

~Approved Minutes ~

Newbury Town School District  
Newbury Elementary School Board  
Tuesday, November 13, 2018

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**Present**

Board Members: Paul Jewett, Danielle Corti, Emmy Hausman  
Administrators: Chance Lindsley, Principal NES  
Visitors: Mary Collins

**Call to order:** D. Corti called the meeting to order @ 12:06 pm

**Approve minutes:** D. Corti made a motion to approve the minutes from 10/10/2018. E. Hausman second. Motion passed. Will wait to approve minutes from 10/16/2018 until P. Jewett arrives. Minutes from 10/19/2018 not sent from OESU office. Will wait until next meeting.

12:10 C. Lindsley enters

**Correspondence:** The board has received a letter from the State of Vermont, Department of Environmental Conservation stating that a permit was issued for the proposed subdivision of the common. Discussion about the school receiving the permit. They have not yet. D. Corti has received an email copy and will print it for display in the front of the school until the permanent permit arrives.

The board received a note from Ruth Kennedy commenting on the great landscaping project and how much it enhances the school.

**Capital Improvement fund:** Mary Collins has come to the meeting to discuss some concerns she has with the newly created capital improvement fund. Her concerns are that with the creation of a new school district and board, Newbury taxpayers will be liable to pay a share of capital improvements on other buildings in the district, but the creation of the fund for exclusive for the Newbury school means that other towns won't be contributing to Newbury's capital improvements. She suggests consulting an attorney re: possibilities and paths forward. D. Corti will consult with the OESU office and speak to Bruce Williams and Emilie Knisely.

School lighting: New lights have been installed on the outside of the building to improve visibility at night. C. Lindsley has heard from multiple neighbors that these lights are too harsh. C. Lindsley will consult with Young's Electric re: possibilities for putting them on a timer or other solutions.

1:10 P. Jewett enters

**Principal's report:** C. Lindsley has concerns that the current technology directors of NES and BES are not being consulted or included in the discussion that OESU are having about upcoming changes to the systems. He has also stated this to E. Knisely.

C. Lindsley, K. Goody, Heather Long and Sara Wilmot presented at the Wellborn Conference re: H4 program and Forest School. Presentation went very well. Every class at NES is currently involved in Forest school to varying degrees and all love it.

There was good turnout for parent teacher conferences. Also, there has been consistent positive feedback re: the JAZZ program from students to parents to other staff in the building. P. Jewett asks how success is measured in the program. C. Lindsley states that it is still a work in progress and they are working on getting clear data.

D. Corti shares a concern that there are less opportunities for parents to come into the school because of various changes to certain programs and award ceremonies and expos. She hopes that if an opportunity is taken away then another is added as parent/ community engagement and involvement is so important. C. Lindsley agrees. The math program (Ready Math) and the reading program (Lucy Calkins) have been going extremely well. Kudos to Andrea Dennis for her spearheading and being a leader in these.

1:30 P. Guliani calls to conference but power is out so P. Jewett speaks to him. His recommendation is to not to enter into discussions with the other entities (BES, Oxbow) because of the lawsuit. He also states that he will be sending documents re: sale of the common for all involved to look over and then can have a meeting to sign.

**Boltonville:** P. Jewett will send an email to Bruce Williams to make sure that it has been winterized.

**ACT 46 update:** The final map will be released from the state on 11/28/2018. D. Corti has concerns re: not being involved in discussions and moving forward together with the other entities. She understands about the legal recommendations but doesn't want to be seen as "not playing nice". She doesn't want the legal recommendation to hurt them locally. P. Jewett states that the board will be forthright in pursuing what the people of Newbury want and will do what is in their best interest.

**Payables:** D. Corti made a motion to approve and authorize the board chair to sign the following:

- A payroll warrant dated 10/30/2018 for \$92,880.71
- An accounts payable warrant dated 10/19/2018 for \$355.00
- An accounts payable warrant dated 11/6/2018 for \$11,477.86
- An accounts payable warrant dated 11/6/2018 for \$40,430.12
- An accounts payable warrant dated 11/13/2018 for \$48,683.18
- A payroll warrant dated 11/15/2018 for \$64,692.05 E. Hausman seconds. Motion passed

2:20 pm D. Corti made a motion to adjourn. P. Jewett seconds. Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Fredella -minutes clerk