

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 19, 2023

Present: Mr. Peter Armstrong, Mrs. Lori DeMars, Mrs. Tamara Larabee, Mr. Nicholas Poulin @ 6:20.

Absent: Mr. Tyler Lamphear.

Also Present: Mrs. Christian M. Fisher , Superintendent; Mrs. Melissa Yandon, Clerk; Mrs. Colleen Sage, Treasurer; Emily Fifield, Lauren Hai, Marcus Armstrong.

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 Mrs. L. DeMars to approve the agenda for the January 19, 2023 regular meeting as adjusted. Seconded by Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried.

9.2 Off-Site ILP Meal Sampling - Tabled until February meeting  
9.12 Senior Trip Additional Night in NYC

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve the minutes for the December 7, 2022 regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. L. DeMars and unanimously carried.

#### BUSINESS OPERATIONS

##### WARRANT

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to to accept Warrant #12 dated December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$350,305.71 as audited by the claims auditor. Seconded by Mrs. L. DeMars and unanimously carried.

##### BUDGET AND REVENUE STATUS

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve the Budget and Revenue Status Report for December 2022 as presented. Seconded by Mrs. L. DeMars and unanimously carried.

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#### EXTRA CURRICULAR FUNDS

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

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve the Treasurer's Report dated December 31, 2022 as presented. Seconded by Mrs. L. DeMars and unanimously carried.

#### DIGITAL MEDIA PRESENTATION

Seniors Lauren Hai and Emily Fifield and Junior Marcus Armstrong presented their ideas for Newcomb Central School to have a social media presence.

#### 2023 SENIOR TRIP ADDITIONAL NIGHT IN NYC

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. L. DeMars to approve one additional night's stay in NYC on May 6, 2023. Seconded by Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried.

Mr. N. Poulin arrived.

#### FINAL LEASE AGREEMENT

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to authorize the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES to lease, on the District's behalf, for the provision of said services to the District not to exceed \$23,876.88 (principal plus interest), plus related borrowing fees, plus yearly support and coordination fees during the term of this lease, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education, for a period of 3 years. Seconded by Mrs. L. DeMars and unanimously carried.

#### POLICY

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve the following policies at step 1 of the adoption procedures. #4321.12 Use of Time out Rooms, Physical Restraints and Aversives, #4327 Homebound Instruction, #6830 Expense Reimbursement, #9645 Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct (Whistleblower Policy). Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

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#### GYM HOT WATER VALVE REPAIR

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. L. DeMars to approve the valve replacement at a cost not to exceed \$4,250.00. Seconded by Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried.

#### INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM RATES FOR 2023-2024

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to establish the 2023-2024 International Student Program rates as follows:

Tuition/Coordination: \$2,750 per student

Housing : \$7,600.00 per student

Total = \$10,350.00

Seconded by Mrs. L. DeMars and unanimously carried.

#### JAZZ BAND TRIP

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve the 2023 Jazz Band Trip for May 19-21 with a budget of \$2,645.00. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

#### BASKETBALL SCOREKEEPING

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve Mr. Matthew Winslow and Mr. Edward LaCourse to assist with Basketball Game Scorekeeping as needed at the non-teaching rate paid to NTA and SRP staff. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

#### HEALTH TEACHER

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. N. Poulin to approve Mr. Matthew Winslow to teach Health 10 for the second half of the school year at the instructional rate of \$42.20 per hour. Seconded by Mrs. L. DeMars and unanimously carried.

#### LETTER OF RESIGNATION

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to accept Mr. Nico Paniccia's letter of resignation effective July 14, 2023. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Fisher and the Board recognized Mr. Paniccia for his time and commitment to the students and staff at Newcomb Central School. They also thanked him for serving on several committees and taking on coaching responsibilities. They wished him well in the future.

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## ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve Mrs. Millie Winslow offering Elementary Basketball for students in grades 3-6. Mrs. Jolene Hlavaty will again assist on a volunteer basis. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

## 2023-2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve the 2023-2024 academic calendar as submitted. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

## CONFERENCE REQUEST

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. N. Poulin to approve Mr. PJ Motsiff's attendance at the Character Strong National Conference at a cost of \$1,100.00. Seconded by Mrs. L. DeMars and unanimously carried.

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Fisher informed the Board about a collaboration opportunity with ESF on a Community Composting Project. The town would also be involved. The NCS Green Team will be working on this with their two advisors. There are opportunities to collaborate with schools in Saranac and Lake Placid. The Art students will be working on creating a logo for the program.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. N. Poulin to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Yandon,  
District Clerk