

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEWARK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 12, 2024**

The Newark Valley Central School District Board of Education met in regular session at 5:32 p.m. Susan Watson led the Pledge of Allegiance. 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: Timothy Calice, Todd Schaffer, Greg Asfoury, Edward Mertson, Robert Rodgers, Stacy Hoyt, Lindsay Rhinehart, Lindsey Tomazin, Rene Mele and Tina Engelhard. There were 13 guests.

ATTENDANCE

Presentations: **STEAM Club** – Co-Advisors Stacy Hoyt and Lindsay Rhinehart stated the club is open to all 2nd and 3rd graders. The club meets after school for 10 weeks in the Fall and provides activities and experiments which enhances individual skills (i.e., engineering, art, etc.) and team building. Discussions followed. **Festival of Learning** – Co-Advisors Stacy Hoyt and Lindsay Rhinehart stated this program was created in 2012 and is open to students in Pre-K to 3rd grade. Students can choose their project area, make displays (model, demonstration or collection area) and are completed at home with parental support than returned to school. Guest interviewers come to school on the scheduled festival day and interview each of the children who have a project. Finnley Mele, Clara Tomazin and Landon Gregrow presented their projects to the Board. Discussions followed.

Privilege of the Floor: Jami Hoffmier, Newark Valley resident, spoke to the Board concerning misinformation between the District and her family members and policies and procedures regarding diversity and inclusion. Ms. Hoffmier asked how the District plans to manage it and move forward. The Board will look into the issues and respond back to Ms. Hoffmier.

Motion by S. Watson, and seconded by J. Phillips, for approval of the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2024.

MINUTES

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: District Updates: Superintendent Calice spoke of the \$4.1M Broome-Tioga BOCES grant that will be split between 10 school districts. This grant would increase the capacity to provide services for more students. Discussions followed regarding Foundation Aide, redesign and funding formulas and electric school busses. **Snapshots of Success:** Mr. Asfoury, Middle School Principal, spoke of the recent television news interview with Myah Whitney and Addison Neno who recently won the 2023 Congressional App Challenge. Additionally, Coins for Cooper raised approximately \$1800. Discussions followed on attendance and electives. Mr. Mertson, High School Principal spoke one the following: Cha Gardner recently broke the Girls' Varsity Basketball team school record for career points. The team will play in the IAC championship later this week. Sophomores Cadin Creeley and Titus Callahan will be at the New York State Championships for Wrestling later in the month. Cheerleading will be participating in the IAC Championships this evening in the High School Gym. The Varsity Bowling team recently participated in IAC Bowling Tournament. The girls team placed second and the boys team placed fourth. Individual honors went to Rachel Hartman, Alyss Brown, Abigail Dufresne and Brandon Eynon. The Scholarship Challenge Team (participants Justin Jacobson, Danny Pirger, Bryce Dunn and Fiona McMurray) recently won their first round and now advance to the upcoming finals. The Winter Art Show recently showcased the artistic talents of many of our students. Grade 8 students Haven Aylesworth, Leland Houston, Brenna McMurray, Chance Spoonhower, Elle Webb, Peyton Rhodes, Levi Clark and Eva Fielder were recently chosen from 2,000 entries for a national poetry contest. Their poems will be published in the 2024 edition of the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans. The Prism Concert took place on February 1st. It was well attended and amazing. Mr. Rodgers, Elementary School Principal, shared NTH collected over 500 pounds of food at the Sharing Parade.

Instruction: None.

New Business:

Motion by J. Phillips, and seconded by S. Watson, for approval of resolutions 2-24-G1, 2-24-G2, 2-24-G3, 2-24-G4 (replaced) and 2-24-G5

2-24-G1

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the bid for Meat & Cheese for March 1 through June 30, 2024 from Ginsberg, Renzi, and Lupo's.

**ACCEPT BID-MEAT &
CHEESE**

ACCEPT 1ST READING-
POLICY 4700 – WORK-
PLACE VIOLENCE
PREVENTION

2-24-G2

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the First Reading of Policy 4700 – Workplace Violence Prevention.

ACCEPT DONATION-
NTH ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL GARDEN

2-24-G3

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 generous donation of a garden at Nathan T. Hall Elementary School at the expense of Chance and Lauren Spoonhower.

REDISTRICKT TAX MAP
#77.00-2-31.20 KUTNEY
(REPLACED)

2-24-G4 (REPLACED)

~~BE IT RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Newark Valley Central School District, the Board of Education approves to discuss the request to redistrict Tax Map #77.00-2-31.20 Kutney.~~

REDISTRICKT TAX MAP
#77.00-2-31.20 KUTNEY

2-24-G4

On motion of S. Watson, and seconded by A. Tavelli, the Board of Education denies the request to redistrict Tax Map #77.00-2-31.20 Kutney.

Vote: 0 Yes
5 No: Randal Kerr, Susan Watson, James Phillips, Anthony Tavelli and Lisa Jensen
2 Absent: Sarah Hines and Stuart Wandell
Motion carried

APPR GRANT WRITING
SRVCS CONTRACT-
ROBERT J. MILLER &
ASSOC

2-24-G5

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the grant writing services contract with Robert J. Miller & Associates, Inc. as attached to and made part of these minutes, and authorizes the Board of Education President to sign the Agreement.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

Personnel:

Motion by L. Jensen, and seconded by J. Phillips, for approval of resolutions 2-24-C1, 2-24-C2, 2-24-C3 and 2-24-C4

APPR APPT-2023-2024
COACHES (SPRING)

2-24-C1

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:

Timothy Pisarczyk	Varsity Baseball Coach	Cody Cornell	Modified Baseball Coach
Valerie Fischer	Varsity Softball Coach	Sandra Beebe	JV Softball Coach
Ashley Stauder	Modified Softball Coach	Joseph Lakin	Varsity Boys Track Coach
Eric D'Arcy	Varsity Girls Track Coach	Katia D'Arcy	Asst. Track Coach
Tracy D'Arcy	Asst. Track Coach	Brandilyn Duke	Modified Track Coach
Dennis Wright	Golf Coach	Kathryn Brindisi	Tennis Coach

APPR APPT-SUB
TEACHERS

2-24-C2

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following Substitute Teachers, effective February 13, 2024:

Philip Koral (certified) Connor Spoonhower (uncertified)

APPR APPT-WORK-
PLACE VIOLENCE
PREVENTION OFFICER

2-24-C3

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Todd Schaffer, Workplace Violence Prevention Officer (no stipend), for the 2023-2024 school year.

APPR APPT-LTS SUB
TEACHER -
ELEMENTARY

2-24-C4

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Melissa Reynolds, Long-Term Substitute Teacher-Elementary, effective January 29, 2024 through June 30, 2024 (vice: A. Oliver resignation).

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

Personnel:

Motion by S. Watson, and seconded by A. Tavelli, for approval of resolutions 1-24-NC1, 1-24-NC2, 1-24-NC3 1-24-NC4 and 1-24-NC5

2-24-NC1

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the probationary appointment of Jessica Thompson, Teacher Aide (Cafeteria), effective February 13, 2024.

**APPR PROBATIONARY
APPT-TEACHER AIDE
(CAFETERIA)**

2-24-NC2

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Schools having reviewed the report of the School Physician regarding the Fitness of Edward Manuel, Jr. 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 Edward Manuel, Jr. to the Civil Service Classification, Non competitive – bus driver for a probationary term commencing February 13, 2024 and ending February 12, 2025. (Route Jumper) (vice: N. Ellis resignation)

**APPR PROBATIONARY
APPT-BUS DRIVER**

2-24-NC3

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Student #8536, Student Worker, effective February 13, 2024.

**APPR APPT-STUDENT
WORKER**

2-24-NC4

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Dawn Olson, School Nurse, effective February 23, 2024.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION-
SCHOOL NURSE**

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

Privilege of the Floor: None.

Board Matters:

- Review 2024-2025 Instructional Calendar (Draft)
- Broome-Tioga BOCES Notice of Public Meeting and Board of Trustee Nomination Information
- Legislative Breakfast, Friday, February 23, 2024, 7:45 a.m. at Broome-Tioga BOCES
- Board of Education Meeting, Monday, February 26, 2024, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School

NEXT BOE MTG-2/26/24

Motion by J. Phillips, and seconded by L. Jensen, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matter of specific personnel.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

Motion by J. Phillips, seconded by L. Jensen, for the Board to return to Regular Session at 7:21 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 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