

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
Minutes of Newton Falls Exempted Village Schools Regular Meeting  
December 10, 2014, at 4:00 pm. – Jr./Sr. High School Board Room

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President, Mr. Don Baker, called the regular meeting of the Newton Falls Board of Education to order at 4:00 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Baker, Mr. Ballas, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Koontz, Mr. Powell

**WORK SESSION**

Opterra Energy Services: Ed Cvelbar and Tom Ulmer

Energy Savings Performance Contracting is a process whereby school districts can use energy savings and increased operational efficiencies to pay for needed facility upgrades without affecting the budget. The District borrows money to make improvements that save the District money, and the District uses that savings to pay the loan. The savings is guaranteed by Opterra so there is no risk to the District. Examples of improvements that could be funded by such a project include replacing the 1989 boiler heating system, upgrading interior and exterior lighting and lighting control systems, providing key card access for exterior doors, replacing bleachers, resurfacing the track, and providing emergency backup generation of power.

The Board agreed to let Opterra Energy Services proceed with an energy assessment of the District.

Mr. Powell requested a copy of the previous analysis performed in 2012.

**Presentation for Bucyrus Palo**

Mr. Woodard read the following Memorandum of Recognition and presented Bucyrus Palo with a plaque. Bucyrus is currently throwing the discus into the fence. We have to make more room for him. He plans to break the state record this year. Mr. Culp said that Bucyrus has never gone up less than twenty six feet in a year, so he has a very good shot at beating the state record of two hundred feet, three inches. He threw one hundred seventy six feet at the 2014 State Competition.

**Memorandum of Recognition – Bucyrus Palo**

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the following motion:

**#224-2014**

**WHEREAS**, Bucyrus Palo won the State Championship for Division 3 Track in the Boys' Discus, and

**WHEREAS**, Bucyrus Palo and coaches, have exemplified the attributes of hard work, perseverance, dedication, sacrifice and leadership to athletics and

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**WHEREAS**, Bucyrus Palo and coaches have established both a standard and a very real hope of excellence for all Newton Falls school and community family members, and

**WHEREAS**, Bucyrus Palo has brought credit, pride, school and community spirit to Newton Falls Exempted Village Schools and the community, then

**HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Newton Falls Exempted Village Board of Education does recognize Bucyrus Palo and coaches, for their accomplishments in the eyes of Newton Falls Exempted Village Schools and community.

The Board and Mr. Woodard congratulated Bucyrus for his great achievements.

**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Koontz, Mr. Powell, Mr. Ballas, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Baker  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Hearing of Individuals**

None

**Discussion of Assistant for Band Program**

Mrs. Brenda Koontz

We have three paid high school basketball coaches for seventeen boys. We have seven coaches for thirty boys for football. Band just has Mrs. Criazzo. She needs help for marching band season.

Mr. Paul Woodard

Band currently has around sixty students with the seventh and eighth grade combined. Mr. Crowder said that in the past we added an assistant when the numbers reach eighty five to one hundred. That is past practice.

Mrs. Brenda Koontz

I understand past practice, but I know that she needs somebody up there. We had two kids pass out on that field. She couldn't even go out because she doesn't have anybody there with her. With the amount of things on her plate, she needs somebody to help her.

Mr. Paul Woodard

My understanding in talking to Mr. Crowder is that there are a lot of volunteers that do help out, and the reason we haven't done anything with it is because there are so many volunteers.

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Mrs. Brenda Koontz

There are no volunteers to help with the marching and with the actual music. Parents are not trained in music to help out with music. It's the same way with the sports. You have five men sitting on the bench at a varsity basketball game for seventeen boys. She needs somebody trained in music to assist her. You could use students from these schools, and it's not that much.

Mr. Brent Powell

When I was in band there was one leader, the band director, and no assistant. There were a lot of parents involved. There were squad leaders for each unit in the band. I don't know if that exists today.

Mrs. Brenda Koontz

I was the band director from 1989-1991 and started out as the assistant before Hargrove. You need people to help with the instruments that are trained in music. At that time there were section leaders that did a lot. It's not like that any longer. A lot of that was taken away due to hazing. Having been an assistant and a band director, sixty kids are a lot with all the different instruments. We have one person trying to do it all. The band isn't going to improve and move forward unless she has some help.

Mr. Paul Woodard

Mr. Crowder tells me that the band numbers have dropped by around twenty five. If Mrs. Criazzo feels strongly about it, she should prepare a presentation on the subject to justify the need for an assistant. She can show it to Mr. Crowder first, and then us. I will talk to Mr. Crowder to have him talk to her about it.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **Committees and/or Delegations – Related to the Agenda, Education, and Committee Report**

Student Achievement – Mrs. Debra Davis

Elementary: December has lots of holiday activities. I would like to recognize the Students of the Month for September and October.

#### September

DeAndre Reed  
Dalsee Davis  
Torrie Fanton  
Abigail Prusky

#### October

Alden Bonzanto  
Mia DeCesare  
Nolan Kaehne  
Ethan Powell

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Syxx Moore  
Madalyn Knight  
Alyia Slovinsky  
Jadyn Byrd  
Gage Phares  
Kristianna McFarland

Payton Murphy  
Phillip Davis  
Phoenix Hammond  
Adysen Proctor  
Peyton Estes  
Madison Davis  
Presley Hogue  
Trent Blevins  
Jason Decker

Middle School: There are lots of December activities and the testing never stops. Sixth grade is preparing for upcoming PARCC testing. Mr. Sullivan prepared a nice presentation with pictures in his monthly report.

High School: Interim reports were distributed today. OGT results will be available on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The guidance counselors have been busy in English classes providing students with information for college and financial aid. The guidance counselors meet with the senior class every year, but this is the first year they are going into the classes. Intervention will be going on in all the schools. Selection for NHS and Buckeye Boys and Girls State will begin soon.

Legislative Liaison – Mr. Don Baker

None

Finance Committee - Mr. Brent Powell

None

Athletic Council – Mrs. Brenda Koontz and Mr. Brent Powell

Mrs. Brenda Koontz

The foundation games were very nice. People liked the \$5.00 fee and no passes. Mr. Giesy's sister gave a speech and thanked everybody for attending. It was touching, and a good experience.

Mr. Brent Powell

The foundation games were well organized. Congratulations to whoever organized them. There was great attendance on both sides.

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Trumbull County Career & Technical Center – Mrs. Debra Davis

None

**Minutes**

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the following motion: **#225-2014**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the minutes from the November 20, 2014, regular meeting.

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

**Appoint a President Pro-tem & Set Date for Organizational Meeting**

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the following motion: **#226-2014**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newton Falls Board of Education appoint Mr. Don Baker for President Pro-tem for the Organizational Meeting to be held on January 5, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.

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

**Treasurer's Report and Recommendations**

**A. Report**

**Five Year Forecast**

The only change made on the forecast was to reclassify the emergency levy back into the proper revenue line items. This was only done to avoid a red flag from ODE.

Mr. Baker didn't realize our ending balance this year was going to be so low. Mrs. Meeks said that it is due to the loss of seventy six students.

**Dental Insurance**

We are in the process of transitioning to new dental insurance. The consortium is switching from Core Source to Delta Dental effective January 1, 2015. The coverage is supposed to be better than what we currently use. The annual savings to the District will be \$12,168.

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**Vision Insurance**

We are also transitioning to a new vision plan effective January 1, 2015. The new plan will be through the consortium with Medical Mutual. Overall, the plan is slightly better than what we have with VSP. The annual savings for the District is \$14,141.

**Enrollment**

We were up five students in November which brought our funded ADM to 1259. I will be tracking ADM monthly as shown in your board packets.

**Financial Reports**

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the following motion: **#227-2014**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the financial reports for the month of November 2014, and the short term investments made by the Treasurer which yielded \$135.19 for the general fund and \$1.15 for the cafeteria fund.

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

**Five Year Forecast**

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the following motion: **#228-2014**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the five year forecast and its assumptions as presented.

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

**Levy Renewal**

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the following motion: **#229-2014**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Newton Falls Exempted Village School District, Trumbull County, Ohio, a majority of all members of the Board concurring that:

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Section 1. This Board determines and declares that the revenue which will be raised by all tax levies which this Board is authorized to impose, when combined with state and federal revenues available to this Board, will be insufficient to provide for the emergency requirements of the District, and that it is therefore necessary to levy a renewal tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation in order to raise the amount from the renewal of \$585,011 each year for a period of five (5) years for that purpose. This levy renewal shall renew all of an existing levy.

Section 2. Pursuant to O.R.C. §5705.194 through §5705.197, there shall be submitted to the electors of this District at the election to be held on May 5, 2015, the question of levying a renewal of an existing tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for a period of five (5) years, in order to raise the amount of \$585,011 from the renewal each calendar year for a period of five (5) years for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the District, at the annual tax rate necessary to raise that amount. This levy type is an emergency for a five (5) year period, commencing in 2016, with the first collection in 2017.

Section 3. The Treasurer is directed to immediately certify a copy of this resolution to the Trumbull County Auditor for the calculation of the total current tax valuation of the District and a calculation of the annual levy, expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, as well as in mills for each one dollar of valuation, throughout the life of the levy which will be required to produce the annual amount set forth above, assuming that the amount of the tax list of this District remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with law.

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

**Superintendent's Report and Recommendations**

**A. Report**

We finally have a reading coach. Leanna Spencer will begin working three days per week on a trial basis. She is a little apprehensive about it because she is retired. We are just trying it on a trial basis with no contract so if it doesn't work, she can walk away, or vice versa. She will begin looking at data and working with the teachers on Monday.

Mr. Crowder took our discussion about league scheduling to the league meeting he attended. The scheduling committee is going to look at the issue.

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We looked into the volleyball issue with the nets. The volleyball nets at the middle school do not have the same diameter pole to go from there to here. We are going to look at prices to get new ones. The last time we looked it was about \$1500.00.

We are still reviewing our policy on “bring your own technology”. I will bring something to you in the next couple months.

The Newton Falls Fire Chief says that he thinks we have a variance to allow us to install the bolo sticks. He still advises that we continue to barricade the doors. He wants us to put it in writing when we update the crisis manual.

I need to go into executive session for employment at the end of the meeting.

**B. Recommendations**

**Personnel**

**Certificated**

**Resignation – Football Coach – Jonathan Culp**

Mr. Powell moved and Mr. Ballas seconded the following motion:

**#230-2014**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the resignation of Jonathan Culp, as Head Football Coach and Weightlifting Coach Session #1, effective immediately.

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

Mr. Baker thanked Mr. Culp for his three years of service.

**Items too late for the agenda**

None

**Old Business**

**Second Reading of Policies**

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the following motion:

**#231-2014**



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BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the second reading of Policies: EDC;EDC-R;EFG; GBK;KGC; GCBB; IFD; IF;IGD;IGDJ; JK; and IGBEA

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

**New Business**

None

**Communications**

None

**Executive Session**

**#232-2014**

Time: 5:17p.m. to 5:48 p.m.

Mrs. Koontz moved to enter into Executive Session and Mr. Powell seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, as a public board of education may hold an executive session only after a majority of the quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

- A. To consider **one or more, as applicable**, of the check marked items with respect to a public employee or official:
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Appointment
  - 2.   X   Employment
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Dismissal
  - 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline
  - 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Promotion
  - 6. \_\_\_\_\_ Demotion
  - 7. \_\_\_\_\_ Compensation
  - 8. \_\_\_\_\_ Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested)
- B. To consider the purchase of property for the public purposed or for the sale of property at competitive bidding.
- C. Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

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D. Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

**E. Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes.**

F. Specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoid prosecution for a violation of the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newton Falls Exempted Village Schools District Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting, does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on items A2, E as listed above.

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

**Adjournment**

**#233-2014**

Mr. Ballas moved and Mr. Powell seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

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

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Treasurer

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Board President

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