

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Newton Falls Exempted Village Schools Regular Meeting
January 17, 2013 at 6:00 pm. – Jr./Sr. High School Board Room

President, Mr. Don Baker, called the regular meeting of the Newton Falls Board of Education to order at 6:00 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker, Mr. Ballas, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Koontz were in attendance. Mr. Rapczak arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Student Recognition

None

Hearing of Individuals

None

Committees and/or Delegations Related to the Agenda, Education, and Committee Reports

Student Achievement – Mrs. Debra Davis

The elementary administered reading testing to the students. The results show significant improvement. Report cards will be released next week, and awards assemblies will occur as well. IOWA and COGAT testing is coming up at the end of January.

The middle school began after school intervention to prepare for Ohio Achievement Assessments in April. COGAT and IOWA testing will take place January 28 through February 1 to help identify gifted students. Mid-terms just ended.

High school mid-terms are this week. Tomorrow is an early release day. Upcoming events include a language arts festival and solo ensemble. On the sports front, our teams are performing about average except for girls' basketball and freshmen boys' basketball which are both excelling.

Legislative Liaison – Mr. Baker

The Newtown tragedy has triggered debate about gun control and security for schools. There is a federal executive order for funding for school security.

Finance Committee – Mr. Baker

None

Athletic Council – Mrs. Koontz and Mr. Rapczak

None

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Trumbull County Career and Technical Center – Mrs. Debra Davis

TCTC is holding an open house on February 7, 2013 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. An open forum on school choice is being held at Lakeview that is being spearheaded by Lakeview and Howland in an attempt to discuss the money that school districts in Trumbull County are losing to community schools. We would like to advertise this event on our website, and would like somebody to attend on our behalf.

Approval of Minutes

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

#9-2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approves the minutes from the December 11, 2012 special board meeting and the December 20, 2012 regular board meeting.

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

Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

A. Reports

Treasurer's Meeting

I am attending a Western Reserve OASBO meeting tomorrow afternoon. The topic of discussion will be athletic checking accounts and procedures for paying ticket takers, score keepers, etc... We will probably be implementing some changes in the near future.

I had my second Trumbull County Treasurer's meeting this week. We again discussed the money going to community schools. I'm distributing the packet that I turned in for the Trumbull County Forum on January 30. From FY 2003 on, we have lost over \$3M to charter schools. The majority of these schools do not have a very high academic rating. Only 9 of the 50 students we are losing are attending schools with an effective rating. All the others are rated lower than that.

New School Funding Model

Kasich's new school funding model/budget is supposed to be unveiled on February 4. Officials from the Office of Budget and Management are saying it will "attempt to target resources to property-poor districts and those with large numbers of low-wealth students". It is also supposed to take into the account the different types of students that districts are educating. However, the same article also states that we will be receiving a boost from the video lottery machines at racetracks. The amount of revenue we will receive from VLTs is still unknown...hopefully it won't be like the casino revenue.

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Kasich has also stated that there will be a follow-up to the teacher evaluation concept in his first budget.

Overall bill is rumored to be complicated and possible a percentage of funding will be based on performance.

Dollars and Sense

The IRS mileage rate went up a penny to 56.5 cents per mile. As per our negotiated agreement, we will begin reimbursing at that rate beginning July 1.

Our workers compensation bill for 2012 is down \$8000 from last year. This summer we will be eligible to sign up to attend monthly safety council meetings that will give us a small discount as well. We had six incident reports filed this year, but only one resulted in lost time, and was required to be reported to PERRP (Ohio Public Employment Risk Reduction Program) in January.

Sheakley, our TPA, provides us with activity reports so that we can monitor our ongoing claims. A portion of these reports relates to prescription drug purchases. Currently, Sheakley is reviewing several cases that should be beyond the point of refilling prescriptions. I was impressed by this as I have never had this service from TPAs in the past.

B. Recommendations

Financial Reports

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion: **#10-2013**

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 December 2012 and the short term investments made by the Treasurer which yielded \$4,497.99 for the general fund.

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

Appropriations

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion: **#11-2013**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the FY2013 Appropriation Measure as presented.

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

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Tuition Reimbursement

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

#12-2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the tuition reimbursement for the following:

Name/ University	Course Taken	Semest er Hours	\$Amount
Kennedy,Ashley/Boise State University	Graphic Design/ Integrating Tech in Classroom	6	\$ 1,138.00
Pyne, Leah/Graceland University	Classroom Mgmt; Gaining Parental Support;Creating Professional Portfolio	9	\$ 1,845.00
Walczak, Brittney Boise State University	Intro Ed Tech; Internet for Educators; Instructional Design; YOUTUBE for Educators; Theo found of Ed Tech; Eval Ed Tech	18	\$ 3,414.00
Whitfield, Kimberly YSU	Intro to Ed Research	3	\$ 547.23
Total			\$6,944.23

Donation

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

#13-2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 from Shopko for the high school.

The Board is very grateful to Shopko for their generous donation.

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

Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources

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

#14-2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the FY2013 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources as presented.

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

Rate Resolution

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion: **#15-2013**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the FY2013 Rate Resolution as presented.

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

Payment

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion: **#16-2013**

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

CBS Topsoil	Dirt for Football Field	\$4,000.00
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This dirt was purchased in an attempt to remedy ongoing drainage issues in the football field. Mr. Rapczak asked that we try to have dirt donated in the future.

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

Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

A. Reports

I attended ALICE training yesterday at Ravenna High School. ALICE stands for Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate. The plan is to present the theories behind ALICE training over the next few months. It's a different approach from the lockdown (which originated in prisons) that maintains that fighting back and evacuating increases the chances for survival. A video re-enactment of the Columbine incident was played at this training session which was very difficult to watch. It is believed that ALICE training will provide for a quicker response time that could result in saving lives. Components of ALICE include keeping doors locked, barricading doors, trying to escape out windows, and throwing things at the attacker. Statistics show people in a lockdown with a shooter are very likely to die. They are just sitting ducks.

Police have changed their tactics since the Columbine incident. At that point, they waited for a SWAT team to enter the building. Now they enter immediately with the goal of shooting everyone with a gun. If a staff member is armed, they are likely to be killed by the police because the police won't be able to differentiate them from the attackers.

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ALICE will be presented to the Board before being fully implemented. It is expected to be in approximately 50 states within the next year. We will hold community meetings with the police to discuss in an open forum.

Mrs. Koontz believes we also need to better address bullying in relationship to these types of situations. There needs to be consequences for this behavior before the situation gets out of hand.

B. Recommendations

Use of Facilities

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

#17-2013

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

Mimi's Studio of Dance
Mary Lee Sutton, Owner

January 30, 2013, May 15, 2013
May 16, 2013 – Rehearsals
May 18, 2013 – Recital
HS auditorium; JH gym – needs a
Technician to run sound and lights-
No admission charge for rehearsals,
Just recital

NF Varsity Football/Boosters
Jonathan Culp, Football Coach

February, 16, 2013
NEO Weightlifting Competition HS
Auditorium, gym, cafeteria, & kitchen

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

Items Too Late for the Agenda

Memorandum of Understanding – Transportation Secretary – Vicki Shaulis

Mr. Rapczak moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion:

#18-2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the memorandum of understanding between the Newton Falls Exempted Village School District Board of Education and The Newton Falls Association of Classified Employees regarding the Transportation Secretary, Vicki Shaulis, as presented:

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

Memorandum of Understanding – Assistant Track Coach

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

#19-2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the memorandum of understanding between The Newton Falls Exempted Village School District Board of Education and The Newton Falls Classroom Teachers' Association, to hire an additional assistant track coach for the 2013 season as presented:

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

Levy Resolution

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

#20-2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the Levy Resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2012, the Board adopted a resolution determining to submit to the electors of the District the question of levying an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, as described below, a copy of which was certified to the Trumbull County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Trumbull County Auditor has certified to the Board that the annual tax levy required throughout the life of the proposed levy to produce the annual amount of Seven Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty and 00/100 Dollars (\$774,230.00) as set forth in that resolution, calculated in the manner provided by O.R.C. §5705.195, is 6.30 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which is sixty-three cents (\$0.63) for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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:

Section 1. Pursuant to O.R.C. §5705.194 through §5705.197, the Board desires and determines to proceed with the submission to the electors of the District at the election to be held on May 7, 2013 the question of levying an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for a period of five (5) years, commencing with a levy on the tax list and duplicate for the year 2013 to be first distributed to the Board in the year 2014, to raise the amount of Seven Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty and 00/100 Dollars (\$774,230.00) each calendar year for a

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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, which rate is estimated by the Trumbull County Auditor to be 6.30 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which is sixty-three cents (\$0.63) for each one hundred dollars of tax valuation.

Section 2. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to certify immediately a copy of this resolution, along with the Board resolution and Auditor certificate referenced in the preamble, to the Trumbull County Board of Elections and request that the Board of Elections prepare the ballots and make other necessary arrangements for the submission of this question to the electors of the District, all in accordance with law.

Section 3. 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.

Mr. Baker made a statement regarding the levy. I know we need a levy and I will support it should it pass, but I am voting no this evening. I feel the chance of passage is lower in May based on our historical rate of passage. We tend to pass levies at a higher rate in November. I do agree that it should be put on in November. It is less costly in November, and more people vote at that time. I also believe we should take more time to look into an income tax. I will support a levy if it passes today.

Mr. Ballas made a statement regarding the levy. It is a proven fact that we need the money, but it upsets me that the employees aren't paying a higher portion of their insurance premium.

Mr. Baker responded saying that employees pay taxes too and they shouldn't be expected to subsidize the school. I would really like to see the State of Ohio Step up to their responsibilities.

Mr. Woodard made a statement regarding the levy. We haven't sat down with the unions yet to discuss cuts. It usually takes three times to get a levy to pass. We decided to wait until we see the new funding formula before discussing cuts with the unions. It is irresponsible to do otherwise. I support putting the levy on now rather than later. We still need to make cuts in addition to the levy in order to go out 3 to 4 years.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Board Policies – Second Reading

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

#21-2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the following board policies after the second reading: CBC, KJA.

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MOTION CARRIED

Donations Amendment

#22-2013

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion to amend the donation list to include Jen & David Rapczak who donated \$25.00 this evening.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education accept the following donations for the Newton Falls Middle School, in memory of Principal Marilyn Liber:

John & Kristie Drake	\$ 25.00
David & Kathy Rapczak	\$ 25.00
Samuel Rapczak	\$250.00

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

Donations

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

#23-2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education accept the following donations for the Newton Falls Middle School, in memory of Principal Marilyn Liber.

John & Kristie Drake	\$ 25.00
David & Kathy Rapczak	\$ 25.00
Samuel Rapczak	\$250.00
Jen & David Rapczak	\$ 25.00

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

Old Business

We are still in the process of assessing the gym floor. The insurance company sent people out to drill out pieces of the floor. We haven't heard the results yet.

Communication

Mrs. Davis – I forgot to mention a student achievement item. Sidney Drake had a full page article in the Tribune to honor her for excellence. We will present her with something next month after the Challenge 24 competition.

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Also, the band and choir solo ensemble is coming up.

Mrs. Koontz – Mrs. Koontz asked if we are stalled with our talks with the Army Corp of Engineers regarding our soccer and baseball fields. Mr. Woodard responded that it is now clear that we cannot use our 034 Facilities Maintenance Funds for this project so we haven't communicated with them. We simply cannot afford it at this time. We would like to get a facilities improvement committee together in the future.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

#24-2013

Mr. Ballas moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Mrs. Koontz seconded the motion.

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

Treasurer

Board President

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