

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 9, 2023

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

Also Present: Mrs. Christian M. Fisher , Superintendent; Mrs. Melissa Yandon, Clerk; Mrs. Colleen Sage, Treasurer; Mrs. Amanda Bush, Class of 2024 Advisor, Marcus Armstrong, Logan Bush, Gavin Fifield, Lemmy Rifenburg; Mr. Scott Keglovits, Class of 2023 Advisor, Emily Fifield, Abigail Fifield, Lauren Hai, Reece Hlavaty; Mr. PJ Motsiff.

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 March 9, 2023 regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried.

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve the minutes for the February 9, 2023 regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. L. DeMars and unanimously carried.

CLASS OF 2024 SENIOR TRIP PRESENTATION

Marcus Armstrong, Logan Bush, Gavin Fifield and Lemmy Rifenburg presented their plans for a Nations of the World trip to Aruba in 2024.

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. Tamara Larabee to approve the preliminary plans for the 2024 Nations of the World trip to Aruba. Seconded by Mrs. L. Demars and unanimously carried.

CLASS OF 2023 NATIONS OF THE WORLD ACTIVITIES

Class members presented specific activities for their upcoming Nations of the World trip to Mexico. They will present a list of activities that they plan to take part in. The school lawyer will review and develop a hold harmless form for parents to sign giving consent for their child to participate.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Mr. PJ Motsiff presented programs he is using to facilitate social emotional learning at NCS. He is working with Essex County, Character Strong, and Mind Up Training which looks at understanding the brain of students.

Mr. Motsiff has implemented a student/teacher Mentor Program with the 9th graders. He is also working with a group of students with Be Real to You and another group of students with a program called Above the Influence.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

WARRANT

The January warrant will be presented at the April meeting.

BUDGET AND REVENUE STATUS

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve the Budget and Revenue Status Report for February 2023 as presented. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

EXTRA CURRICULAR FUNDS

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve the Extra Curricular Fund report for February 2023 as presented. Seconded by Mr. T. Lamphear and unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve the Treasurer's Report dated February 28, 2023 as presented. Seconded by Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried.

POLICY

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. N. Poulin to adopt the following policies. #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 Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried.

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BOCES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve the resolution authorizing participation in the Cooperative Purchasing Program coordinated by WSWHE BOCES for bids awarded in the 2023-2024 school year for selected commodities. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

SECTION VII SOCCER MERGER

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve a Section VII merger with Schroon Lake Central School district for the 2023 fall soccer season. Seconded by Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried.

GYMNASTICS CLUB

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve Mrs. Winslow to facilitate the after school Gymnastics Club experience from March 21 - April 20, 2023 for students in grades 1-7 at the contractual instructional rate. Seconded by Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried.

ACADEMIC STUDY FOR ATTENDANCE CREDIT

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. N. Poulin to approve an Academic Study for Attendance Credit request for Piper Larabee and Hector Lopez for April 1 - 9, 2023. Seconded by Mr. T. Lamphear and unanimously carried.

YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT STATE CONFERENCE

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. L. DeMars to approve participation in the overnight Youth and Government State Conference on March 24-26, 2023 at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00. Seconded by Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried.

YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT STATE CONFERENCE CHAPERONES

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve Mrs. Hilary Primo and Mr. Garrett Phelps as the chaperones for the Youth and Government State Conference at the contractual rate. Seconded by Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried.

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ACADEMIC STUDY FOR ATTENDANCE CREDIT

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve an Academic Study for Attendance Credit request for Jacob Richards for April 24 - 27, 2023. Seconded by Mr. T. Lamphear and unanimously carried.

EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve disposal of the Health Office cabinet at the Town of Newcomb Landfill and to auction the well pump via Auctions International. Seconded by Mrs. L. DeMars and unanimously carried.

LEARNING LAB PRESENTATION

Mrs. Meaghan Whitten shared a short virtual presentation explaining a plan for a student learning lab in the “library office” space. This space would be used to help close learning gaps for some students or a meeting place for clubs and/or teachers. She discussed the uses and showcased some of the new furnishings and supplies that she is looking at for this space.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Fisher updated the board on the ESSER Grant and DCIP Grant. The Esser grant will be amended to include use for closing learning gaps and/or social emotional learning. The DCIP grant will also be amended to include use for professional learning and to purchase books for reading program.

Mrs. Fisher reviewed National Student ClearingHouse Report that showed what students are doing in higher education.

Mrs. Fisher informed the board that NCS is no longer a target district for chronic absenteeism. She also explained that our attendance this year will be used to determine future status of the district.

Mrs. Sage discussed the Tax Exemption for Volunteer Fire and Ambulance members. The tax exemption is effective as of December 9 and could be up to 10% of the homeowners tax amount. The School is waiting for more information

Mrs. Fisher discussed providing school transportation to the True North Dances. BOE was in favor of this practice.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Seconded by Mr. T. Lamphear and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Yandon,
District Clerk