

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of Newton Falls Exempted Village Schools Special Meeting**  
**May 6, 2014 at 5:00 pm. – Jr./Sr. High School Board Room**

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President, Mr. Don Baker, called the special meeting of the Newton Falls Board of Education to order at 5:00 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Baker, Mrs. Koontz, Mr. Powell, Mr. Ballas. Mrs. Davis was absent from the meeting because she was working at the election polls.

**Handbook Discussion**

Elementary:

Mr. Woodard stated that we need to make a calendar change. Monday, August 25 is the first day back to school for teachers as a professional day with open house that night. The students' first day is Tuesday, August 26.

Mrs. Koontz stated that she loved that the contact information was listed on the front page. She wondered why the order of contacts on the elementary page was different from the others. Mr. Purnell said that it's different because he doesn't have a guidance counselor available every day, so the guidance counselor isn't listed on the contacts page. He calls the guidance counselor in for instances where she is needed.

Mr. Baker asked why the elementary doesn't put lesson plans on the internet. Mr. Purnell replied that Shawn Donley is supposed to write a program to provide a link to the teacher page. Mr. Baker thanked Mr. Purnell for his reply.

Having no more questions or comments, the Board released Mr. Purnell to attend the county track meet.

Middle School:

The Board had no questions regarding the Middle School handbook. Mr. Thomas was dismissed from the meeting.

High School/Junior High:

The Board had no questions regarding the High School/Junior High handbooks. Mr. Crowder and Mr. Sullivan were dismissed from the meeting.

**Electric Bill Discussion**

Mr. Woodard reported that we met with the city regarding the electricity issue. Council was supposed to meet and get back to us. After council met, we received two letters from the City Law Director this afternoon with two different settlement amounts. One amount was barely lower than the original number, and the other amount was considerably lower than the original number.

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Mr. Baker reported that Mr. Locke informed us that we can hire an expert for \$10,000-\$20,000, and spend a considerable amount of money to take the case to court.

The City informed us that they waived \$10,000 for the nursing home in the past for a burned out meter, and that they waived \$80,000 for Feist Hardwoods for a multiplier issue.

The Board decided that Mr. Woodard would talk to Mr. Locke about our options considering we received two separate letters from the City.

The Treasurer gave the Board numbers to review when considering supervisor and principal salaries for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Woodard reported that we only received one application for the Athletic Director position. Zach Parent applied. Mr. Kernan resigned due to family issues.

Mrs. Koontz asked if anyone applied for the Soccer Coach position. Mr. Woodard responded that several outside people applied along with Mr. Purnell. Mr. Purnell is interested if we cannot get anybody else for the position. Mr. Woodard stated that Mr. Crowder and Mr. Kernan will conduct the initial interviews, and then he would conduct the second interviews.

Mr. Powell and Mrs. Meeks set Wednesday, May 14 to meet to discuss finances.

**Adjournment**

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Mr. Ballas moved and Mr. Powell seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

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

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Treasurer

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Board President

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