

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

December 14, 2020

The Newark Valley Central School District Board of Education met in regular session at 5:32 p.m. 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, Todd Schaffer, Ji Katchuk, Jami Fabrizio and Tina Engelhard.

ATTENDANCE

Motion by S. Watson, and seconded by J. Phillips, for approval of the Regular Meeting of November 23, 2020 and the Executive Session of November 23, 2020.

MINUTES

Vote: 5 Yes      0 No      2 Absent      Motion carried.

**Superintendent's Report: COVID Update:** There are currently 19 staff and 70+ students who are under a mandated quarantine at the High School. Of the 19 staff members, 8 will be able to return on December 15, 2020. At this time, there are no substitutes available, which is not unique. December 21, 2020 is the tentative date in which the High School will return to the hybrid model. It is the District's commitment to have students in attendance every day. Superintendent Dougherty stated students, parents and teachers are doing a great job. Discussions followed (i.e., case numbers, contact tracing, etc.). **Second Semester Preparations:** Mr. Schaffer touched on second semester preparations. A survey, similar to the survey sent out before school started in September, will be rolled out on December 16, 2020. Transportation will be the hardest. There will be a significant amount of work to be done in January 2021. Five (5) different models are currently being reviewed. Discussions followed. **Five (5) Year Plan:** Superintendent Dougherty stated that discussions will start taking place in February with a series of meetings to be held. A draft plan will be provided to the Board for feedback. It is expected that the plan be completed and in place by 2025. Discussions followed. **Snapshots of Success:** Superintendent Dougherty thanked all staff for being so flexible and pulling in the same direction.

**Old Business**

Motion L. Jensen, and seconded by J. Phillips, for approval of resolutions 5-17-C5 and 9-19-C1

**5-17-C5 (Amended)**

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

APPR PROB APPT, SPEC  
ED TEACHER  
(AMENDED)

Name of Appointee: Kelly LaPorte  
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping  
Conditions – General Special Education  
Date of Commencement of  
Probationary Service: September 1, 2017  
Expiration date of the appointment: ~~June 30, 2021~~ **December 14, 2020**  
Certification status: Special Education; Permanent

**9-19-C1 (Amended)**

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

APPR PROB APPT, SPEC  
ED TEACHER  
(AMENDED)

Name of Appointee: Charles Craparo  
Tenure Area: Special Education  
Date of Commencement of  
probationary services: September 16, 2019  
Expiration date of the appointment: ~~September 15, 2023~~ **September 15, 2022**  
Certification Status: Special Education, Permanent; Effective  
09/01/2003; Speech, Permanent; Effective  
09/01/2003

Vote: 5 Yes      0 No      2 Absent      Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Motion S. Watson, and seconded by A. Tavelli, for approval of resolutions 12-20-G1, 12-20-G2, 12-20-G3, 12-20-G4 and 12-20-G5

**New Business**

**ACCEPT BID-PAPER PRODUCTS**

**12-20-G1**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the bid for Paper Products for January 1 through August 13, 2021 from Renzi and Hill & Markes.

**ACCEPT BID-MEAT AND CHEESE**

**12-20-G2**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the bid for Meat & Cheese for January 1 through February 28, 2021 from Renzi and Ginsberg.

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

**12-20-G3**

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 \$11.80 to \$12.50 in order to comply with the new state minimum wage law effective December 31, 2020.

**APPR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN-2019-2020 EXTERNAL AUDIT RPTS**

**12-20-G4**

On motion of S. Watson, seconded by A. Tavelli, the Board of Education hereby approves the Corrective Action Plan related to the Newark Valley Central School District Audited Financial Reports for the year ended June 30, 2020.

**APPR AMENDMENT-SIEBA LTD**

**12-20-G5**

Upon the motion of S. Watson, seconded by A. Tavelli, the Board of Education approves Amendment # 2 of Administrative Service Agreement with SIEBA, Ltd. For the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, as attached to and made part of these minutes, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign the Agreement.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

**Personnel:**

Motion by A. Tavelli, and seconded by J. Phillips, for approval of resolutions 12-20-C1, 12-20-C2, 12-20-C3, 12-20-C4, 12-20-C5 and 12-20-C6

**ACCEPT RETIREMENT RESIGN-GRADE 6 TEACHER**

**12-20-C1**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the retirement resignation of Julie Curkendall, Grade 6 Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.

**ACCEPT RETIREMENT RESIGN-ENGLISH TEACHER**

**12-20-C2**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the retirement resignation of Andrea Friend, English Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.

**ACCEPT RETIREMENT RESIGN-FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER**

**12-20-C3**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the retirement resignation of Debra Hospie-Seward, Foreign Language Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.

**APPR TENURE APPT-SPEC ED TEACHER**

**12-20-C4**

Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of A. Tavelli, seconded by J. Phillips, the following appointment of tenure is made:

Name of Appointee: Kelly LaPorte  
Tenure Area: Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions – General Special Education  
Date of Commencement of Service on Tenure: December 14, 2020  
Certification Status: Special Education; Permanent

**APPR APPT-2020-2021 COACHES**

**12-20-C5**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following Coaches for the 2020-2021 school year, pending funding and student participation:

Craig Hirko	Boys 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach	Tim Pisarczyk	Girls 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach
Tim Pisarczyk	Boys 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach	Charles Craparo	JV Boys Basketball Coach
Stratton	Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	Dennis Wright	Cheerleading Winter Asst. Coach
Kathryn Brindisi	Cheerleading Winter Head Coach	Craig Hirko	Girls 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach
Jason Monte	JV Girls Basketball Coach	Gregory Schweiger	Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
Edward Pratt	Bowling Coach	Kelsey O'Donnell	Volleyball 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coach
Brandilyn Duke	Volleyball 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coach	Joseph Lakin	Modified Wrestling Coach
Eric D'Arcy	JV Wrestling Coach	Bill Kitchin (0.5 FTE)	Varsity Wrestling Coach
Mike Daly (0.5 FTE)	Varsity Wrestling Coach		

**12-20-C6**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the 19 day unpaid leave of Adrienne Ceruti, Grade 1 Teacher, effective January 4, 2021 through January 29, 2021.

**APPR 19 DAY UNPD  
LEAVE-GRADE 1  
TEACHER**

Vote: 5 Yes            0 No            2 Absent            Motion carried.

Board Matters:

- Board of Education Meeting, Monday, January 11, 2021, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School
- Board of Education Meeting, Monday, January 25, 2021, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School
- There were discussions regarding the mental preparation for the upcoming Budget; continuation of State Aid payments, Transportation Aid and the reduction of teachers across New York State.

**NEXT BOE MTG-1/11/21**

**BOE MTG**


**DISCUSSIONS**

Motion by J. Phillips, seconded by S. Watson, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 5:59 p.m. for the purpose of discussing CSE recommendations.

Vote: 5 Yes            0 No            2 Absent            Motion carried.

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

December 14, 2020

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