

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Regular Meeting

December 7, 2022

Present: Mr. Peter Armstrong, Mr. Nicholas Poulin, Mrs. Lori DeMars, Mr. Tyler Lamphear.

Absent: Mrs. Tamara Larabee.

Also Present: Mrs. Christian M. Fisher , Superintendent; Mrs. Melissa Yandon, Clerk; Mrs. Colleen Sage, Treasurer; Nico Paniccia, Power Hour Supervisor.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Board President.

Recited the Pledge of Allegiance

#### PRELIMINARY ACTIONS

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve the agenda for the December 7, 2022 regular meeting as adjusted. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.  
9.6 Power Hour is moved up after Preliminary Actions.

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. N. Poulin to approve the minutes for the November 3, 2022 special meeting and the November 17, 2022 regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mr. T. Lamphear and unanimously carried.

#### POWER HOUR PRESENTATION

Mr. Nico Paniccia discussed the after school offering, Power Hour, with the board. He invited the board to the weight room to showcase some of the equipment used.

#### BUSINESS OPERATIONS

##### WARRANT

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to accept Warrant #10 dated November 30, 2022 in the amount of \$492,951.05 as audited by the claims auditor. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

##### BUDGET AND REVENUE STATUS

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. N. Poulin to approve the Budget and Revenue Status Report for November 2022 as presented. Seconded by Mrs. L. DeMars and unanimously carried.

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#### EXTRA CURRICULAR FUNDS

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve the Extra Curricular Fund report for November 2022 as presented. Seconded by Mrs. L. DeMars and unanimously carried.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve the Treasurer's Report dated November 30, 2022 as presented. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

#### 22-23 BUDGET CALENDAR

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. N. Poulin to approve the calendar for the 2022-2023 Budget Season. Seconded by Mr. T. Lamphear and unanimously carried.

#### POLICY

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. L. DeMars to approve updating the Senior Trip Guidelines to agree with student handbook and read as follows:

Student Contribution. The 9th grade class may sponsor a maximum of 4 activities during the fiscal year. The 10th and 11<sup>th</sup> grade classes may sponsor a maximum of 5 activities during the fiscal year. The 12th grade may sponsor a maximum of 3 activities during the fiscal year.

Seconded by Mr. T. Lamphear and unanimously carried.

#### NYS MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. L. DeMars to approve increasing the substitute cleaner and substitute cafeteria helper rates to \$14.20 per hour and to increase the non-certified substitute teacher and LPN rates to \$103.00 per day effective December 31, 2022. These increases are due to the NYS minimum wage increase to \$14.20 per hour. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

#### ELEMENTARY AFTER SCHOOL WINTER FUN EXPERIENCE

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve the After School Winter Fun Experience for grades Pre-K - 6th on Wednesdays, December 14, 2022 - January 25, 2023 facilitated by Mr. Motsiff and Mrs. Sage. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

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#### AFTER SCHOOL EXPERIENCE COVERAGE

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve the practice of staff securing coverage for their after school experiences if they are absent from school on that day. Seconded by Mrs. L. DeMars and unanimously carried.

#### BUS USE REQUEST

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. N. Poulin to approve the Youth Commission request to use a small bus for the ski program on 6 Sundays in January, February and March 2023. Seconded by Mrs. L. DeMars and unanimously carried.

#### TEACHING ASSISTANT RETIREMENT DATE

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. N. Poulin to accept Mrs. Janice Wright's official retirement date of June 23, 2023 and to grant her accumulated leave pay as per contract. Seconded by Mr. T. Lamphear and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Fisher recognized Mrs. Wright for her many years of dedication to the students at Newcomb Central School.

Mr. Armstrong also recognized and thanked Mrs. Wright for her commitment to Newcomb Central School's students.

#### ACCUMULATED LEAVE CASH-IN REQUEST

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve Mrs. Melissa Yandon's request to receive her accumulated leave pay as per contract in June 2023. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

#### CLASS OF 2023 TRIP DEPARTURE DATE

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve moving the departure date for the Senior Class NOTW trip to Friday, April 28th (after school) and for the overnight stay at the Crowne Plaza in NYC on April 28th. Seconded by Mrs. L. DeMars and unanimously carried.

#### FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Armstrong recognized and applauded the Student Council for their work and projects happening at school.

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The Board discussed bussing after school and for practices.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Fisher updated the board on the ILP for Emily Fifield. Mrs. Fisher visited the location and shared photos and details of the program with the board.

Mrs. Fisher shared photos from the Create Team after school program.

Mrs. Fisher shared the WSWHE Chief School Officers 2023 Legislative and Budget Priorities.

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve the following resolution regarding the Board of Education's 2023 Advocacy Priorities. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION DATED December 7, 2022

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGARDING ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Newcomb Central School District strives to provide an outstanding education and post-secondary pathway for each and every student; and

WHEREAS; the district recognizes the deep commitment shown by the legislature and the Executive to fully fund the foundation formula; and

WHEREAS, the District works diligently to meet the needs of all students while still fulfilling its core mission, even while in our third year of a pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the District is facing significant increased costs due to inflationary factors for labor, fuel and goods; and

WHEREAS, property tax levy legislation at the state level has provided an increased need for State Aid to maintain quality programs; and

WHEREAS, public schools are being asked to do more for students than ever before, so they are prepared for college, military or a career; and

WHEREAS, each child in Newcomb Central School District only has one opportunity to go through the full elementary and secondary educational experience;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Newcomb Central Board of Education calls on the New York State Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul to act upon the following priorities:

**Fund and Adjust the Foundation Formula**

**Include a due minimum increase for all districts, regardless of Foundation Aid phase-in level.**

**Maintain the "SAVE Harmless" provision.**

**Fully fund expense based aids.**

**Support for an initial evaluation of the current cost to educate a successful student.**

**Increase the \$30,000 threshold on BOCES Aid for Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers.**

**Support universal free meals for students by maintaining the availability of universal meals at no cost to families.**

**Workforce Development**

**Increase flexibility in teacher certification requirements to allow districts to more effectively utilize those teachers that they are able to hire.**

**Make adjustments to Tier 6 of the retirement system to help districts retain staff by making longevity more valuable.**

**FUTURE BUSINESS**

Dec 23 - Jan 2 - No School - Christmas Break

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. N. Poulin to enter Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. for a student issue. Seconded by Mr. T. Lamphear and unanimously carried.

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to leave executive session at 8:04 p.m. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Yandon,  
District Clerk