports with firsthand knowledge.

Executive Session

#280-2009

Mr. Baker moved and Mrs. Shiley seconded to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of public employees and matters required to be kept confidential by law at 8:20PM with no action to be taken afterwards.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Shiley, Mr. Ballas, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Koontz
MOTION CARRIED

Invited into Executive Session were Amy Frederick, Bobbi Jo Marsh, Shelly Ginter, Mr. David Wilson, Superintendent and Ms. Samantha Foy, Treasurer.

Mr. Ballas left Executive Session at 9:55PM.

Mrs. Koontz declared the Board back in open session at 10:05PM.

Adjournment

#281-2009

Mr. Baker moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:09PM and Mrs. Shiley seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Shiley, Mr. Ballas, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Koontz

Treasurer

Board President