

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Newton Falls Exempted Village Regular Meeting
Held July 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. – Jr./Sr. High School Board Room

President Debra Davis called the regular meeting of the Newton Falls Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Edwin Ballas Dedication

The Board dedicated a plaque in memory of Mr. Edwin Ballas with his family in attendance. The plaque will hang in the board room in his honor.

Hearing of Individuals

None

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

Student Achievement – Mrs. Debra Davis

None

Legislative Liaison – Mrs. Debra Davis and Mr. Brent Powell

One key thing is the transgender issue. We really need to keep an eye on this. It is coming. Some states including Ohio are suing. It will probably become an issue for the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Dunlap: We received a pamphlet this week about Noah's Arc that they built in Kentucky. They are saying we shouldn't take our students there due to the separation of church and state unless it's a voluntary trip. I will get the pamphlet for you.

Finance Committee - Mr. Brent Powell and **Mr. Kenneth Kline**

None

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

Mrs. Koontz asked Mrs. Meeks to verify the date of the next athletic council meeting. It's either the 27th or the 28th.

Trumbull County Career & Technical Center – Mrs. Debra Davis

None

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Minutes

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

#128-2016

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the minutes from the June 29, 2016, regular meeting as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report and Recommendations

Report

Audit

Both our GAAP audit and our general audit began in July and will continue through August. Things are going well. The auditors need to know the names of your spouses and their occupations. The only spouse I don't know is Mrs. Kline.

Bus Purchase

We are gearing up for our bus purchase. Myers Equipment has a bus in stock that meets the bid specs from the Trumbull Co bidding process, so we hope to have the bus in time for school to begin.

Capital Conference

It will be time to register for Capital Conference next month. This year I must attend in order to have enough credits to renew my license. Will anybody else be attending this year? If so, we need a delegate for the annual business meeting.

Fiscal Year End

Our fiscal closing went better than expected. In late May, we received some unexpected boosts to our revenue. We received Medicaid settlement payments for two year versus one year, our career tech money was straightened out and increased, our catastrophic cost reimbursement went up, our open enrollment went up, and we received a utility tax replacement payment. This amounted to an approximate increase in revenue of \$200,000. In light of this, I put off some expenditures until this fiscal year. These included paper, custodial supplies, legal expenses, and

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special education busing. I did this to boost our ending balance so that our financial statements will hopefully be in the positive numbers once our GAAP audit is complete. You remember that last year we were cited for negative financial statements because we had an early July payroll and very little money. This year we had a July 1 payroll, so I was trying to avoid the same circumstances this year.

Cash Balances

001 =	\$462,576
016 =	\$ 34,189
	<u>\$496,765</u>

The Treasurer reviewed the District's enrollment figures from the board packets.

Recommendations

Financial Report

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

#129-2016

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 June 2016, and the short term investments made by the Treasurer which yielded \$438.37 for the general fund, and \$.69 for the cafeteria fund.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Tuition Reimbursement

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

#130-2016

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
Amanda Clark/Concordia University	Dev. Org. Human Capital/Promoting & Leading Change	6	\$ 2,085.00
Jane Kinkead/Lake Erie College	Successful Strategies/Google Apps/Enhancing Vocabulary	3	\$ 345.00
Michael Lowery/Kent State University	Animal Parasitology/Geology National Parks	7	\$ 1,512.00
Leah Marsh/Walden University	Educational Orgs. and Contexts;Research Forum;Quant Reasoning & Analysis	14	\$ 1,047.50
Raymond Salyard/YSU	Clin. Exper. Second Principal	3	\$ 690.00
TOTAL		33	\$ 5,679.50

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

FMLA Extension

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

#131-2016

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the extension of FMLA for Jessica Goodrich through July 17, 2016.

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

Invoice Payment

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

#132-2016

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Sandy's Tire Sales	\$1,783.50	Tires for Buses
Trumbull County ESC	\$13,352.25	Special Ed Busing
BSN Sports	\$2,491.41	Football/VB Jerseys

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

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Superintendent's Report and Recommendations

Report

Mr. Woodard was absent for medical reasons. Mrs. Meeks pointed out the approved list of agencies for foreign exchange students referred to in our board policy. The foreign exchange students on the agenda are running through the Program of Academic Exchange (PAX) and Laurasian Institution which is on the approved list.

Mrs. Koontz brought up a past situation where the District stopped taking foreign exchange students due to a series of issues. Mrs. Davis asked if the current agency was the same agency used previously. Mrs. Dunlap said that it was a different agency. Mrs. Koontz asked if we knew anything about this agency. She wants to be sure we don't have the same issues again. Mrs. Meeks said that we don't know the criteria for getting on the list, but that we did not research the company ourselves. Mrs. Dunlap said that it's a Warren firefighter that's coordinating the exchange. The people she spoke to were very professional, but she doesn't know a thing about the company. She knows that they need an answer right away. They originally tried going to Lordstown, but Lordstown decided against it. We do not know why they refused them. We do know that they already applied through OHSA to play sports. The boy is 6'4" and loves basketball. Mr. Kline agreed with Mrs. Koontz in that we need to check into the situation further before approving anything. Mrs. Davis agreed and was appreciative that Mrs. Dunlap was present to answer questions. The Board agreed to get more information before making a decision.

Recommendations

Items too late for the agenda

Disability - Mark Myers

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

#133-2016

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the disability of Mark Myers, bus driver/mechanic, effective July 1, 2016.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supplemental Contracts

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

#134-2016

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the following for the 2016/2017 school year supplemental contracts:

Jacob Connell

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Assistant Football Coach

James Hogue

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Assistant Football Coach

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

Resignation – Sarah Grimes

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

#135-2016

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the resignation of Sarah Grimes (Currence) as bus driver and cafeteria helper as of August 1, 2016.

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

Resolution Adopting a Calamity Day Alternative Make-up Plan

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

#136-2016

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the Resolution Adopting a Calamity Day Alternative Make-up Plan as presented:

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

Old Business

None

New Business

The Board discussed the basketball team being invited to a tournament at Walsh University on a Sunday at 4:30. The Board did not have any issues with it since it is later in the day. They appreciated the fact that Mr. Woodard brought it to them for discussion.

Communications

Mr. Kline asked Mrs. Koontz if she knew the details about one of the fields not being lined for the “seven-on-seven” event. Mrs. Koontz said that she spoke to Mr. Franke and Mr. Woodard about it. Mr. Franke put the paperwork through in April, and he confirmed it in April and again in May. The fields that were lined were not lined correctly. Also, the garage was locked up, so they were unable to get to their equipment. The locks were changed on the garage due to theft which is understandable, but nobody was available to let them in it. Originally, the garage was built for athletic equipment, not maintenance. The cart was also locked up which created a big issue for carrying coolers full of ice. There is always some issue between

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football and the maintenance department. Enough is enough. The football parents are very upset and feel disrespected. There has to be better communication and compromise between athletics and the maintenance department. This has been an ongoing issue for several years now. This event brings in a lot of money. We cannot afford to lose that revenue because they are poorly managed. It should have been done correctly. Twenty four teams attended the event. It made us look really bad. One of the teams left because the fields were lined incorrectly. I'm very frustrated with the lack of cooperation. It makes us look bad. Mr. Woodard plans to meet with Mr. Franke and Mr. Staton to work on these issues. There just seem to be problems between maintenance and every sport.

There were also issues with the concession stand with the athletic boosters. The athletic boosters taped up the coolers that were full of outdated pop. They did not want to share equipment. We had to bring in a grill. There is a problem there and something needs to be done about it. We are all here for our kids. Mr. Kline had people approach him about these same issues. Mr. McGlynn is going to try to step in to resolve these issues. These problems are getting bigger and need to be reconciled. The Board agreed that it's time to have these issues resolved. They are tired of the same issues coming up. It makes everybody look bad.

Mr. Kline checked on the basketball floor. He wondered why we haven't done anything with that for four years. The key has been a different color for four years now. He talked to the coaches and Mr. Woodard and the floor is being worked on now. He wondered why it wasn't being done when it wouldn't cost any money. Mrs. Meeks explained that a company is doing it, so it is costing money.

Executive Session

#137-2016

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the motion to enter into executive session at 7:17 p.m. with no action to follow.

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. _____ 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.

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- 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.

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 D, E as listed above.

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

The Board came out of executive session at 7:48 p.m.

Adjournment

#138-2016

Mrs. Koontz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. and Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

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

Treasurer

President