

~Approved Minutes ~

Newbury Town School District
Newbury Elementary School Board
Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Present

Board Members: Paul Jewett, Emmy Hausman, Danielle Corti
Administrators: Chance Lindsley, principal NES; Bruce Williams, Assistant superintendent OESU
Visitors: Alma Roystan, Jane Labun, Robin Barone

Call to order: P. Jewett called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm

Agenda review: Add executive session to discuss personnel. D. Corti also wants to amend the date on the agenda to read June 4, 2019 instead of April 25, 2019.

Approve minutes: D. Corti made a motion to approve the minutes from 5/28/2019. E. Hausman seconds and needs to add "out of executive session @ 3:00 pm. No action taken. Motion passed with addition.

Correspondence:

- J. Labun has sent an email to P. Jewett asking for permission to use a picture of the NES building in a fundraising calendar for the Women's Club. E. Hausman made a motion to approve the use of the picture for the calendar. P. Jewett seconds. Motion passed

Contracts: B. Williams states that he has been having a discussion with Melanie Elliott re: Is it necessary for the board chair to sign contracts if they have signed a master agreement? He is researching and will get back to the board.

MOU with Town of Newbury:

- A. Roystan states that she has spoken with Jim Barlow and the select board re: the documents and clause 12 has been taken out. R. Barone notices that a typo has not been fixed. She also notes that there were no changes made to the maintenance document. R. Barone has a concern over the burden of maintenance being on the new district. B. Williams states that the new district will adhere to the agreement and will re-negotiate at a later time if it wants changes. Discussion re: using Women's Club property during an event. That is a separate discussion and agreement between the Women's Club and the town. R. Barone suggests a separate piece of paper to be given to people who are signing up to use the common outlining where people can and can't go.
- E. Hausman made a motion to authorize the board chair to sign the MOU between the Town of Newbury and the school district. D. Corti seconds. Motion passed.
A. Roystan, R. Barone exit.

NES Playground Project: P. Jewett states that the plan have been given to 3 separate contractors that will come to a future board meeting to discuss options. He also states that the children have raised @ \$10,000.00. P. Jewett asks J. Labun if she has any concerns about the plans? J. Labun will find out more re: the septic tank/field and will attend the future board meeting.
12:32 J. Labun exits

Food Service Contract FY20. B. Williams discusses the contract with Abby group. They have given an estimate of \$111,121.20 for FY 20. It basically remains the same per meal cost. The more students that

they feed the bigger reimbursement and the better for the bottom line. B. Williams projects a possible \$3,000.00 in the black this year. D. Corti moves to approve and authorize the board chair to sign the contract with Abby Group for meal services at NES for the 2019-2020 school year. E. Hausman seconds. Motion passed. E. Hausman asks C. Lindsley how parents, kids and staff feel about the food? C. Lindsley has not done a survey this year, but states that the salad bar is doing awesome and Abby Group is maintaining it very well. B. Williams informs C. Lindsley that Abby Group has a responsibility to do a survey every year. Discussion re: balancing healthy food with what kids like. Discussion re: self serve milk? C. Lindsley states that the idea never got traction. B. Williams states that BES is moving ahead on it and BES and NES should coordinate.

Newbury Tax Sheet: A tax sheet put together by Lori Blood is handed out. All are aware that these are projected best guess numbers because of lack of information from the state. P. Jewett has questions re: the drop in revenue from one year to the next. B. Williams will speak with L. Blood and get back to the board. B. Williams reports that the state made a miscalculation when determining NES' free and reduced lunch numbers. The state had NES @ 23% and the reality is more like 60% of students that qualify for free and reduced. B. Williams discusses the data drops and the ongoing issues with the state systems that OESU needs to use.

D. Corti made a motion to approve and authorize the board chair to sign the bank note between NES and Community bank in the amount of \$318,779.00 @ an interest rate of 2.81%. E. Hausman seconds. Motion passed.

New Teacher Nominations:

- Lottie Page has been nominated to be a FTE 1 elementary educator for the 2019-2020 school year @ \$36,167.00.
- Sarah Rinehimer has been nominated to be a FTE 1 elementary educator for the 2019-2020 school year @ \$41,382.00. Contingent on certification coming from Champlain College
- D. Corti moves to approve the contract with Lottie Page and Sarah Rinehimer per the Master Agreement and authorize the board chair to sign. E. Hausman seconds. Motion passed

Topographical Mapping Contract: Horizons Engineering will be sending a contract to B. Williams that will spell out the mapping of the school property including the parking areas around the corner of Chapel St. B. Williams also recommends trying a firm out of Barre that might have a solution to the chute problem. B. Williams will ask them to come and do a free estimate.

Principal's Report:

- After school pick up has been re-vamped and now parents/caregivers need to come into the gym to pick up students. Kudos to Laurie Williams for being a great asset and a critical thinker. P. Jewett mentions a similar problem with the after school program. P. Jewett and C. Lindsley will discuss.
- SBAC testing has ended and NES has been having an in house celebration for effort. C. Lindsley again praises Laurie Williams for all her hard work on this.
- Expo reminder: June 6, 2019 performance in the am and pm.
- Empty Bowls luncheon: 11:30 to 2:45 @ NES June 6
- Meet new principal luncheon @ Tenney June 6.
- Ag Day on June 7 organized by Lottie Page with representatives from area farms and farm animals.
- International Day of Peace is on a Saturday this year Sept. 21, 2019. C. Lindsley wants the OESU to consider it a snow day removal opportunity and have an OESU wide celebration and possible march.

Act 46 update: E. Hausman reports that the lawsuit is moving along and there should be a ruling by June 12, then fast track to get a stay from the supreme court hopefully by July 1. D. Corti asks about the debt issue. She is concerned that it will come up at the OUUSD budget vote meeting. She notes that other towns have passed the budgets with the contingency that they were not in agreement with the debt issue. B. Williams will research what motions other towns have made re: this issue and get back to the board. P. Jewett asks if the new board can change the articles of agreement? D Corti suggests a conference call with Chris Leopold re: what can be legally changed in the articles. She feels that she needs clarity about what motions can/can't be made from the floor. P. Jewett suggests that Scott Labun be involved as well.

6th Grade Graduation: June 13th is the last day of school and graduation day. C. Lindsley is working out final details and will send along info to the board as it is finalized. Morgan will be attending.

Boltonville Update: Dave Longmoore estimates the damage from the vandalism at @ \$1,000.00. B. Williams spoke to the insurance company and there is a \$2,500.00 deductible. Note the incident and get estimates for repair. E. Knisley has offered to stop in and spot check on her way to/from work.

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

- An accounts payable warrant dated 5/31/2019 in the amount of \$4,174.96 E. Hausman seconds. Motion passed

Public Comment: A. Fredella points out what a wonderful job P. Jewett did keeping this meeting with a long agenda on track. Thank you Paul!

2:03 pm P. Jewett made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel that might put the board at a disadvantage if discussed in open session. E. Hausman seconds. Motion passed.

2:40 out of executive session. No action taken.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Fredella -minutes clerk