

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Newton Falls Exempted Village Special Meeting
Held January 29, 2015 at 6 p.m. – Jr./Sr. High School Board Room

President, Mr. Don Baker, called the special meeting of the Newton Falls Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Woodard presented each board member with a plaque in honor of Board Member Appreciation Month, and thanked them for their service to the District.

Hearing of Individuals

None

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

Student Achievement – Mrs. Debra Davis

The second nine weeks is complete so we look forward to seeing the honor roll in the Tribune. All the buildings are very busy getting ready for testing. Best wishes to them.

Legislative Liaison – Mr. Don Baker

None

Finance Committee - Mr. Brent Powell

None

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

Mr. Powell congratulated the new football coach, Joshua Franke, and thanked everyone for their participation. He was very pleased with the process, and impressed by Mr. Franke.

Mrs. Koontz stated that there is a Sadie Hawkins Dance coming up after the game on February 13, 2015.

Trumbull County Career & Technical Center – Mrs. Debra Davis

As I mentioned earlier in the month, Howland Local Schools will be joining TCTC for the 2015/2016 school year.

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As mentioned in Mr. Crowder's report, there were two TCTC students who scored extremely well on their ACT exams. Rebeca Eaken and Ashley LeMasters have moved into the top of our academic status for ACT scores by only missing our highest ACT score in Newton Falls' records by one and two points respectively. Congratulations! That's awesome.

Minutes

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the following motion: **#12-2015**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on December 10, 2014.

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

Treasurer's Report and Recommendations

A. Report

None

Financial Reports

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the following motion: **#13-2015**

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 December 2014, and the short term investments made by the Treasurer which yielded \$89.43 for the general fund and \$1.30 for the cafeteria fund.

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

Tuition Reimbursement

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the following motion: **#14-2015**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the tuition reimbursement according to the negotiated agreement as listed:

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NAME/ UNIVERSITY	COURSE TAKEN	SEMESTER HOURS	\$AMOUNT
Jessica Blank/ Bowling Green State University	Clinical Literacy Assessment/Literacy Research	6	\$ 1,325.25
Leah Marsh/Edinboro University	Elementary Principal Intern	3	\$ 1,236.83
Total			\$ 2,562.08

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

Newton Falls Public Library Trustee

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the following motion: **#15-2015**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education appoint Deborah Bjelac as a trustee of the Newton Falls Public Library to fill the vacant unexpired seven year term from May 1, 2010 – May 1, 2017.

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

Rate Resolution

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the following motion: **#16-2015**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the FY 14 Rate Resolution as presented.

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

Payment of Invoice

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the following motion: **#17-2015**

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

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Neomin	FY 15 1 st Half Core Service ADM Fee	\$10,955.00

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

Donations

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the following motion: **#18-2015**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pittsburgh Technical Institute	Class of 2015	\$150.00
Newton Falls Athletic Boosters	Foundation Game	\$767.50

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

Superintendent's Report and Recommendations

A. Report

We are going to have to meeting with Opterra Energy on February 4th at 9:30 a.m. to go over their results from our energy analysis.

Our Athletic Director, Zach Parent, resigned effective at the end of this school year, so we do have a posting up for that position. So far we do not have any applicants.

We did another round of drug testing for our athletes for winter sports. Everybody came back fine. I met with the drug testing company. They wanted to discuss possibly testing peoples' hair. They have to take over an inch and a half clump of hair for testing. It costs \$50.00 per person. We are currently being charged \$35.00 per person for urine sampling. They do have a new system now where they can cut that in half to \$17.50 per person with a urine sample that's an instant test. If it comes back as a positive, we send that sample to the testing center to be run through all the tests to determine the issue. We are going to go with the \$17.50 option to save some money.

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We are meeting with the Ohio Department of Education on Tuesday, November 24th for a free performance audit. They did a performance audit of our district back in 2008.

There is an addendum tonight to hire our new football coach, Joshua Franke. He is a comprehensive social studies teacher. We would like to hire him to fill the social studies classes left vacant since Ed Freisen retired. He will also be at the middle school to take over an elective consisting of computers and testing when Mrs. Hoffman retires. He will be here half a day and at the middle school half a day. We have all his certifications and clearances. We are just waiting on his transcripts.

We would like to bring Mr. Franke down during the February 13th game against LaBrae to introduce him to people. Next week he would like to come down to meet with our kids and get a schedule together for weightlifting.

We are excited about him. He has an offensive mind, and is a second generation football coach. He is being RIF'd from Ashtabula much to their dismay. He was able to get the numbers up at Ashtabula from the 30's to the high 50's.

I have been to a couple workshops about passing levies. The big thing right now is trying to get a grass roots movement going through people going into the homes of board members, employees, and community members to discuss the financial picture with a group of ten to fifteen people. We also need to get a levy committee together sometime near the end of February.

Other ideas that were mentioned included handing out business cards, having community meetings before going on the ballot, try to get seniors and college kids registered to vote, send out positive information in newsletters and websites, going door-to-door.

Some things that are considered to have a negative effect on a levy campaign include having a presence at the polls, running a low key campaign aimed only at "yes" voters, blaming the legislators, and calls telling people how to vote.

I would like to plan for a levy committee meeting the last week in February.

Mr. Baker stated that he believes we should strongly consider going to the voters instead of having them coming to us through community meetings since that has been unsuccessful in the past. He also stated that we need to think of ways to help the community take ownership of the school district rather than being disconnected. Citizens need to feel they have real input. We have to demonstrate how the school benefits the community and the children.

Mr. Ballas suggested that we put information in the newspaper about what's going on with the school.

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Mrs. Koontz stated that the Tribune receives information about all of our board meetings. It's the Tribune that decides what to print, not us.

Mr. Baker said that Margaret Thompson from the Tribune called him after the last board meeting because she is now in charge of the schools for the newspaper. He requested that she receive an agenda for all of our meetings, and she wants input. The problem is that they only have one reporter for the whole county, so they can't attend all the meetings.

Mr. Powell suggested using social media to share information about the school.

B. Recommendations

Employment – Bus Driver – Natasha Pellin

#19-2015

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education employ Natasha Pellin as bus driver for the remainder of the 2014/2015 school year, effective January 26th, 2015.

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

Employment – Cafeteria Helper – Natasha Pellin

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

#20-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education employ Natasha Pellin as cafeteria helper for the remainder of the 2014/2015 school year effective January 30, 2015.

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

Items too late for the agenda

Employment – Supplemental

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

#21-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education employ Joshua Franke as head football coach for the 2015 season pending all necessary documentation.

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

Employment – Joshua Franke

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

#22-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education employ Joshua Franke as social studies teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School for the 2015/2016 school year pending all necessary documentation.

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

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Communications

Mrs. Davis

The Guidance Department is hosting the first financial aid night in the twelve years that Mr. Crowder has been Principal. This has been a long-time suggestion for our guidance department, and we are very excited to have it on our schedule. This is a great thing. We believe it is very important. Please thank the guidance counselors.

Mr. Crowder said that the event was very well attended. Eastern Gateway came in to speak to the parents as well.

Mrs. Koontz said that she liked it because it was a parent meeting, and the parents are the people who end up completing the FAFSA.

Mr. Baker

Mr. Baker asked Mr. Woodard if he has heard of the new anonymous tip safety line, and are we going to get involved in it. Mr. Woodard said that we haven't signed up yet. He asked the principals to read up on it. We have other means that do the exact same thing that we have been involved with in the past. We are going to talk about it again tomorrow at our next meeting.

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Mr. Ballas

Mr. Ballas asked Mr. Woodard about an incident he saw in the police blotter. Mr. Woodard replied that he would be talking to them about some discipline in executive session.

Executive Session

#23-2015

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the motion to enter into executive session at 6:58 p.m.

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. X 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.
- 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.

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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, A4, E as listed above.

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

The Board came out of executive session at 7:47 p.m.

Employment – Supplemental Contracts – Tabled

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

#24-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newton Falls Board of Education table the motion to employ the following for supplemental contracts for the 2015/2016 school year:

Kristina Baker
Richard Giuliano
Michael Ragan

Head Volleyball Coach
Head Girls' Soccer Coach
Head Boys' Soccer Coach

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

Adjournment

#25-2015

Mr. Ballas moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and Mrs. Davis seconded the motion.

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

Treasurer

Board President