

~Approved Minutes~

Newbury Town School District
Newbury Elementary School Board
Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Present

Board Members: Paul Jewett, Emmy Hausman, Danielle Corti
Administrators: Chance Lindsley, principal NES; Emilie Knisley, Superintendent OESU; Lori Blood, Finance Director OESU.
Visitors: Robin Barone, Alma Roystan

Call to order: P. Jewett called the meeting to order at 9:02 PM

Correspondence: P. Jewett has received an email from Paul Kidder of Lyman Realty re: renewing the contract for selling the Boltonville property. His recommendation after showing it for a year is that the property is in need of extensive repairs and the price should be reduced to \$89,000.00. E. Hausman made a motion to authorize the board chair to sign a new contract with Paul Kidder and Lyman Realty to sell the Boltonville property at a reduced price of \$89,000.00. D. Corti seconds. Motion passed. E. Hausman asks what will happen to property if not sold before June 30, 2019. E. Knisley states that the property would then become an asset of the new OUUSD. Discussion re: if property sells before that date where will money go? Would the money go into the capitol fund created last year? E. Knisley states that that fund was created specifically only for surplus funds that were present at the end of the last fiscal year. Discussion re: motion at annual meeting. Need to have a special meeting to discuss this issue.

Public comment: R. Barone states that she has received several emails re: bright orange graffiti on the front of the building. C. Lindsley will look into it.

MOU with Town of Newbury: A. Roystan would like it noted that she felt like people jumped on her and spoke unfairly at the last board meeting regarding communication with Jim Barlow and changes to the MOU. Discussion over MOU and changes that were discussed at a prior meeting. R. Barone is here as a representative of the Village and would like the Village mentioned as a player in the MOU and would like reference to the inter-local contract to protect the Village interests in the future. R. Barone also points out a few typos in the document that should be fixed. R. Barone also points out that under the section "maintenance" there is unclear wording of what the town and the school district are responsible for. A. Roystan is also unclear as to hiring someone to mow the common and how that contract will look. She will discuss with Jim Barlow. In the facility use agreement, there is unclear wording re: disturbing school activities. She will bring this to J. Barlow's attention as well. The new document will be reviewed and signed at the second meeting in May.

9:50 am A. Roystan exits

R. Barone brings up the issue that was brought before the board sometime last year involving reimbursing the village for Bailey fund money. She recalls that a few years ago, the common committee had decided that money from the Bailey fund would be saved up in anticipation of a big project to renew the turf on the common. This project never came to fruition and she is concerned that this money will be lost to the new district. Discussion re: where this money sits in NES accounts. Need to check with Mary Collins to be sure. E. Knisley states that if the money is in a fund

specifically earmarked for that purpose, then it will stay with NES for that purpose only. New district cannot change that.

10:04 am R. Barone exits

Budget discussion:

- Discussion re: teachers and what the classroom situation will look like next year. There is uncertainty as potentially 2 teachers are leaving, but this information will not be known until mid-May. 8 teacher positions are in the budget for next year. The art teacher position is being cut from .6 to .4. Discussion of the Jazz lab. C. Lindsley states that he will be making the official afternoon this afternoon at his leadership team meeting. He stresses the lessons taught this past year in operating the Jazz lab. P. Jewett is concerned about what will replace this program as there are many struggling students that need help.

11:30 E. Hausman exits

- Discussion of various line items in the budget that have increased. L. Blood explains the figures and the reasons for the increases. P. Jewett is concerned about having more information to give to the voters re: the budget going up. Salaries are going up 3%. Health care costs are up 12%. OESU assessment is going up by \$20,000. Special ed. costs are up \$72,000.00. Last year there were mistakes made in calculating the revenues resulting in less money coming in than projected and that will increase this year's budget even more.
- D. Corti would like to have an updated budget available online and for May 2 meeting. She also notes that there are reports on fund balances and audits that are not in the report and should be with the budget information on the website. L. Blood has those documents and leaves them with C. Lindsley. P. Jewett would also like to have a draft budget for the new district to be available to taxpayers by May 2.

12:00 pm L. Blood exits

Capitol Improvement discussion: Will wait until next meeting as B. Williams and E. Hausman need to be here for that. Labette brings in an estimate for new windows in the building; \$2500.00 for each window. C. Lindsley states that the bathroom project will be done over the summer. C. Lindsley and B. Williams will put together an email outlining the results of a meeting with B. Williams, Craig Hervey, George Emerson, E. Hausman, C. Lindsley and Dave Longmoore. C. Lindsley stresses the importance of looking at the big picture and planning accordingly before jumping into any one project. The board will meet on May 7th to discuss capitol improvement plan and to discuss the need for a special meeting to designate funds from sale of Boltonville property.

P. Jewett asks E. Knisley what the duties will be for the NES board members after June 30? E. Knisley states that she has been told there will be at least one meeting in the fall to accept the audit. Other issues may arise that will need to be handled by the board.

Payables: D. Corti moves to approve and authorize the board chair to sign the following:

- An accounts payable warrant dated 4/5/2019 in the amount of \$193.92
- An accounts payable warrant dated 4/15/2019 in the amount of \$96,720.49
- An accounts payable warrant dated 4/22/2019 in the amount of \$25,265.29
- A payroll warrant dated 4/30/2019 in the amount of \$92,320.87 P. Jewett seconds. Motion passed.

12:37 pm D. Corti made a motion to go into executive session to discuss para negotiations that might put the board at a disadvantage if discussed in open session. D. Corti seconds. Motion passed.

1:30 pm Out of executive session. No action taken. D. Corti made a motion to adjourn. P. Jewett seconds. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Fredella -minutes clerk