

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NEWARK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
May 4, 2020

**THIS MEETING WAS HELD DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. BY AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR ON MARCH 13, 2020, A PORTION OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW WAS WAIVED. SPECIFICALLY:**

*“Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.”*

The Newark Valley Central School District Board of Education met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. in the District Office located within the High School. The general public was able to view said meeting via webcam. The following Board Members were in attendance: Randal Kerr, Susan Watson, James Phillips, Anthony 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 and Tina Engelhard.

**ATTENDANCE**

Presentation: None.

Motion by S. Watson, and seconded by J. Phillips, for approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of April 14, 2020.

**MINUTES**

Vote: 6 Yes            0 No            1 Absent            Motion carried.

Superintendent’s Report: Superintendent Dougherty shared information on the following: **Conference Call with Congressman Reed:** This recent conference call involved all superintendents. The primary discussion was the Phase IV Relief Packet for states and localities. June 1, 2020 was the predicted date but was recently pushed backed. Currently, there are no details but more information should be forthcoming in the coming weeks. Discussions followed. **Update on the Continuity of Learning Plan:** This plan was submitted this morning. The new adjusted grading scale for 4th Quarter was discussed. Mr. Schaffer, Middle School Principal, stated the plan is reasonable and rewards students who have been working hard – 60% not making attempts, 80% attempted to meet some standards and assignments, 100% met most standards and assignments. All teachers will provide two (2) official grades each week, one (1) could be participation. A letter outlining the specifics will be sent to parents/guardians on May 5, 2020. It was noted that grades K-5 are standards-based grading. Superintendent Dougherty stated the first 5-10 weeks of the 2020-2021 School Year will be designated for review, and all students will be prescreened. Discussions followed on BOCES online standards, remote learning, online summer school and PreK and K registration. **Graduation:** The District is waiting for guidance on graduation and discussions are currently underway on the possibilities (i.e., holding the ceremony outside, parent participation, providing a drive-thru system, etc.). Discussions followed. **Budget Vote:** Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order states that the Budget Vote will be by qualified voters’ absentee ballot only. The legal ad for the Notice of Budget Hearing and Vote is to be published on May 12, 2020. Superintendent Dougherty would like the Board to adopt the Budget and Budget Report Card on May 12 or May 21, 2020. Discussions followed on offering/

not offering classes from the onset, cut list for 2%, committing some Reserves, impact of staff reduction and the levy limit. Mr. Dougherty and Mrs. Katchuk will provide the Board with the cut list.

J. Phillips departed meeting at 1:43 p.m.

New Business:

Motion by A. Tavelli, seconded by L. Jensen, for approval of resolution 5-20-G1

**5-20-G1**

On motion of A. Tavelli, and seconded by L. Jensen, it is RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby nominates Sandra H. Ruffo for the Area 4 Director position.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

Personnel:

Motion by S. Watson, seconded by A. Tavelli, for approval of resolution 5-20-C1

**5-20-C1**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Karli Myers, High School English Teacher, effective September 1, 2020.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

Personnel:

Motion by S. Watson, seconded by J. Phillips, for approval of resolution 5-20-NC1

**5-20-NC1**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Susan Stauder, Office Specialist I, effective August 29, 2020.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

Board Matters:

- Next Board of Education Meeting is to be determined.

Motion by A. Tavelli, seconded by L. Jensen, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 1:51 p.m. for the purpose of discussing CSE recommendations.

On motion of L. Jensen, seconded by S. Watson, for the Board to return to Regular Session at 2:05 p.m. to discuss time of Board of Education Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

May 4, 2020

  
Tina A. Engelhard, District Clerk

**NOMINATE AREA 4  
DIRECTOR**

**ACCEPT RESIGN-HS  
ENGLISH TEACHER**

**ACCEPT RESIGN-  
OFFICE SPECIALIST I**

**NEXT BOE MTG-TBD**