

**NORTH COUNTRY UNION JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NCUJHS Library
January 27, 2015 at 6:15 P.M.**

Present:

Board

Richard Cartee, Newport City
Maggie Griffith, Newport City
Corey Therrien, Newport City
Le-Ann Tetrault, Jay
Kristin Mason, Morgan
Scott Boskind, Derby

Guests

Jude Smith, Newport Rotary Club
Mike James, Magog Roofing

Press

Ed Barber,
Newport Daily Express

Staff

John Castle, NCSU Superintendent
Nicole Corbett, Principal
Colleen Storrings, Assistant Principal
Glenn Hankinson, NCSU Dir. of Finance
Liz Butterfield, Exec. Asst. to the Supt.

I The meeting was called to order at 6:15 by Chair Richard Cartee, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were no Additions or Adjustments to the Agenda.

II Motion to approve the minutes of December 22, 2014 (*Attachment A*)

THERRIEN/TETREAULT APPROVED

III Public Comments, Communication with Parents/Staff/Citizens

A. Rotary Basketball Tournament: Jude Smith of the Newport Rotary requested to reserve the gym for the tournament in case the NCUHS boys are in the playoffs, in which case the High School gym will not be available for the tournament. The dates are February 24-25 or 27-28. Mr. Smith requested that the usage fees be waived, as the Rotary is nonprofit and all money goes back into the community, such as the \$12,000 scoreboard at NCUHS, assistance for veterans, and many other needs in the community. Corey felt that the fee should not be waived, as it defeats the purpose of having fees. Mr. Smith stated that the Rotary will cleanup after the tournament, and will pay for a janitor if there is not one on duty.

Motion to allow the Newport Rotary to use the gym for the Rotary Basketball Tournament and to waive the usage fee. **BOSKIND/MASON APPROVED**, Opposed: Therrien

B. Mike James of Magog Roofing was present to provide information on the roof repairs. Mr. James explained that none of the areas in question have ever leaked, but the water pools 1.5” deep. He said the roof has a lot of life left and just needs drainage and flashing: the seams will fail first, which can be prevented by re-flashing now. Some re-flashing was done during the building project. Above Room 310 is the worst ponding: 40 x 40 feet. Richard recommended installing two drains there, to make sure it is taken care of. Room 110, the Nurse’s office, gets a 20x20 foot pond and needs one drain; the computer room needs 1 drain; a scupper could be installed for room 108 if the board desires, but Mr. James felt that that section is not much of a problem, and could be skipped. Mr. James distributed a handout describing the areas of concern and the recommended repairs. He stated that the work could easily be done for less than the \$60,000.00 that the board is hoping to devote to the repairs from the remaining bond monies, and that he would coordinate with Fred’s on the project.

IV Financial Report

Action:

A. Approve the Warrants – Richard stated that the warrants have been signed.

B. Motion to approve the Financial Report of November 2014 (*Attachment B*).

This was tabled at the last meeting. Glenn gave an update. **BOSKIND/MASON APPROVED**

C. Motion to approve the Financial Report of December 2014 (*Attachment C*). Glenn gave an update.

TETRAULT/THERRIEN APPROVED

D. Prepare the Warning for the roof work. Glenn stated that he has prepared the Warning and asked if the Board wants to hold an informational meeting? Scott felt that it would be beneficial to repeat the process from last year, with Board members going to local Select Board and Elementary School Board meetings to explain the roofing project. Scott has prepared an informational handout that can be taken to the meetings. It was also agreed that the Board will invite the public to the regular meeting on February 18th to provide the opportunity to ask questions about the roofing project.

V Committee Reports

A. Building Committee Update (*Attachment D*)

1. Scott Boskind shared the minutes from the “**Close-out Meeting**” for the Building Project that was held last Friday. He stated that the project is *nearly* closed out, with just a few things left to be completed. The \$10,000 security system needs to be completed, and was originally budgeted as part of the plan. Manuals were handed over by DEW on thumb drives and in binders.

a. Scott shared a list from Jeremy Rathbun of the major components of the project. (*Handout*)

b. Over 60 change orders were added to the project. (*Handout*)

Scott shared that he is thankful for the experience and the support of the board, the administration and the other committee members. Richard stated that DEW and all of the contractors did an outstanding job. Corey suggested publishing a thank-you to DEW and the other contractors, and all agreed that was appropriate.

2. Scott revisited the idea of attending Select Board and Elementary Board meetings to share information on the **roof project**. Ed Barber suggested showing the change in the effect on taxes, because of spending less than the original bond. Scott asked Glenn to create an updated chart or at least mentioning the effect at the meetings. Scott will send info to Board members to share. The Superintendent said he is impressed with this board, their commitment to the project, and the collaboration with the contractors: Flow and aesthetics are important to the educational quality of the school, and Scott and this Board are an example of the value of local boards and social capital, contributing hundreds of hours that are not compensated in any way.

3. Scott mentioned that Kevin has talked to him and Nicole concerning the wood-chip accident at NC Hospital relative to our **wood chip delivery, storage, and safety**. Nicole shared that Work Safe will be doing a free consultation for NCUJHS.

VI Principal’s Report – (*Attachments E & E1*) Nicole reported that the students raised over \$3,700.00 during a Spirit Week that they organized to benefit the Sicotte family.

VII Superintendent’s Report: John deferred his report, stating that all is well.

VIII Unfinished/New/Other Business

Action:

A. Motion to approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of Revised NCSU Common Policies:

1. F.04 Search and Seizure (*Attachment F*) CARTEE/THERRIEN **APPROVED**

2. F.05 Interrogation or Searches of Students by Law Enforcement (*Attachment G*)
BOSKIND/THERRIEN **APPROVED**

B. Safety and Entry Procedures: Nicole shared with the Board a situation from two weeks ago, when someone was allowed to enter the building that shouldn’t have. Nicole and Colleen stated that safety and entry procedures have been tightened, and asked that if community members complain to Board members, they should explain that there is good reason. If there is no indication that an individual needs to be at the school, they will not be let in. The new DVRs will greatly improve the system, including date and time stamps, in recorded and real-time.

C. **Board Elections:** Scott asked who appoints a Board member if no one runs for the NCUHS board. Richard Cartee explained that the local elementary board from that town appoints the member if no one runs. Scott shared that Rick Geisel is not running for re-election for the Derby slot, as he is hoping to relocate. Scott suggested that Board members encourage someone to run.

D. Richard Nelson reported that **Negotiations** would be meeting tomorrow.

IX Agenda Items/Date for Next Board Meeting

February 18, 2015

X Executive Session: not needed.

XI Motion to Adjourn at 7:22. THERRIEN/NELSON APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Butterfield
Recording Secretary

<u>Meetings:</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
NCUJHS Board	<i>Wednesday</i>	February 18	6:30 p.m.	NCUJHS Library
NCSU Policy Committee	Thursday	February 19	5:30 p.m.	NCSU, A213
NCSU Executive Committee	Thursday	February 19	6:30 p.m.	NCSU, A209
<i>NCUHS/NCCC/NCUJHS Annual Meeting</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>February 23</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>NCCC Room 380</i>