

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Regular Meeting

August 17, 2023

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

Absent: Mrs. Lori DeMars

Also Present: Mrs. Christian M. Fisher , Superintendent; Mrs. Melissa Yandon, Clerk; Mrs. Colleen Sage, Treasurer; PJ Mostsif, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Garrett Phelps.

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

#### PRELIMINARY ACTIONS

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve the agenda for the August 17, 2023 regular meeting as adjusted. Seconded by Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried.

9.3 Request for reimbursement for Masters Degree

9.4 Transportation

9.5 Advertisement for Technology Substitute

9.6 Substitutes

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2023 organization and regular meetings as submitted. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

Mr. PJ Motsiff, Director of Curriculum and Instruction presented an update on the International Program. He stated that we have 4 confirmed students and he will be interviewing a girl from Thailand and other students are waiting for visas. He expects 9-11 International Students.

#### BUSINESS OPERATIONS

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. N. Poulin to set the 2023-2024 tax rate for homestead properties at \$3.99729478 per \$1000 of assessed value and for non-homestead properties at \$16.22808147 per \$1000 of assessed value and setting the tax levy at \$4,469,255.00. Seconded by Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried

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## TRUST FUNDS

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve the 2022-2023 Trust Fund Report as presented by Mrs. Sage. Seconded by Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried.

## POLICY

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve the following policies at step one of the adoption procedures. Seconded by Mr. T. Lamphear and unanimously carried.

Policy 0100 - Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity;

Policy 0110.2 - Sexual Harassment in the Workplace;

Exhibit 0110.2-e - Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Exhibit;

Policy 1740 - Relationship with Nonpublic Schools;

Policy 2210 - Board Organizational Meeting;

Policy 2382 - Broadcasting and ~~Taping~~ Recording of Board Meetings;

Policy 4321 - Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA and New York's Education Law Article 89;

Policy 4772 - Graduation Ceremonies;

Policy 4821 - School Ceremonies and Observances;

Policy 5040 - ~~Prayer in the Schools~~ Student Religious Expression;

Policy 5225 - Student Personal Expression;

Policy 8413 - Transportation for Nonpublic School Students;

Policy 8414.5 - Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers,

8414.5-E.1 - Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers Exhibit,

8414.5 R - Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers Regulation,

Policy 9101 - Employee Religious Expression

## ELEMENTARY SOCCER COACH

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve Mrs. Colleen Sage and the Elementary Soccer Coach for the 2023 season at the contractual rate. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

## MASTER DEGREE

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve Ms. Grace Armstrong's request for reimbursement of her Master's Degree as per contract. Seconded by Mr. T. Lamphear. Aye - Larabee, Lamphear, Poulin. Abstain - Armstrong. Motion carried.

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## TRANSPORTATION

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to approve transportation to be provided for students for Soccer, Academic hour, after school experiences and sporting events. Seconded by Mr. T. Lamphear and unanimously carried.

## TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SUBSTITUTE

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to advertise for a technology support substitute. Seconded by Mr. N. Poulin and unanimously carried.

## SUBSTITUTE

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to approve Amber Clark as a substitute for custodial, cafeteria, technology, office and classroom. Seconded by Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried.

## PUBLIC AND STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Phelps commented about starting rates for employees, stating what Stewarts stores are paying per hour.

## FROM THE BOARD

Nicholas Poulin discussed developing a trap shooting club at NCS.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE by Mr. T. Lamphear to enter Executive Session at 6:37 pm for the purpose of Committee on Pre-School Special Education. Seconded by Mrs. T. Larabee and unanimously carried.

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to leave Executive Session at 6:40 pm. Seconded by Mr. T. Lamphear and unanimously carried.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE by Mrs. T. Larabee to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Seconded by Mr. T. Lamphear and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Yandon,  
District Clerk