

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NEWARK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
April 14, 2020

THIS MEETING WAS HELD DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. BY AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR ON MARCH 13, 2020, A PORTION OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW WAS WAIVED. SPECIFICALLY:

*“Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.”*

The Newark Valley Central School District Board of Education held a Special Meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the District Office located within the High School. The general public was able to view said meeting via webcam. The following Board Members were in attendance: Randal Kerr, Susan Watson, James Phillips, Anthony Tavelli and Lisa Jensen. Board Members Sarah Hines and Stuart Wandell were absent. The following school personnel were in attendance: Ryan Dougherty, Ji, Katchuk, Greg Asfoury and Tina Engelhard.

ATTENDANCE

Presentation: None.

Motion by S. Watson, and seconded by A. Tavelli, for approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of March 9, 2020.

MINUTES

Vote: 5 Yes            0 No            2 Absent            Motion carried.

Superintendent’s Report: Superintendent Dougherty shared information on the following: **Budget Status and NYS Guidance to Date:** What we know: NYS guidelines are not properly aligned, and the Budget Vote date will be some time after June 1. Currently, the District is prepared and has a good working strategy of three (3) phases. Phase I will be reductions through attrition and supplies. Discussions followed on the growth of the budget gap, the Governor’s authority to change aide, timeline guidance and coming in below the tax cap. Discussions followed. **Continuity of Learning Plan and Evolving Strategy as a Leadership Team:** The Administration Team continues to meet daily. Building Plans and Curriculum are currently in two (2) week blocks. The District is pivoting for a longer-term approach as well as making a shift in new learning. Adjustments on third quarter grading is posting today. This will hold students harmless and will be cohesive and uniform. NYS exams have been cancelled. This does not affect diplomas, and students will be held harmless. Jami Fabrizio has been working hard on IEP accommodations and a virtual resource room. Tele-therapy will be starting next week for OT and Speech Therapy. The Student Support Team is providing remote counseling. Education Law 2.d has been a challenge, and Val Murtha has been navigating the District. Discussions followed. **Continued food Distribution and Trends to Date:** Food distribution at the Middle School, Richford and Berkshire locations is taking place two times a week from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The heaviest location is at the Middle School. Lorraine Trotman and Randy Zukowski continue to do an exceptional job. **Thoughts on Seniors:** At this time, there are no answers on Graduation, Prom or the Senior Trip. Discussions followed.

Financial Reports:

Motion by A. Tavelli, and seconded by J. Phillips, for approval of resolutions 4-20-G1, 4-20-G2 and 4-20-G3

**ACCEPT TREASURER’S**

**4-20-G1**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the Treasurer's Report for February 2020 with balances as follows:

General Fund	\$ 2,833,735.00
Special Reserves	\$ 455,834.54
Special Reserve CD	\$ 4,990,991.58
School Lunch Fund	\$ 42,475.61
Special Aid Fund	\$ 5,773.57
Capital Fund	\$ 1,739,292.63
Debt Service Fund	\$ 2,071,260.10

**APPR BUDGET STATUS REPORTS**

**4-20-G2**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the Comprehensive Budget Status Reports for: General Fund, Repair Reserve Fund, Unemployment Reserve Fund, Property Loss Reserve Fund, Retirement Reserve Fund, Employee Benefit Reserve Fund, Vehicle Reserve Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, School Lunch Fund, Special Aid Fund, Capital Fund and Debt Service Fund dated February 2020.

**APPR EXTRA CLASS-ROOM ACTIVITY**

**4-20-G3**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for the month of February 2020.

New Business:

Motion by J. Phillips, seconded by S. Watson, for approval of resolutions 4-20-G4, 4-20-G5, 4-20-G6, 4-20-G7, 4-20-G8, 4-20-G9, 4-20-G10 and 4-20-G11

**GRANT PAID LEAVE OF ABSENCES PER NEW YORK GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §92**

**4-20-G4**

ON motion of J. Phillips, seconded by S. Watson, it is

RESOLVED, the Board of Education acting pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Education by New York General Municipal Law §92, grants to any school district employee idled by the COVID-19 school closure a paid leave of absence for all and any days the employee is prevented from working by the school closure. The leave of absence granted by this action of the Board of Education is in compliance with the Executive Orders issued by the Governor in response to the pandemic.

**APPR 2019-2020 K-12 NON-RESIDENT TUITION**

**4-20-G5**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the 2019-2020 K-12 non-resident student tuition rate of \$5,017.

**APPR B-T BOCES BOARD OF TRUSTEE CANDIDATES**

**4-20-G6**

IT IS RESOLVED, That the Board casts votes for the office of trustee of the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services as follows:

1. Peter Nowacki for a three (3) year term
2. William Powell for a two (2) year term



**4-20-G7**

IT IS RESOLVED, That the 2020-2021 Administrative Budget of the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$3,237,55 is hereby approved.

**APPR 2020-2021 B-T  
BOCES ADMIN BUDGET**

**4-20-G8**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the bid for Meat & Cheese for May 1 through August 11, 2020 from Renzi, Ginsberg, SYSCO, Lupo's, & Slate Farms.

**ACCEPT MEAT &  
CHEESE BID**

**4-20-G9**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the contract for 2019-2020 with the Vestal Central School District for Health & Welfare Services in the amount of \$3,055.95.

**APPR 2019-2020 VESTAL  
CSD HEALTH &  
WELFARE CONTRACT**

**4-20-G10**

Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of J. Phillips, seconded by S. Watson, it is RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following change orders:

**APPR CHANGE ORDERS**

C/O# SC-07 – (\$1,266.00) (additional site work at New Transportation Facility and closeout of \$10,000 Well Package Allowance and \$15,000 Field Directive Allowance);

C/O# EC-07 – \$10,239.00, C/O# EC-08 –\$9,599.00, C/O# EC-09 –\$15,086.00, C/O# EC-10 –\$11,314.00 (additional electrical work at NTH Elementary School, Middle School, and High School);

C/O# GC-01, GC-02, GC-03 – \$13,953 (additional general construction work at Bus Garage, Middle School and New Transportation Facility and closeout of \$100,000 Field Directive Allowance); and

C/O# PC-01, PC-02, PC-03 (additional plumbing construction work at Bus Garage, Middle School and New Transportation Facility and closeout of \$25,000 Field Directive Allowance).

**4-20-G11**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the contract for 2019-2020 with the Union Endicott Central School District for Health & Welfare Services in the amount of \$1,140.00.

**APPR 2019-2020 UNION  
ENDICOTT CSD  
HEALTH & WELFARE  
CONTRACT**

Vote: 5 Yes                    0 No                    2 Absent                    Motion carried.

**Personnel:**

Motion by A. Tavelli, seconded by J. Phillips, for approval of resolution 4-20-C1

**4-20-C1**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the following probationary appointment (vice: R. Novi retirement):

**APPR PROB APPT-  
SCIENCE TEACHER**

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(CONT)**

Name of Appointee: Cody Cornell  
Tenure Area: Science  
Date of Commencement of probationary services: September 1, 2020  
Expiration date of the appointment: June 30, 2024  
Certification Status: Earth Science (Grades 7-12); Pending

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

Personnel:

Motion by L. Jensen, seconded by J. Phillips, for approval of 4-20-NC1 and 4-20-NC2

**APPR PROB APPT-  
CASHIER**

4-20-NC1

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the probationary appointment of Jessica Poirier, Cashier, effective April 15, 2020 through April 14, 2021. (vice: C. Krager retirement)

4-20-NC2

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION-  
FOOD SRVC WRKR**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Diane Kelly, Food Service Worker, effective April 6, 2020.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

Board Matters:

**NEXT BOE MTG-TBD**

- Next Board of Education Meeting is to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

April 14, 2020

  
Tina A. Engelhard, District Clerk