

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Newton Falls Exempted Village Regular Meeting
Held January 5, 2015 – Jr./Sr. High School Board Room

President, Mr. Don Baker, called the regular meeting of the Newton Falls Board of Education to order at 4:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Baker, Mr. Ballas, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Koontz
Mr. Powell was absent from the meeting.

Hearing of Individuals

None

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

Student Achievement – Mrs. Debra Davis

The students are back from the holiday and getting ready for testing.

Legislative Liaison – Mr. Don Baker

Ohio kept the minimum wage scale that has been in effect for teachers.

There is talk about having more oversight for charter schools.

Representative Hagan is talking about working on a better method to fund public schools.

Finance Committee - Mr. Brent Powell

None

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

None

Trumbull County Career & Technical Center – Mrs. Debra Davis

Howland will be officially added to the schools attending TCTC for the 2015-2016 school year. That brings the total to twenty schools.

Treasurer's Report and Recommendations

A. Report

None

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Resolution to Proceed With the Submission of the Levy

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

#7-2015

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

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2014, the Board adopted a resolution requesting the Trumbull County Auditor for a calculation of the millage necessary to raise a specific number of dollars for the renewal of an existing levy pursuant to O.R.C. §5705.195, 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 Five Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Eleven and 00/100 Dollars (\$585,011.00), as set forth in that resolution, calculated in the manner provided by O.R.C. §5705.195, is 4.55 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which is forty-five and one-half cents (\$0.455) for each one hundred dollars of 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. The Board desires and determines to proceed with the submission to the electors of the District at the election to be held on May 5, 2015 the question of levying a renewal of an existing levy, pursuant to O.R.C. §5705.195, 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 2016 to be first distributed to the Board in the year 2017, to raise the amount of Five Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Eleven and 00/100 Dollars (\$585,011.00) each 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, which rate is estimated by the Trumbull County Auditor to be 4.55 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which is forty-five and one-half cents (\$0.455) for each one hundred dollars of 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.

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MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Report and Recommendations

A. Report

We will be holding a board meeting on January 29th at 6:00 p.m. for the primary purpose of hiring a football coach. Interviews begin next week. So far, we have thirteen applicants. Nobody within the District has applied. I am estimating that we will receive seventeen applications. Mr. Powell and Mrs. Koontz are serving on the committee.

Exhibits A, B, or C are on the table to consider for amending Policy GBGA.

B. Recommendations

Retirement – Colleen Watts

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

#8-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the retirement of Colleen Watts as 4 ¾ hours bus driver and 2 hours cafeteria helper effective January 1, 2015.

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

Severance Pay – Colleen Watts

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

#9-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the severance pay for Colleen Watts upon proof of retirement.

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

Amend Policy GBGA

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

#10-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education amend Board Policy GBGA to read as shown in Exhibit C as presented.

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The Board discussed the three Exhibits on the table. Mr. Baker believed Exhibit C was the best option due to its specificity. Mrs. Koontz believed that Exhibit B was the best option because it gives Mr. Woodard some flexibility.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Items too late for the agenda

None

Old Business

Mrs. Koontz asked if we made any progress with media in the classroom. Mr. Woodard said that we are still working on it.

New Business

None

Communications

Mr. Ballas

Mr. Ballas asked the procedure for the bidding process for the cafeteria. Mr. Woodard said that it is posted within the District first for classified employees.

Mr. Ballas stated that he received an inquiry regarding risqué outfits and dances of the dance line. Mrs. Koontz stated that she thought they were fine, and that she had been watching them along with Mr. Crowder and Mr. Woodard because Mr. Woodard had received phone calls as well.

Mrs. Koontz

Mrs. Koontz stated that her son was injured during a basketball game several weeks ago. He got a concussion. She believed that steps should have been taken to avoid the second hit that is thought to have caused the concussion, and that proper concussion procedures weren't followed. She would like to see the District purchase concussion software that would be a safety net for the coaches and further educate them on how to evaluate head trauma. Other schools such as Champion are using it, and it costs approximately \$700 per year.

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Adjournment

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Mr. Ballas moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m. and Mrs. Koontz seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer

Board President