

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

December 11, 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, James Phillips and Anthony Tavelli. Board Members Susan Watson, Lisa Jensen, Sarah Hines and Stuart Wandell were absent. The following school personnel were in attendance: Timothy Calice, Ji Katchuk, Gregory Asfoury, Edward Mertson, Jami Fabrizio, Gary Hoskins, Erica D'Alessandro, Suzette Fahey, Robin Novi and Tina Engelhard. There were four (4) guests.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Susan Watson and Lisa Jensen arrived at 5:36 p.m.

Presentation: **Nathan T. Hall School Garden**-Gary Hoskins, Facilities Director, stated the Spoonhower family would like to donate funds for a garden at Nathan T. Hall Elementary. The Board was provided with the landscaping scope of work and estimate from Tioga Gardens. Discussions followed. **Community Supports**-Erica D'Alessandro, School Counselor, Suzette Fahey, School Psychiatrist and Robin Novi, Interim School Counselor, spoke to the Board about the critical roles of the Student Support Team, resources and programs they are able to offer (i.e., Cardinal Closet, Holiday Elves and Backpack Program) as well as regional and state initiatives. Discussions followed.

Privilege of the Floor: Keith Flescher, Berkshire, NY resident and elected District 7 Tioga County Legislator, introduced himself to the Board.

Moved by S. Watson, and seconded by J. Phillips, for approval of the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of November 27, 2023.

MINUTES

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: District Updates: Superintendent Calice stated there are added guidelines to the 2024-2025 Budget Calendar. Discussions followed. Additionally, Mr. Calice spoke of the platform ThoughtExchange. This is a tool that is used when seeking feedback from individuals/groups on questions asked, subject/topic areas, etc. Discussions followed. **Snapshots of Success:** Mr. Mertson, High School Principal, mentioned the High School recently had two (2) outstanding concerts and spoke of the Fall Scholarship Teams. Discussions followed. Mr. Asfoury, Middle School Principal, stated the Middle School will be holding their Winter Concert on December 13, 2023. Additionally, Grade 6 students who excelled academically in the first quarter were treated to a meal at the Creekside Diner. Discussions followed. Superintendent Calice stated the Little Cardinal Dancers will have their recital on December 14, 2023.

Instruction: None.

New Business:

Motion by J. Phillips, and seconded by S. Watson, for approval of resolutions 12-23-G1, 12-23-G2, 12-23-G3, 12-23-G4, 12-23-G5, 12-23-G6, 12-23-G7, 12-23-G8, 12-23-G9, 12-23-G10, 12-23-G11, 12-23-G12 and 12-23-G13

12-23-G1

On motion of J. Phillips, seconded by S. Watson, the Board of Education hereby approves the Corrective Action Plan related to the Newark Valley Central School District Audited Financial Reports (Extra-classroom Activity Funds) for the year ended June 30, 2023.

**APPR CORRECTIVE
ACTION PLAN-
EXTERNAL AUDIT**

12-23-G2

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the Senior Class Field Trip to Six Flags Darien Lake, Corfu, New York, on June 12, 2024.

**APPR HS SENIOR CLASS
FIELD TRIP-DARIEN
LAKE**

12-23-G3

PURSUANT to Education Law 2034(6)(b), more than six months have elapsed since the May 16, 2023 school board election and budget vote; and, upon the information and belief of the Board of Education, there have been no challenges or proceedings commenced; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to unseal and open the ballot boxes and destroy the official ballots contained therein, together with the unused ballots, if any.

**AUTH DESTRUCTION
OF BALLOTS-5/16/23
SCHOOL BOARD
ELECTION & BUDGET
VOTE**

**APPR 2023-2024 REAL
PROPERTY TAX
REFUND**

12-23-G4

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education, having received an Application for Refund of Real Property taxes, hereby approves the following refund of overpayment of property taxes for 2023-2024 School Year.

Lereta LLC (for Thomas & Charlene Bean) Owego 85.20-1-61.24 \$750.68

**APPR 2023-2024 REAL
PROPERTY TAX
REFUND**

12-23-G5

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education, having received an Application for Refund of Real Property taxes, hereby approves the following refunds of overpayment of property taxes for 2023-2024 School Year.

Frank & Carol Kania	Berkshire	23.00-2-2.1	\$42.74
Joel Newton	Newark Valley	66.00-1-19.10	\$20.00
Merle Lawton	Newark Valley	75.00-1-1	\$85.78
Todd & Sara Kasper	Newark Valley	77.00-2-12.11	\$33.47
William & Joann Woods	Newark Valley	85.00-3-10	\$11.39

**APPR 2023-2024 REAL
PROPERTY TAX
REFUND**

12-23-G6

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education, having received an Application for Refund of Real Property taxes, hereby approves the following refunds of overpayment of property taxes for 2023-2024 School Year.

Spook Hill Farms	Newark Valley	64.15-3-32	\$56.97
Dorothy Hilliar	Newark Valley	42.00-1-16.40	\$87.14
Mitchell Thurston	Richford	11.18-1-27	\$20.00

**ACCEPT BID AWARD-
PAPER & SUPPLY**

12-23-G7

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the bid for Paper and Supply for January 1 through June 30, 2024 from Hill & Markes, Sanico, Renzi, Central Poly Corp. and LJC Distributors.

**ACCEPT HOURLY RATE
INCREASE-NEW STATE
MINIMUM WAGE LAW**

12-23-G8

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the attached employee listing of hourly rate increases from \$14.20 to \$15.00 in order to comply with the new state minimum wage law effective December 31, 2023.

**ADOPT 2024-2025
BUDGET DEVELOP
CALENDAR**

12-23-G9

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2024-2025 Budget Development Calendar as presented.

**ACCEPT AG ED
INCENTIVE GRANT
AWARD-CORNELL UNIV**

12-23-G10

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion of J. Phillips, seconded by S. Watson, the Board of Education hereby accepts the agriculture education incentive grant award from Cornell University in the amount of \$1,700.00 to be used by the agricultural program in the High School.

**APPR EXCESS
PROPERTY & SURPLUS-
CUMMINS DIESEL
GENERATOR**

12-23-G11

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby declares Cummins Diesel Generator Set, Model DFCE 60 Hz 400 Kw, 500 Kva standby, as excess property and surplus said generator.

**ACCEPT 1ST READING,
WAIVE 2ND READING &
ADOPT POLICY 6180-
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY**

12-23-G12 (AMENDED)

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the First Reading and waives the Second Reading of Policy 6180 – Equal Employment Opportunity, and adopts as presented.

**ACCEPT 1ST READING,
WAIVE 2ND READING &
ADOPT POLICY 7360-
TITLE IX STUDENT
SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

12-23-G13 (AMENDED)

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the First Reading and waives the Second Reading of Policy 7360 – Title IX Student Sexual Harassment, and adopts as presented.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

Personnel:

Motion by J. Phillips, and seconded by L. Jensen, for approval of resolutions 12-23-C1, 12-23-C2, 12-23-C3, 12-23-C4, 12-23-C5 and 12-23-C6

12-23-C1

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the retirement resignation of Sandra Gray, High School Social Studies Teacher, effective June 30, 2024.

**ACCEPT RETIREMENT
RESIGNATION-HS
SOCIAL STUDIES
TEACHER**

12-23-C2

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Sandra Gray, Substitute Teacher (certified), effective July 1, 2024.

**APPR APPT-SUB
TEACHER**

12-23-C3

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Ashley Stauder, Boys Basketball Scorekeeper, for the 2023-2024 school year pending funding and student participation.

**APPR APPT-2023-2024
SPORTING EVENT
PERSONNEL**

12-23-C4

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Cassidy Hoffmire, Substitute Teacher (uncertified), effective December 15, 2023.

**APPR APPT-SUB
TEACHER**

12-23-C5

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**

Stacy Hoyt STEAM Club Co-Advisor
Lindsay Rhinehart STEAM Club Co-Advisor

12-23-C6

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Andrew Haney, 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, for the 2023-2024 school year, pending funding and student participation.

**APPR APPT-8TH GRADE
GIRLS BASKETBALL
COACH**

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

Privilege of the Floor: None.

Board Matters:

- Senior Citizen Pancake Breakfast, Thursday, December 21, 2023, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Newark Valley Fire Station
- Board of Education Meeting, Monday, January 8, 2024, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School
- Board of Education Meeting, Monday, January 22, 2024, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School
- The Board inquired to the next steps for Board Docs. Superintendent Calice stated he will contact the necessary participants and schedule a Zoom session for an upcoming Board of Education meeting.

**SENIOR CITIZEN PAN-
CAKE BREAKFAST**

NEXT BOE MTG-1/8/24

BOE MTG

BOARD DOCS

Motion by A. Tavelli, and seconded by J. Phillips, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. for the purpose of discussing CSE recommendations and collective bargaining units.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

Motion by J. Phillips, seconded by S. Watson, for the Board to return to Regular Session at 6:38 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

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