

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEWARK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

August 17, 2020

The Newark Valley Central School District Board of Education met for a special meeting at 4:00 p.m. The following Board Members were in attendance: Randal H. Kerr, James Phillips, Susan Watson, Anthony D. Tavelli, Lisa Jensen and Stuart Wandell. Board Member Sarah Hines was absent. The following school personnel were in attendance Ryan Dougherty, Ji Katchuk, Todd Schaffer, Robert Rodgers, Gregory Asfoury, Jami Fabrizio, Scott Wandell, Erica D'Alessandro and Tina Engelhard.

ATTENDANCE

The sole purpose of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education was to present the Reopening Plan of the Newark Valley Central School District. This meeting was available via webcam. Superintendent Dougherty noted that the Reopening Plan is available on the District's website for parents, guardians and staff. It was noted that the Reopening Plan is subject to change and evolve. The plans are detailed and comprehensive and will be updated as necessary. Teacher training will be held September 8 through September 11, 2020.

Superintendent Dougherty discussed the Parent Information Guide-NVCS Instructional Plan. The tentative first day of school is Monday, September 14, 2020. Attendance is mandatory and all students, regardless of the model chosen, are expected to participate on a specified schedule. Instructional models were defined (in-person, hybrid, pivot plan, synchronous and asynchronous). Diagnostic testing will take place, up front, for all K-12 students.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Dougherty discussed Grades 6-12 hybrid schedule whereby there will be two (2) teams. The hybrid model of instruction incorporates a schedule of in-person and remote synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Team A will have in-person learning on Mondays and Thursdays with remote learning on Tuesdays and Fridays. Team B will have in-person learning on Tuesdays and Fridays with remote learning on Mondays and Thursdays. Wednesdays are designated as a "Full Remote Supplemental Instruction" day, with activities and assignments scheduled throughout the day. Grading will return to the normal grading policy and procedure. Teacher workdays will remain the same. Masks will be worn during class passing but not during class as there will be social distancing in the classrooms. Discussions followed on school day start and end times, bus arrival and departures and length of class time/passing between classes.

For Pre-K through Grade 5, in-person class sizes will be kept as low as possible with schedules adjusted so students will have periods of intensive academic instruction, enrichment activities, specials, lunch and recess. A sample schedule for Pre-K through Grade 5 full remote learning was provided. The Pivot Plan was also addressed. Discussions followed.

Superintendent Dougherty provided information for frequently asked questions. Additionally, Building Principals will be providing building-specific reopening presentations via ZOOM for parents and guardians this week.

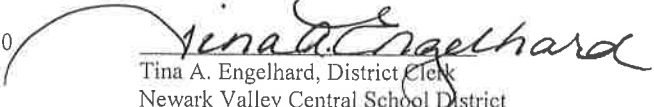
Board Matters:

- Board of Education Meeting, August 31, 2020, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School

**NEXT BOE MTG-
8/31/20**

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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Tina A. Engelhard, District Clerk
Newark Valley Central School District