

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Newton Falls Exempted Village Regular Meeting
Held June 25, 2015 at 6 p.m. – 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.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Powell was called away for work. Mrs. Koontz arrived several minutes into executive session.

Executive Session

#134-2015

Mrs. Davis moved and Mr. Ballas seconded the motion to enter into executive session at 6:02 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. _____ 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.
- 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 E as listed above.

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

Agreement with Trumbull County Educational Service Center

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

#135-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the agreement between The Trumbull County Educational Service Center and The Newton Falls Board of Education as follows:

AGREEMENT
Between the
TRUMBULL COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
And
NEWTON FALLS EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Section 3313.845 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the board of education of local, city or exempted village school districts may enter into an agreement for services with a Governing Board of an Educational Service Center; and

WHEREAS, through adoption of identical resolutions, under which the educational service center will provide certain services specified in the agreement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the TRUMBULL COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER ("TCESC") agrees to provide special education programs, supervisory, and related services and personnel to the NEWTON FALLS EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT ("District").

Section 1. The TCESC will assign personnel to implement services as identified in Addendum 1 according to the needs of the District.

Section 2. The District agrees to reimburse the TCESC through its State Foundation payment according to an annual contract. All costs (personnel, materials, supplies, classroom space charges, equipment, and fiscal fee) will be shared among all other Districts with students enrolled in each program unless personnel are employed specifically for a District student.

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The shared services will be actual costs of such service(s) above. Shared Services costs for the current school will be estimated based upon the Shared Services costs for the previous school year. The final invoice, submitted prior to September 30th of each school year, will reconcile any differences between estimated and actual shared services costs. Payment of the Shared Services invoice is required within sixty (60) days of receipt of invoice.

The costs not covered by liability insurance of TCESC or any District for lawsuits, legal fees, legal settlements, etc. are the responsibility of the participating Districts. Knowledge of any impending lawsuits must be brought to the attention of the TCSA Special Education Committee.

Section 3. Districts who are opting out of a program listed in Addendum 1 must notify the TCESC prior to April 1st of the school year preceding the withdrawal.

Section 4. For each District that provides classroom space and administrative support for these special education programs will be reimbursed as follows:

1. The costs of the administration which includes all administrative costs shall be \$5,500.00 for each program in the District;
2. The charge for classroom utilization expense including maintenance, custodial, operation costs, and utilities shall be \$5,500 per year for a classroom essentially equivalent to the OSFC standard and common areas within the building. All charges for any district renovation must have prior approval of the TCSA Special Education Committee;
3. The charge for ancillary costs such as copying, laminating, cleaning, guidance, nursing, specialists, minor repairs and any other services shall be \$4,500;
4. Expenditures for remodeling, renovation, equipment and other items which would cost \$1,000 or greater require prior notification to and approval by the TCSA Special Education Committee;
5. Expenditures for an individual student in excess of \$500 require prior approval by the district of residence. Such expenditures will be billed to the district of residence; and
6. There are no administrative or maintenance charges for Pre-school programs; however, ancillary costs as listed in Section 3, Item 3 shall be \$2,000.

Section 5. Districts providing space and considering not housing a special education program must notify the TCESC by December 31st of the year preceding the withdrawal.

Section 6. The effective date of implementation of the Agreement shall be August 1, 2015.

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Section 7. This Agreement shall automatically renew unless either party gives written notice to the TCESC by April 1st of the school year preceding withdrawal. The Special Education Committee will annually review this agreement and may modify the compensation listed in Section 4.

Adopted by the Newton Falls Board of Education on June 25, 2015.

Adopted by the Trumbull County Educational Service Center on _____.

Superintendent
Trumbull County Educational
Service Center

Superintendent
Newton Falls Board of Education

Treasurer
Trumbull County Educational
Service Center

Treasurer
Newton Falls Board of Education

President
Trumbull County Educational
Service Center

President
Newton Falls Board of Education

Mrs. Koontz asked if we had to approve this agreement. Mr. Woodard replied that we could shop around for another educational service center, but it would be very expensive for our special education busing due to the increased distance from our district to educational service centers in other counties.

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

Resignation – Jessie Szakacs

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

#136-2015

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education accept the resignation of Jessie Szakacs, Intervention Specialist and Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective August 18th, 2015.

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Mr. Baker asked how long Ms. Szakacs had been working here. Mr. Woodard replied approximately three years and that she got a job at Hubbard.

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

Employment – Courtney Aldridge

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion: **#137-2015**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education employ Courtney Aldridge as a Kindergarten teacher at the elementary school for the 2015/2016 school year, effective August 19, 2015.

Mr. Ballas asked where Ms. Aldridge is from. Mr. Woodard replied that she is from LaBrae.

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

Transfers and Advances

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion: **#138-2015**

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

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund (001)	Athletic (300)	\$14,084.81

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

The resolution for the transfer involving the workers compensation fund was withdrawn from the table.

FY15 Certificate of Estimated Resources

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion: **#139-2015**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the FY15 Certificate of Estimated Resources as presented.

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

FY15 Final Appropriations

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion: **#140-2015**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the FY15 Final Appropriations as presented.

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

FY16 Temporary Appropriations

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion: **#141-2015**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the FY16 Temporary Appropriations as presented.

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

Obsolete Account

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion: **#142-2015**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education authorize the closure of fund 494 (Poverty Based Assistance).

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

New Account

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the following motion: **#143-2015**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to establish fund 002-9015 (Bond Retirement-TAN) for the purpose of the tax anticipation note.

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

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Invoices

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

#144-2015

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Volkwein's Music	\$ 1500.00	001
Trumbull Co. ESC	\$18,670.41	016
Performance Trucks	\$ 2,686.28	016
Pepple & Waggoner	\$ 3,979.00	016
Jefferson Co. ESC	\$ 1,250.00	001
Great Lakes Petroleum	\$ 9,271.53	016

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

Approval of Resolution Determining An Additional Tax

#145-2015

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS
THE QUESTION OF LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL TAX
PURSUANT TO O.R.C. §5705.194 THROUGH §5705.197**

The Board of Education of the Newton Falls Exempted Village School District, Trumbull County, Ohio, met in special session on the 25th day of June, 2015 at the offices of said Board with the following members present:

Mr. Don Baker

Mrs. Debra Davis

Mr. Edwin Ballas

Mrs. Brenda Koontz

The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of O.R.C. §121.22 and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

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Mrs. Koontz moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2015, 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 Thirty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Three and 00/100 Dollars (\$739,483.00) as set forth in that resolution, calculated in the manner provided by O.R.C. §5705.195, is 6 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which is sixty cents (\$0.60) 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 November 3, 2015, 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 2015 to be first distributed to the Board in the year 2016, to raise the amount of Seven Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Three and 00/100 Dollars (\$739,483.00) 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, which rate is estimated by the Trumbull County Auditor to be 6 mills for each one dollar of tax valuation, which is sixty cents (\$0.60) 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.

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Mrs. Davis seconded the Motion and upon roll call, the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Koontz, Aye

Mrs. Davis, Aye

Mr. Ballas, Aye

Mr. Baker, Aye

Motion passed and adopted this 25th day of June, 2015.

President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Treasurer

Old Business

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

#146-2015

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

DFA;DN;EDEB-R;EDEB;AFC-2 (Also GCN-2); IGAE;IGBE;JEC;JEE;JHCD;IKEB;FD(Also KBE);KBE(Also FD);GBR-R;JECBA-R; JECBA;JHCD-R-1;JHCD-R-2;JHCD-R-3;JEFB.

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

Communication

Mr. Baker distributed an information sheet about the amount of money that charter schools are taking from Newton Falls Schools that he found online. The total they are taking is \$427,137. It is particularly interesting that the charter schools are taking more than we are being funded and that Summit Academy Community is taking \$30,661 compared to \$47,800 in state funding, and Summit Alternative is taking \$3,650 compared to \$17,986. It just seems unbelievable.

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Mr. Ballas commented that the grades assigned to the charter school were poor with none of them being above a “C”.

Superintendent’s Report

I gave everybody a folder containing the College Credit Plus policies that we have to adopt by the beginning of the school year. This was formerly called post-secondary enrollment options in our old policy. Items in bold type are new. The first reading of these policies will be on the July agenda. There may be a few more policies on the July agenda as well. If so, I will get them to you before the board meeting.

I attended a propane bus workshop today. Austintown Schools purchased fifteen buses for \$235,000 with an 80/20 grant. It requires the installation of a propane station which costs \$35,000. Propane companies are willing to install the station at a reduced rate of \$9000 if you buy their propane. Their propane would run \$1.90 per gallon as compared to \$1.40 per gallon normally. These prices are much lower than diesel fuel. The problem is you have to have the \$235,000 up front. There is no financing available. The propane buses with all the bells and whistles including cameras and GPS are approximately \$93,000 each.

The Board Office will be close for cleaning July 1st, 2nd, and 6th, and July 3rd it is closed for the holiday.

Mr. Franke is interested in starting a tiger game day sponsorship. He wants to ask businesses to donate \$500 in return for their business being announced once a quarter, placing a printout in the program, presenting them as the game sponsor at half time, allowing handouts during the game and pre-game tailgating, displaying banners for the business, and giving four free tickets to the game. He already has two businesses committed to this idea. He thinks he can get one for every game. In the past some people weren’t for allowing advertising for businesses, but with our financial situation, this may be a good idea to consider.

Mrs. Koontz

Mrs. Koontz thought this could open doors for us to be able to hand out our levy information at our football games. She said the football program doesn’t have any money, and they know the financial situation of the school district, so they are trying to come up with fundraising ideas that don’t constantly tax our residents. The companies being approached are outside the city limits because the companies in the city already have advertisements in the program, and they already provide heavy support for extra-curricular activities. The Board agreed to allow tiger game day sponsorship.

Mr. Woodard

We should know our budget by the next meeting on July 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. We received an email today stating that the conference committee cut \$11 million for the biennium from the senate version of the budget. It should be in the Governor’s hands by next Tuesday. In light of this, I will probably have school fees on the agenda in July.

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Mrs. Koontz

Mrs. Koontz had the privilege to attend Buckeye Boys State program this year at Bowling Green University. She was impressed with the program and the respect and comradery the boys demonstrated. Our boys represented us well. She was very proud of them, and appreciates the Board supporting this program for boys and girls.

Executive Session

#147-2015

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mrs. Davis seconded the motion to enter into executive session at 6:54 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:

- G. To consider **one or more, as applicable**, of the check marked items with respect to a public employee or official:
- 9. _____ Appointment
 - 10. _____ Employment
 - 11. _____ Dismissal
 - 12. _____ Discipline
 - 13. _____ Promotion
 - 14. _____ Demotion
 - 15. _____ Compensation
 - 16. _____ Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested)
- H. To consider the purchase of property for the public purposed or for the sale of property at competitive bidding.
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- L. 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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ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mrs. Koontz, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Ballas, Mr. Baker
MOTION CARRIED

The Board came out of executive session at 7:11 p.m.

Adjournment

#148-2015

Mr. Ballas moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11p.m. and Mrs. Koontz seconded the motion.

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

Treasurer

Board President