

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

August 21, 2023

The Newark Valley Central School District Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. James Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board Members were in attendance: Randal Kerr, Susan Watson, James Phillips, Anthony Tavelli, Sarah Hines, Lisa Jensen and Stuart Wandell. The following school personnel were in attendance: Timothy Calice, Todd Schaffer, Ji Katchuk, Greg Asfoury, Edward Mertson, Robert Rodgers, Jami Fabrizio, Valerie Murtha and Tina Engelhard. There were 12 guests.

ATTENDANCE

Presentation: None.

Privilege of the Floor: Robert Dexter, Lodi, New York resident and retired NY teacher, spoke to the Board regarding naming the gymnasium in honor of Jeff Ward.

Motion by S. Watson, and seconded by J. Phillips, for approval of the Meeting Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting and Executive Session of July 11, 2023.

MINUTES

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Staffing Update: Superintendent Calice provided a staffing update. New teacher orientation took place earlier in the afternoon and new staff introduced themselves to the Board. Numerous Teacher Aides, Bus Drivers, Food Service Workers and Custodial Workers have been hired with recruitment continuing. Discussions followed on recruitment for a Spanish Teacher and Science Teacher.

Instruction: None.

Financial Reports:

Motion by J. Phillips, and seconded by L. Jensen, for approval of resolutions 8-23-G1, 8-23-G2 and 8-23-G3

**ACCEPT TREASURER'S
REPORTS-JUNE 2023**

8-23-G1

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the Treasurer's Report for June 2023 with balances as follows:

General Fund	\$2,341,089.62
Special Reserves	\$1,915,841.82
Special Reserve CD	\$2,477,729.58
School Lunch Fund	\$ 432,921.57
Special Aid Fund	\$ 34,221.90
Capital Fund	\$3,484,398.75
Debt Service Fund	\$ 525,763.43

**APPR BUDGET STATUS
REPORTS- JUNE 2023**

8-23-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 June 2023.

**APPR EXTRA CLASS-
ROOM ACTIVITY
REPORTS- JUNE 2023**

8-23-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 months of June 2023.

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by S. Wandell, and seconded by A. Tavelli, for approval of resolutions 8-23-G19, 8-23-G20, 8-23-G21, 8-23-G22, 8-23-G23 and 8-23-G24

**APPR BOARD VP TO
SIGN DOCUMENTS IN
BOE PRESIDENT'S
ABSENCE**

8-23-G4

RESOLVED, On motion of S. Wandell, seconded by A. Tavelli, the Board of Education hereby approves Susan Watson, Board of Education Vice President, to sign documents in case of absence or disability of the Board of Education President, Randal H. Kerr.

ACCEPT DONATION-VISIONS FCU
8-23-G5
RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion of S. Watson, seconded by A. Tavelli, the Board of Education hereby accepts the generous donation from Visions Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$494.91 to be used by the Middle School toward purchasing of digital camera supplies.

ACCEPT DONATION-VISIONS FCU
8-23-G6
RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion of S. Wandell, seconded by A. Tavelli, the Board of Education hereby accepts the generous donation from Visions Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$474.73 to be used by the High School art department toward purchasing of classroom supplies.

APPR CONTRACT-HEALTH & WELFARE SRVCS, VESTAL CSD
8-23-G7
RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the contract for 2022-2023 with the Vestal Central School District for Health & Welfare Services in the amount of \$930.00.

ACCEPT BID-DISHWASHING & CHEMICAL MAT'LS
8-23-G8
RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the bid for Dishwashing & Chemical Materials for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 from Hill & Markes.

APPR CONTRACT-FAMILY ENRICHMENT NETWORK
8-23-G9
RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion of S. Wandell, seconded by A. Tavelli, the Board approves the contract with Family Enrichment Network for 2023-2024 school year, as attached to and made part of these minutes, and authorizes the Board of Education President to sign the Agreement.

APPR AGRICULTURE CLASS FIELD TRIP-SUNY COBLESKILL
8-23-G10
RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the Agriculture Class Field Trip to SUNY Cobleskill, Cobleskill, NY, September 22, 2023 to participate in the High School Agriculture Day.

APPR 2023-2024 TAX WARRANT
8-23-G11
RESOLVED, upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the 2023-2024 Tax Warrant and directs the school tax collector to levy property taxes in the amount of \$8,412,864 (\$8,362,864 for the School Budget and \$50,000 for the Tappan-Spaulling Memorial Library).

APPR SRVC AGREEMENT-PROCARE
8-23-G12
Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion of S. Wandell, seconded by A. Tavelli, the Board of Education approves the Service Agreement with ProCare Therapy, d/b/a New Direction Solutions, LLC. for the 2023-2024 school year, as attached to and made part of these minutes, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign the Agreement.

AUTH PARTICIPATION-SOCIAL MEDIA LAWSUIT
8-23-G13
WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has issued an Advisory on Social Media and Youth Mental Health which:

- “calls attention to the growing concerns about the effects of social media on youth mental health;”
- emphasized that “now is the time to act swiftly and decisively to protect children and adolescents from risk of harm;”
- “[t]he onus of mitigating the potential harms of social media should not be placed solely on the shoulders of parents and caregivers;” and
- “[t]echnology companies play a central role and have a fundamental responsibility in designing a safe online environment and in preventing, minimizing, and addressing the risks associated with social media.”

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has further concluded that:

- “Social media use by youth is nearly universal. Up to 95% of youth ages 13-17 report using a social media platform, with more than a third saying they use social media ‘almost constantly.’”
- “nearly 40% of children ages 8-12 use social media;”
- “in early adolescence ... brain development is especially susceptible to social pressures, peer opinions, and peer comparison;”

- “[s]ocial media may ... perpetuate body dissatisfaction, disordered eating behaviors, social comparison, and low self-esteem, especially among adolescent girls;”
- “[i]n a nationally representative survey of girls aged 11-15, one-third or more say they feel ‘addicted’ to a social media platform;”
- “[o]ver half of teenagers report that it would be hard to give up social media;” and
- [t]here is a consistent relationship between excessive social media use “depression among youth.”

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has specifically urged that it is “urgent that we take action.”

WHEREAS, it has been reported that students, “[m]ore than ever, were glued to [their cellphones] during class.”

WHEREAS, it has been reported that “a growing number of educators ... find themselves on the front lines of a fight to change how students use social media” and “there was been a push for more schools to ... develop programs to help educate students on the dangers of social media.”

WHEREAS, the Newark Valley Central School District (the “School District”) has and continues to experience significant problems with student use of social media, which use, among other things: (i) has created a substantial and ongoing interruption of and disturbance to its educational mission; (ii) has resulted in the diversion of substantial resources in an attempt to abate and prevent such use and its results harms; and (iii) poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of its students; and

WHEREAS, the School District is a leader in education excellence whose faculty and administrators care deeply about the education and well-being of its students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

That the Board of Education authorizes the law firm of Wagstaff & Cartmell, LLP and Ferrara Fiorenza PC to initiate litigation and file suit against any appropriate parties to seek compensation to the School District for damages suffered by the School District and its students as a result of the development, operation, and marketing of social media platforms, and to seek any other appropriate relief. The School District hereby authorizes its Superintendent of Schools or their designee to sign all appropriate documents and fee agreements on behalf of the School District.

Adopted this 21st day of August, 2023

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No Motion carried.

Personnel:

Motion by S. Wandell, and seconded by S. Watson, for approval of resolution 8-23-C1, 8-23-C2, 8-23-C3, 8-23-C4, 8-23-C5, 8-23-C6, 8-23-C7, 8-23-C8, 8-23-C9 and 8-23-C10

8-23-C1

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the following probationary appointment: (vice: M. Field resignation)

**APPR PROBATIONARY
APPT-MUSIC TEACHER**

Name of Appointee:	Janine Federowicz
Tenure Area:	Music
Date of Commencement of probationary services:	September 1, 2023
Expiration date of the appointment:	June 30, 2027
Certification Status:	Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6, Permanent, Effective September 1, 2006; Music, Professional Certificate, Effective September 1, 2011

8-23-C2

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following Advisors for the 2023-2024 school year, pending funding and student participation:

**APPR APPT-2023-2024
ADVISORS**

Natalia Conaty	Little Cardinals Dance Co-Advisor
Holly Truesdail	Little Cardinals Dance Co-Advisor
Kelly Johnson	4 th Grade

**APPR APPT-2023-2024
ADVISORS (CONT)**

Kirstie L. Hardenstine	5 th Grade
Michelle Rubitski	6 th Grade
Ashley Frantellizzi	7 th Grade Co-Advisor
Ashley Stauder	7 th Grade Co-Advisor
Alana McMurray	MS Yearbook Advisor
Kirstie Hardenstine	MS Newspaper Co-Advisor
Jill VanDeMark	MS Newspaper Co-Advisor
Andrea Churchman	MS Student Council Co-Advisor
Marisa Potter	MS Student Council Co-Advisor
Kathryn Kranz	MS Agriculture Club Co-Advisor
Lindsey Tomazin	MS Agriculture Club Co-Advisor
Gregory Schweiger	MS Junior Future Farmers of America (FFA) Advisor
Lisa Pomeroy	MS Kindness Club
Brittany Dougherty	Junior Class Advisor
Maureen Kiley	Drama Club Co-Advisor/Music Co-Director
Graham Terry	Drama Club Co-Advisor/Music Co-Director
Brittany Dougherty	Varsity Cub Advisor
Kathryn Brindisi	Senior Class Advisor
Christopher Negus	Art Club Co-Advisor
Burton Taylor	Art Club Co-Advisor
Valerie Fisher	HS Student Council Advisor
Stacy Mallery	Honor Society Advisor
Karen Umiker	Friends of Rachel Advisor
Brittany Dougherty	Scholarship Challenge Advisor
Gregory Schweiger	Senior Future Farmers of America (FFA) Co-Advisor
Andrew Rice	Technology Club Advisor
Stacy Mallery	Yearbook Advisor
Sandra Flesher	Spanish Club Advisor

**APPR APPT-2023-2024
DEPT/GRADE LEVEL
CHAIRS**

8-23-C3

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following Department/Grade Level Chairpersons for the 2023-2024 school year, pending funding and student participation:

Natalie Conaty	Pre-K
Kylee Hillis	Kindergarten
Renee Mele	Grade 1
Heidi Cornwell	Grade 2
Theresa Asfoury	Grade 3
Elizabeth Borgna	K-3 Related Services
Kelly Johnson	4 th Grade
Kirstie L. Hardenstine	5 th Grade
Michelle Rubitski	6 th Grade
Ashley Frantellizzi	7 th Grade (0.5)
Ashley Stauder	7 th Grade (0.5)
Michael Nave	Special Areas MS Chair
Mikki Roberts	Grade 8
Aaron Smith	English
Riann Warren	Foreign Language
Andrew Roberts	Social Studies
Gregory Schweiger	Science
Bernard Williams	Math
Maureen Kiley	K-12 Fine Arts & Music
Kathryn Brindisi	Home Careers/Health/PE
Andrew Rice	Technology-Business
Suzette Fahey	District SST

8-23-C4

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the reappointment of the following Substitute Teachers:

David Beck (certified)	Lynn Bigley (certified)
Jeffrey Bohner (certified)	Kathleen Case (certified)
Tamara Chebiniak (certified)	Susan Fedorwich (certified)
Patricia Flint-Beck (certified)	Andrea Friend (certified)
Jewell Griffith (certified)	Frances Miller (certified)
Warren Harrold (certified)	Lynn Moshen (certified)
Ralph Novi (certified)	Robin Novi (certified)
Melissa Reynolds (certified)	Martha Schneider (certified)
Charles Schnieder, Jr. (certified)	Leslie Steidle (certified)
Kathleen Thomas (certified)	Dorothy Ward (certified)
Kathleen Cahill (uncertified)	Dennis Davidson (uncertified)

**APPR REAPPT-SUB
TEACHERS**

Danielle Edwards (uncertified)
Sara Gregrow (uncertified)
Jennifer Hazelton (uncertified)
Ashley Holt (uncertified)
Deborah Marsh (uncertified)
Karen Meschter (uncertified)
Alexandra Torra (uncertified)
Allison Walker (uncertified)

G. Renee Gaylord (uncertified)
Katherine Guiles (uncertified)
Kayla Hill (uncertified)
Carly Kirtland (uncertified)
Evelyn Medina (uncertified)
Samantha Schaffer (uncertified)
Andrea Vaughn (uncertified)

APPR REAPPT-SUB
TEACHERS (CONT)

8-23-C5

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the reappointment of the following Substitute Teaching Assistants:

APPR REAPPT-SUB
TEACHING ASST

G. Renee Gaylord Deborah Marsh Dorothy Ward

8-23-C6

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Andrea Churchman, Grade 5 and Grade 6 Mathalon Coach, for the 2023-2024 school year, pending funding and student participation.

APPR APPT-GRADE 5 &
GRADE 6 MATHALON
COACH

8-23-C7

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves up to 13 Unpaid Leave Days in addition to 12-week FMLA leave for Kara Nemcek, Grade 6 Teacher, effective September 5, 2023 through January 3, 2024.

APPR UP TO 13 UNPD
LEAVE DAYS IN
ADDITION TO 12 WEEK
FMLA LEAVE-GRADE 6
TEACHER

8-23-C8

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following Mentors for the 2023-2024 school year:

APPR APPT-2023-2024
MENTORS

Elizabeth Borgna JoAnn Byrne Renee Mele Kylee Hillis
Kelly LaPorte Michael Nave Jessica Schappert Janine Williams
Ammon Witman

8-23-C9

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following Coaches for the 2023-2024 school year, pending funding and student participation:

APPR APPT-2023-2024
COACHES

Sandra Beebe Co-Modified Field Hockey Coach
Victoria Callahan Co-Modified Field Hockey Coach

8-23-C10

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Sean Daugherty, Physics Science Teacher, effective August 29, 2023.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION-
PHYSICS TEACHER

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No Motion carried.

Personnel:

Motion by S. Watson, and seconded by L. Jensen, for approval of resolution 8-23-NC1, 8-23-NC2, 8-23-NC3, 8-23-NC4, 8-23-NC5, 8-23-NC6, 8-23-NC7, 8-23-NC8, 8-23-NC9, 8-23-NC10, 8-23-NC11, 8-23-NC12, 8-23-NC13, 8-23-NC14 and 8-23-NC15

8-23-NC1

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the probationary appointment of Sandra Kwiatkowski, Teacher Aide (Building), effective September 5, 2023 through September 4, 2024. (vice: A. McMurray transfer)

APPR PROBATIONARY
APPT-TEACHER AIDE
(BUILDING)

8-23-NC2

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the probationary appointment of Linda Loveless, Teacher Aide (Special Education), effective September 5, 2023 through September 4, 2024. (vice: K. Sherwood resignation)

APPR PROBATIONARY
APPT-TEACHER AIDE
(SPECIAL EDUCATION)

APPR PROBATIONARY APPT-TEACHER AIDE (CAFETERIA)
8-23-NC3
RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the probationary appointment of Tammy Backner, Teacher Aide (Cafeteria), effective September 5, 2023 through September 4, 2024. (vice: C. Jordan resignation)

APPR APPT-TEACHER AIDE (CLASSROOM)
8-23-NC4
RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the probationary appointment of Anna Onofrio, Teacher Aide (Classroom), effective September 5, 2023 through September 4, 2024, pending acceptable fingerprinting. (vice: R. Schweckendieck resignation)

APPR PROBATIONARY APPT-CUSTODIAL WORKER
8-23-NC5
RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the probationary appointment of Tina Andrews, Custodial Worker, effective August 28, 2023 through August 27, 2024, pending acceptable fingerprinting. (vice: C. Gee resignation)

APPR PROBATIONARY APPT-BUS DRIVER (ROUTE JUMPTER)
8-23-NC6
RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Schools having reviewed the report of the School Physician regarding the Fitness of Nathan Ellis to operate a school bus and further having reviewed three statements from three different persons not related by either blood or marriage to the applicant pertaining to the applicant's moral character and reliability, and the Superintendent of Schools having certified to the Board of Education that the bus driver is of good moral character and reliable, that this Board of Education does and hereby appoint Nathan Ellis to the Civil Service Classification, Non competitive – bus driver for a probationary term commencing September 5, 2023 and ending September 4, 2024. (Route Jumper)

APPR PROBATIONARY APPT-BUS DRIVER (ROUTE JUMPER)
8-23-NC7
RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Schools having reviewed the report of the School Physician regarding the Fitness of Sarah Michaud to operate a school bus and further having reviewed three statements from three different persons not related by either blood or marriage to the applicant pertaining to the applicant's moral character and reliability, and the Superintendent of Schools having certified to the Board of Education that the bus driver is of good moral character and reliable, that this Board of Education does and hereby appoint Sarah Michaud to the Civil Service Classification, Non competitive – bus driver for a probationary term commencing September 5, 2023 and ending September 4, 2024. (Route Jumper)

APPR APPT-SUB FOOD SRVC WRKR/HELPER
8-23-NC8
RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Tanya Odd, Substitute Food Service Worker/Helper, effective August 22, 2023, pending acceptable fingerprinting.

APPR REAPPT-SUB SUPPORT STAFF
8-23-NC9
RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the reappointment of the following Substitute Support Staff:

Tammy Backner	Marissa Berghorn	Pamela Budney	Catherine Celiberti
Cindy Drew	Jolynn Dunnnett	Bonnie Emond	G. Renee Gaylord
Gifford Gee	Taylor Hartenstein	Kayla Hill	Wendy Hoaglin
Lillian Hoffmier	Ashley Holt	Loretta Husner	Susan Lewis
Cheryl Robinson	Sarah Rozelle	April Simmons	Kristine Tomazin
Karen Umiker			

APPR REAPPT-SUB BUS DRIVERS
8-23-NC10
RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the reappointment of the following Substitute Bus Drivers:

Philip Davis	Gifford Gee	Scott Kasmarcik	Robert Messersmith
Terry Patrick	Carl Perkins	David Pitcher	Ken VanVorce

APPR REAPPT-SUB BUS MONITORS
8-23-NC11
RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the reappointment of the following Substitute Bus Monitors:

Jolynn Dunnnett	Tina Keener	Emily Preston
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8-23-NC12

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the reappointment of Shayna Walter, Substitute School Nurse.

APPR REAPPT-SUB
SCHOOL NURSE

8-23-NC13

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Rachael Schweckendieck, Teacher Aide (Classroom), effective July 24, 2023.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION-
TEACHER AIDE
(CLASSROOM)

8-23-NC14

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Ciarra Gee, Custodial Worker, effective August 23, 2023.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION-
CUSTODIAL WORKER

8-23-NC15

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Jennifer Jackson, School Nurse, effective September 1, 2023.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION-
SCHOOL NURSE

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No Motion carried.

Privilege of the Floor: None.

Board Matters:

- Mr. Kerr provided an update on the Area 4 NYSBBA Resolution Team as well as his and Mr. Mertson's attendance at the 1952-1954 Class Reunions. Discussions followed.
- Board of Education Meeting, Monday, September 18, 2023, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School
- Board of Education Meeting, **TUESDAY**, October 10, 2023, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School
- Board of Education Meeting, Monday, October 23, 2023, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School

NEXT BOE MTG-9/18/23
BOE MTG

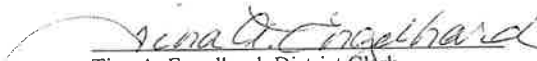
Motion by J. Phillips, and seconded by S. Watson, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing CSE recommendations.

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No Motion carried.

Motion by J. Phillips, seconded by S. Watson, for the Board to return to Regular Session at 6:15 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No Motion carried.

August 21, 2023


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