

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Newton Falls Exempted Village Regular Meeting
Held November 17, 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

Executive Session

#206-2016

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the motion to enter into executive session at 6:02 p.m. with action to follow.

Mr. Baker moved to amend the motion to include the reasons for executive session. Mrs. Koontz seconded the motion.

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. X 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, A3, A4, D, E as listed above.

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

The Board came out of executive session at 7:00 p.m.

Hearing of Individuals

David Engler

Thank you Madam President, Board Members, Superintendent. My name is Attorney David Engler. I have attorney offices at 181 Walnut Grove NW in Warren. I also have a Boardman office at 725 Boardman Canfield Road. I have been a school board member for the Mahoning County Educational Service Center for the last seventeen years. Excuse me as being a school board member and as a lawyer, it's just my natural instinct to pop up with when I hear something about executive session as I said since we are always just so worried about that the motion is framed in the right way as it could end up with some action being voided of a school board of you don't have to specify in the motion, so as to ask about the actual procedural issues. Umm, secondly, uh, I appreciate the opportunity to speak. I wish we could have in my seventeen years, we've always allowed the public to go first, the guests to go first as it is my understanding that executive session is for places for business, have an executive session to do business, but uh I've always been of the mind that you take care of your guests first, but I have two issues to talk about uh. The issues revolve around and relating to three students at the eighth grade level, and the three students were involved in this uh. It was a little makeshift project where they were making these signs, not stickers, but signs for the political election. The boys had talked to the teacher, Mr. Witman, and the boys had asked who Mr. Witman voted for or was going to vote for and he indicated who he was voting for but they said we wanted to make Trump signs, so they made these Trump signs, and they put the Trump signs on the uh and originally the Trump sign this is I think the day of the election they had the Trump sign on the outside of the locker and a teacher Miss Cavucci had said you have to take those down. And not such a big deal uh then they put the Trump sign inside their locker umm and I think it was the same teacher who said something to the effect that that's disgusting in terms of the sign in the boys locker. Umm again you know the school probably has a policy about what can be on the outside of the locker. Uh no one made them take it down from the inside of the locker but then the election happens umm and when the election happens uh then that the next day uh one of their teachers um Mrs. Cavucci was in tears in the classroom according to talking to the teachers, actually in tears about it and then what happens next is worse. Uh the one boy has a t-shirt. It's a white t-shirt and it has Trump Make American Great Again or something to that effect on his own homemade t-shirt and so he's going into Miss Love's class and Miss Love tells him he can't go into the class unless he turns that t-shirt inside out. Umm and so he has to sit outside the class during that class period. He wasn't allowed in the classroom. Umm but and then the same teacher uh my little client Shayne uh has a Trump sign on his notebook and he sits right up front by the teacher and it says Trump on his notebook and the teacher sees the notebook uh and long story short takes the Trump sign and rips it and then throws it away and then she takes some

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photographs. I tell you this for part of your hopeful investigation. She takes some pictures of the notebook that belonged to Shane umm and then so rips up the Trump sign in front of these other 21 thirteen year olds which was highly embarrassing. It was humiliating and it made him angry uh to actually see that occur. Uh it was in effect bullying of the students. It was an opportunity to teach the students about democracy and teach them about first amendment rights but instead it got completely turned on its head where an entire different message was given. So at the same time that this is occurring that she has ripped up the Trump sign umm and these boys were all excited about the fact that they were involved and interested in the election so there was a slide up on the screen and the screen said something about the science class and the teacher says well it's a shame. What's the answer? The next slide was a question. Shayne's mind is spinning at this point in time because within a minute or seconds he had just had his sign ripped up. He was feeling terrible about it. And

Dawn Meeks: We're at time.

David Engler: That's five minutes?

Dawn Meeks: Yes.

David Engler: Can I conclude with this? I would ask just timely as for you to do a full and complete investigation into this matter uh being transparent taking into consideration uh the parents needs and the children's needs and secondly, take a look at, and I will follow up with a letter, about what I believe to be is a secondary issue and probably more important about a clear violation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act where the school district failed to find the child who was in and failed to provide an adequate evaluation of that child, but ask for your assistance in making that happen. We come to ask for your assistance and your help for these young boys and hopefully give them the right lesson. Thank you.

Board and Superintendent: Thank you.

Debra Davis: Thank you for speaking and it is something we will be looking into. Umm is there anyone else that would like any other individual that would like to speak to the board. Yes, and make sure that you are very loud so we can hear you and give your name, address, and the topic. That will be fine.

Amy Battison

My name's Amy Battison and I live at 44 West Liberty Street, and I'm Shayne's mom. And I'm coming to the school board today because I have followed the right chain of command. I have went to teachers and I took my issues to Miss Berilla and then my final was and I had went to Mr. Crowder. Umm there were several issues that I spoke to Mr. Crowder about. Umm I asked several several several times that our school district needs something for these kids in math. Umm I'm not coming here saying that my son is an angel. I know that Shayne is challenging, and I come to every single parent/teacher conference. I come to every single open house that you have before school starts to meet the teachers and I am very open and honest with them. My son is going to be your challenging student. He has a very short attention span. He fidgets, and that can be distracting, and I know that can be frustrating for a teacher, but my child still deserves an education. I asked for help. I asked Mrs. Berilla on several times to have Shayne looked into. These behaviors have carried on from a young age and they just keep following him and following him

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and following him, and I was told that we didn't have enough money for that. Umm I had went to her with several concerns about some of the behaviors of the teachers that I thought were inappropriate. I'm going to handle that. I'm going to handle that, and it just gets swept under the rug. Umm my son is failing math. My son is failing several classes, and he shouldn't be. I understand that we might that we don't have a lot of money, that we're a public school. I get that, but I'm sending my kid to an intervention that's offered by the school after school. My son went to intervention for seven months last year taught by the same teacher who gave him his homework assignment and my son went to school the very next day and got a 2 out of 10 that a teacher had supposedly helped him with. I don't understand that. I've also asked that our navigation system on the progress book be a little bit more thorough so parents know what is due the next day. There is an app on there that says what is the homework, what is due, why can't a parent know that hey the vocabulary stuff came out on Monday, we're having a test on vocabulary on Thursday. I want to know that. I check my progressive notebook every single day to monitor my son's grades. Why can't I get the homework carried over? I asked about that last year. Umm I just don't. I went to Mr. Crowder because Shayne had a very bad week at school. It's progressive discipline. I never buck the system. I understand that it's progressive, but when I make an appointment with my principal and I sit with my head principal and he sits with his assistant principal and my concerns are you're going to give Shayne three days ISS, he's going to get F's all them days. It happened twelve times last year. I get that. Miss Berilla assured me that she was going to have a manila envelope and she was going to make sure that Shayne got all of his assignments. His assignments were going to be done by the person that we pay to sit in ISS one on one. Why wasn't Shayne tutored on every single thing? Why wasn't a mentoring taken into consideration where hey buddy what's going on like where is that. We're not mentors? You're teachers. You're like the second parents. You guide our children. You teach them and that is not happening and I am thoroughly frustrated, and that is why I am here at the board. The Trump situation...

Dawn Meeks: You're at time.

Amy Battison: But that's why I'm here because I want I did talk to Mr. Crowder. Unfortunately, he was sick for three days but it was Thursday and no one has gotten back to me about it yet.

Debra Davis: And thank you also.

Don Baker: Thank you.

Debra Davis: We will look into that also.

Don Baker: Yes.

Debra Davis: And is there anyone else that would like to, yes please loud name, address, and topic

Misty McCabe

My name is Misty McCabe and my address is 4271 Newton Falls Bailey Road. My child is also in the eighth grade. Umm my student has been having difficulties with math as well. Umm I addressed it several times last year with Mrs. Conroy. He was also another student that had stayed for math intervention and honestly it was a joke. Umm I would come pick the kids up and half the time the kids weren't even in the classroom. They were in the gym. I think if the school is going to maybe have something like this then

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maybe the teacher should have like a sign-in sheet or know what students are supposed to be there and what students aren't supposed to be there. Umm my son begged me not to come here today because last year when I spoke with the teacher, it was putting a target on my child's back. The same thing is happening this year, so that's all I have to say. Please take it into consideration.

Debra Davis: Thank you very much. Yes, you would like to speak to the board.

Tammy King

Yes umm my name is I'm Tammy King uh Ian King, the other student wearing the Trump shirt is my son.

Debra Davis: Your address?

Tammy King: Oh I'm sorry. 175 Prospect Street.

Debra Davis: Okay and the topic?

Tammy King: The, I guess the Trump thing.

Debra Davis: Okay. Thank you.

Tammy King: Here's my issue umm. I work for Akron Public Schools. I'm a tutor there. I'm upset because they took something that could've been a teaching moment and turned it into going backwards. I immediately thought of people having to sit at the back of the bus when my son couldn't get in the classroom. Umm I got a phone call from Miss Love because I did email. I also emailed umm Mr. Crowder and I cc'd Miss Berilla on my feelings of umm, of the whole issue and I think that Ian didn't get his political views at home. He looked up what he wanted. He knew the other people. Umm your eighth grade history teacher is marvelous. Maybe he should give a PD to the rest of your teachers because what he's doing is working. He has no behavior problems. Everybody is getting A's in his class, and he's so hands on. He keeps them so engaged, and I just wanted to make sure that I said that because he is wonderful. I'm upset because I teach him to back up what you want to say and now he's coming to a place where he's at more than he is at home, when you think about it, and he's that's how he is treated, and when I, she gave me a phone call it's like I said and I'm sure it was a I had to phone call. I think if she really wanted to talk to me she would have got ahold of me instead of leaving me a message. Umm she told me that she thought it was policy that they couldn't do anything political. I'm 99% sure my son asked her to show him in the handbook where he's not allowed to wear a shirt so I'm pretty sure she knew what the rule was as long as it wasn't vulgar you can wear it. I want it to be investigated because we've got a long year left. She's his only choice. I need to make sure he's being taught and he's not because he's thirteen and can't vote, but shouldn't we be proud that they are thinking that way instead of out on the streets causing trouble. They really should have taken that to heart and done something with it, and said okay, tell me why. I want to know and I just feel they took their feelings on the whole thing and argued with thirteen year olds, and I just wish it would have had a better turnout. Thank you for your time. I appreciate it.

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Debra Davis: Thank you.

Don Baker: Thank you.

Debra Davis: Is there anyone else that would like to...yes

Vonda Vencel

Vonda Vencel, 5223 Taylor Avenue.

Debra Davis: Topic?

Vonda Vencel: Newton Falls. Umm I'm sure that you might know that some things go on uh you don't know about a lot of things that go on, and as the other parents have said, people really don't want to come forward because they're afraid of what's going to happen to their child. I'm going to tell you something that happened that's the absolute truth. I should have came forward when it happened. I didn't because my grandson begged me not to come forward with it. My daughter was trying to sell her house in Niles. Her daughter is ten years older than Shayne. She wanted to stay in Niles. Shayne came to live with John and I. His mother picked him up from school, took him home Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday night. Dropped him back at school Monday morning. I have him Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. I went to the...Shayne was being fidgety...bothering other kids in school. I went and talked to the teachers. I tried taking things away from him, disciplining him those ways. It didn't work, so the first and only time in my life that I ever spanked my grandson with the belt and it was like four times on the butt and it was devastating for him. Two week later there was a parent/teacher conference. Two of the teachers didn't show up. Three of the teachers did. I went into the class. The teacher said I don't know what you're doing grandma but it's working. I said I smacked his ass with the belt for the first time ever. She said it's working. Go to the next teacher, almost the exact same words were spoken. I go to the third teacher almost the exact same words were spoken. I didn't say I beat the shit out of the kid. I said I spanked him on the ass with the belt three or four times with the belt, first time ever, but it was devastating to him. Well that didn't set well with one of the teachers so she actually went to the school and what they did with my grandson was they took him out of class. They took him down into the principal's office with the nurse. Now this is a child in grade school, and made him take his pants down and lift up his shirt, and show his body parts that he didn't have beat marks all over him. I was never contacted by the school. His mother was never contacted by the school, and Shayne did not come home and tell me this because he was afraid. What happened a few months later, he was on the way to Sam's Club with his grandfather and he blurted it out. He blurted this out to his grandfather that he had to show people in a room with a woman he didn't know or was not familiar with and a principal that was not a friend of our family or anything like that and had to show his body parts to two individuals that he did not know and it bothered him and things like this make these children be progressively worse. This teacher that they have for math first period. She makes these children so mad...

Dawn Meeks: We're at time. I'm sorry. We're at time.

Vonda Vencel: What happened is he goes to the next class and it builds up. He goes to the next class and it builds up. So if this happens to you at the beginning of your workday when you come to school and everything crashes, it carries on with you throughout the entire day. This is just one incident that you don't know about. There are so many that it would make your head spin.

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Debra Davis: Thank you very much also. Is there anyone else that would like to speak to the Board?

Paul Woodard: I'd just like to say that umm the family educational rights and privacy act does not allow me to comment on discipline of individual students, and it is my understanding, there was a misunderstanding with the district administration regarding the ability of students to post messages on their personal textbooks, and that misunderstanding has been addressed and cleared up. Some of the other information you've brought to light tonight is news to me. It's something that we will have to look into.

Vonda Vencel: Do you feel that the uh uh uh what you said to the newspaper was true?

Paul Woodard: I'm sorry.

Vonda Vencel: When you made the call to comment on the Trump stickers, did you feel that your comments to them were truthful?

Paul Woodard: When I

Vonda Vencel: That the kids were being disciplined for only stickers on their locker.

Paul Woodard: That's all I knew about at the time. When I called the paper, I only knew that I was asked if anybody was suspended and I said no.

Vonda Vencel: All this stuff's going on

Paul Woodard: I did not know about anything other than the stickers

Vonda Vencel: And nobody contacted you

Paul Woodard: Nobody has called me. I have not had one call from a parent.

Debra Davis: No ... this

Amy Battison: I know we're not going to debate it, but I don't think things would have went as far as like the comment from the person that represents our school board was very deceitful and that statement was wrong. You said that the boys were placing stickers on school property all over the school, and that no one was suspended. They were suspended. They were kicked out of class, and whether it was an in schools suspension for five minutes, ten minutes, fifteen minutes, they were suspended from their education. That's a problem. It was deceitful. You made it sound like the kids were defaming school property and it was not. So if you knew about the story or if you didn't know about the story, you shouldn't have spoke on it until you had the full story. And that's the problem. Everyone speaks before they know. There are three sides to every story. Your side, my side, and the truth. And that's why I was angry about the whole Trump situation. Because it made our children look like they were defacing school property and doing something wrong.

Paul Woodard: Okay.

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Debra Davis: I appreciate everything you've said, and we are going to look into this, and believe me, we will be checking into this. We as a board are definitely you know. We've listened to you. We're here for our students. They are number one. We are here. We serve the community. Mr. Woodard, we back him, and what he has said he did not. He told you what he knew, and he is going to check into this just as he was saying. I apologize to if you had something else

Paul Woodard: I just wanted to share with you because you said you had spoken with Mr. Crowder

Amy Battison: I did

Paul Woodard: And he has been out. He's not back yet, and he promised me that he would speak to you.

Amy Battison: Mr. Crowder is the only person that I have dealt with in this whole entire school district that has maintained an open line of communication with me, and I think that the biggest problem right now in our school and, I'll just put it out there, is the fact that you have Miss Berilla as your assistant principal, and she's trying to handle things on her own. She has the mentality that she's big, and our kids are small. Our kids aren't small. Our kids at Newton Falls are fantastic. Our kids at Newton Falls are some of the best kids in Trumbull County, and I firmly believe that, and you know what, my son's going to be great. There's going to be a lot of great kids coming out of this school, but she is damaging our kids because you know what, she's not being truthful

Debra Davis: And we thank you. And we thank you.

Amy Battison: I'm being truthful. She's not carrying it up here so people can handle it. Everything is just being handled by her. It's wrong.

Debra Davis: And we thank you for all of you for coming to the Board and addressing us. We will look into this further, definitely. We have heard. We are listening. So you know, we are listening. We care. Our students come first. That's why we're all here.

Brenda Koontz: I agree.

Debra Davis: That's why we're all here. We've all been doing this, the majority of us for a long time in some capacity of education, and kids mean everything to us. So we're going to go on to continue our meeting. We do appreciate all who have come. Is there anyone else who wanted to speak that did not speak? Anyone that's already done your three minutes, you know that's all you can do. Mr. Baker would you like to say something.

Don Baker: I just wanted to say I taught government for like thirty years, and there's people in here that know me, and I certainly uh emphasize the need to protect rights, and I certainly know that the Board members, none of them would want to deny anyone rights, especially students and you're right. This is where they learn. So you know if rights are violated that would be very concerning, but we're certainly going to investigate.

David Engler: Can I copy you Madam President on that other part of the issue of the find child violation? I'll send it to the superintendent, the proper channel but I wanted to copy the board so you see exactly that the very important, not too technical, but very important procedural issue regarding the find, the find child issue in the school district.

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Brenda Koontz: Oh sending us information.

Debra Davis: Sending us information?

Davis Engler: About how the law works and how the school needs to okay. Some of us it's the whole notion of the IDEA act and how the school district has a firm propagation when they see a child failing you know to actually find that child and deal with that child and evaluate that child and never tell the parent you've got to pay for the evaluation, we're not going to do it. It's our job. I appreciate that thank you.

Brenda Koontz: We will accept anything.

Debra Davis: Yes

Brenda Koontz: Amy.

Debra Davis: Mrs. Koontz, would you like to say something?

Brenda Koontz: I experienced a lot with my own child with disabilities. If you need help knowing some channels, I would be glad to sit down and show you some channels that I took with my own daughter.

Amy Battison: I just want some help.

Brenda Koontz: And I he

Amy Battison: He's not a throw away kid.

Brenda Koontz: I will sit down and show you some channels that I took with my own daughter as we went through her disability and how that can work through our public schools system. I would love to sit down and talk with you sometime. We'll get together. I work during the day, but we'll get together sometime and umm I would love to because I dealt with the same things with my daughter's disability so we'll get together and we'll talk about some of those okay.

Amy Battison: That would be great. I appreciate it.

Brenda Koontz: No problem. Thank you.

Debra Davis: Thank you Mrs. Koontz. Would anybody else on the board like to say anything? Mr. Powell, Mr. Kline, would anybody else like to say anything? If not, then there's no one else that would like to address the board, we are going to continue on with our meeting tonight and next we will go on to our committee reports. You can leave if you would like.

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

Student Achievement – Mrs. Debra Davis

Elementary

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Report cards came out. The honor roll was in the Tribune. Thank you to the teachers for all that they do and congratulations to the students. There was an early dismissal today. Good things are going on with the teachers.

Congratulations to the October students of the month.

Kindergarten: Neeley Howard, Melody Tello, Kaitlyn Ford, and Ethan Sine

First Grade: Bailey Ann Bussey, Rain Whitmore, Landon Smith, and Emma Wiley

Second Grade: Aria Tinker, Mia DeCesare, and Jada Blutcher

Third Grade: Torie Fanton, Julia Logan, and DeAndre' Reed

Middle School

Right to Read week was earlier this month. The choirs performed at the Veteran's Day program. It was fantastic. The middle school was able to see the afternoon program.

Congratulations to the September students of the month.

Grade Four: Caitlynn Grimm, Frankie Hanzes

Grade Five: Kenzie Logo, Jared Machi

Grade Six: Lily Derry, Austin Turner

Congratulations to the October students of the month.

Grade Four: Ashlynn Shanes, Ethan Powell

Grade Five: Jadyn Byrd, Jason Decker

Grade Six: Hannah Ferguson, Nick Wright

Mr. Baker and I attended the Veteran's Day program. It was awesome. Thank you to all the teachers, students, and Mr. Bugos. It was unbelievable. The student and teacher involvement is fantastic. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Donley for all that they do with the program.

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

I attended Capital conference through TCTC. One thing I will touch on more next month is the homeless and poverty. It is all going to take effect on December 31, 2016. I will talk more about it at the next meeting.

Mrs. Koontz

I will have information from Capital Conference next month as well. We just got back.

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

None

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

The Athletic Council did meet. A few coaches attended. We discussed being more efficient at checking grades. Mr. Crowder brought up having a tutoring/studying table and following through to make sure the kids are studying. We also discussed trying to increase student attendance at games. We are looking at options like selling bundles of tickets, but we have to stay within the OHSAA rules for ticket pricing. I reminded them that we are still bailing out the athletic fund every year. We are brainstorming ideas to get more kids to attend. We discussed the locks on locker rooms and making that safer, making sure it's locked. One lock has been broken for some time. It was a very positive meeting. Weight room monitoring was also an issue, and making sure the room is always monitored by an adult. We need everybody to be a part of that. Mr. Woodard, Mr. Crowder, and Mr. McGlynn did a good job. Mr. McGlynn is doing a good job. He attends a lot of the different booster meetings.

Mr. Woodard stated that prices are set by the league, but we do have some nights that are free sometimes. Maybe we could have some kind of discounted student ticket for the season. Also the showers aren't being used, and they don't work. The health department cited us for them. It would cost over \$50,000 to tear them out and repair them. The health department suggested using them for storage in order to eliminate the citation.

Mr. Kline asked if Mrs. Koontz knew anything about the card schedules. She said she didn't know if they had a sponsor yet. She knows Mr. McGlynn is working on it. The schedule does bring people in. I will ask Mr. McGlynn about it.

Trumbull County Career & Technical Center – Mrs. Debra Davis

Student of the month at TCTC was Nicole Wanas. She is in the marketing education program. They have a store and she works the register in it. She was shocked that I attended the recognition ceremony. It was nice to be there and I was glad I could attend. I do enjoy it.

Minutes

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

#207-2016

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Treasurer of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the minutes from the October 20, 2016, regular meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Koontz, Mr. Powell, Mr. Baker, Mr. Kline, Mrs. Davis
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Treasurer's Report and Recommendations

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Report

Legislative Update from Capitol Conference

The items to be discussed in the lame duck session are truancy, charter schools, Medicaid, and college credit plus.

Truancy: There is currently a bill to decriminalize truancy. They may amend the bill by giving schools a certain threshold. Limiting suspension age will probably be a separate piece of legislation. Bill will require social work that probably won't be funded, so this is likely to become another unfunded mandate.

Charter Schools: Address issues with online schools being funded for kids who just turn on a computer. Will push to fund charter schools directly vs. through public schools.

Medicaid: Will be expanded in schools as result of heroin epidemic. Prescription requirements are on hold.

College Credit Plus: Allow districts to negotiate agreements with colleges. Allow districts to determine if parents should share in the cost of tuition and books. Allow districts some discretion in determining if a student is ready for college level courses.

On the horizon: sex abuse prevention, financial literacy, student religious expression, charter funds returning to schools, property tax exemption/freeze, student discipline, and the school calendar

Budget Update from Capitol Conference

Ohio's income tax revenue is down from what was estimated. This could be a precursor to a recession as employee withholdings are down, and they are directly linked to employment.. The federal government decided that the states can't administer the Medicare managed sales tax any longer. This is leaving a 500 m hole in the budget. Education may be used to help fill the hole. Kasich still plans to continue cutting taxes. State income taxes have been cut by 33% since 2005. Also, small business income tax exemption is going from 75% to 100% in 2017. Expecting the biennial budget to be tight. Nobody knows what the Trump Effect will be. Economists are all over the place on that.

There is no talk of any major changes to the structure of the funding formula.

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Cash Balances

001 = \$ 1,086,498
016 = \$ 229,732
\$ 1,316,230

Enrollment

Refer to handouts.

Recommendations

Financial Report

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

#208-2016

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 October 2016, and the short term investments made by the Treasurer which yielded \$522.07 for the general fund, and \$.49 for the cafeteria fund.

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

Federal Allocations

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

#209-2016

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

Title I (572)	\$352,501.14
Improving Teacher Quality (590)	\$ 91,283.36
IDEA Part B (516)	\$250,894.60

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

Superintendent's Report and Recommendations

Report

I will be re-assigning John's report to next month since he has been ill. The Veteran's Day program was tremendous. The performances were great and I like the personal touch and stories of people from our community. There hasn't been a year that I haven't cried.

Latch key is going well at the middle school. The teachers volunteer their time for the program.

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The backpack is going on again this year. December 3 is the craft show and quarter auction with the night ending with the car raffle. We are tying our activities with the lighting of the Christmas tree. I would like to recognize the Donley's for all the hard work they have put into these activities. Last year we raised about \$6,200. The money goes towards gifts for children in the community.

The truancy bill is another unfunded mandate. Part of it talks about kids under age 8, and you can't expel them from school regardless of what happens. You have to set up committees in each building to take a look at how to keep the kids in school.

Recommendations

Personnel

Certificated

Classified

Supplemental Contracts

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

#210-2016

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education employ William Pelyak as Head Softball Coach for the 2016/2017 school year.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Items too late for the agenda

None

Old Business

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

#211-2016

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the following policies: IL;IKFA;JHCB;KBA: KK; ING;ING-R; IM (Also AFE); AFE (Also IM); IND (Also IND A); IND A (Also IND) and AFC-1 (Also GCN-1); GCN-1 (Also AFC-1).

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

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

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

#212-2016

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BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Newton Falls Board of Education approve the following policies: IGCH (Also LEC); LEC (Also IGCH); IGCH-R (Also LEC-R); LEC-R (IGCH-R); IGEE; IGBM; IGBM-R; IGBA and IGBA-R.

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

Communications

I would like to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Donley and the technology club for their membership in the ARRL (American Radio Relay League). It's a national association for amateur radio users. Thank you for all you do.

Executive Session

#213-2016

Mrs. Koontz moved and Mr. Powell seconded the motion to enter into executive session at 8:11 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. X Employment
 - 3. X 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.**

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- 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 A2, A3, A4, D, E as listed above.

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

The Board came out of executive session at 8:55 p.m.

Adjournment

#214-2016

Mr. Baker moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. and Mr. Powell seconded the motion.

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

Treasurer

President