

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NEWARK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
November 13, 2023**

The Newark Valley Central School District Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 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, Ji Katchuk, Todd Schaffer, Gregory Asfoury, Edward Mertson, Robert Rodgers, Valerie Murtha, Michael Nave and Tina Engelhard. There were five (5) guests.

**ATTENDANCE**

Presentation: None.

Privilege of the Floor: None.

Moved by S. Watson, and seconded by J. Phillips, for approval of the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of October 23, 2023.

**MINUTES**

Vote: 5 Yes            0 No            2 Absent            Motion carried.

**Superintendent's Report: District Updates:** Superintendent Calice spoke on the New York State Blue Ribbon Commission graduation requirements and the top 5 of 12 recommendations: 1) one diploma; 2) ensure access to career and technical education (CTE), including internships and work-based learning opportunities; 3) reduce and/or modify diploma assessment requirements to allow more assessment options; 4) create more specific, tailored graduation requirements to address the unique circumstances of certain groups of students (i.e., non-compulsory age students, newcomer students, refugee students), 5) provide exemptions from diploma assessment requirements for students with significant cognitive disabilities and major life events and extenuating circumstances (i.e., medical conditions, death of a family member, trauma prior to sitting for a required exam). **Snapshots of Success:** Superintendent Calice congratulated the National Honor Society-23 students with 4 new inductees. Mr. Mertson stated: Cha Gardner has signed to play basketball at Stephen F. Austin University; Harley Switzer recently competed at NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championships placing 26<sup>th</sup> out of 111 student athletes; and winter sports started today. Mr. Asfoury stated the Engineering Program has 15 students from Grades 6 and 7 participating. Mr. Rodgers stated there will be parent-teacher conferences this week and are shooting for 100% participation.

**Instruction:** Valerie Murtha, Director of Data and Instructional Progress presented the 2022-2023 State Assessment Data regarding Grades 3-8 ELA scores, Grades 3-8 Math scores, trend reports, gap analysis, current data work and next steps, Regents results, comparisons to Broome-Tioga BOCES and SCRIC, adjustments and finances. Discussions followed.

**New Business:**

Motion by J. Phillips, and seconded by L. Jensen, for approval of resolutions 11-23-G1, 11-23-G2, 11-23-G3, 11-23-G4, 11-23-G5, 11-23-G6 and 11-23-G7

**11-23-G1**

On motion of J. Phillips, and seconded by L. Jensen, it is RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby nominates Peter Nowacki for the Area 4 Director position.

**NOMINATE AREA 4  
DIRECTOR**

**11-23-G2**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the High School Art Club Field Trip to New York City, NY, on May 23, 2024 through May 24, 2024.

**APPR HS ART CLUB  
FIELD TRIP-NYC, NY**

**11-23-G3**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion of J. Phillips, seconded by L. Jensen, the Board of Education hereby accepts the generous donation from Visions Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$499.14 to be used by the Middle School toward purchasing of Esports supplies.

**ACCEPT DONATION-  
VISIONS FCU**

**11-23-G4**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion of J. Phillips, seconded by L. Jensen, the Board of Education hereby accepts the generous donation from Visions Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$449.00 to be used by the High School toward purchasing of iPad for Smartboard.

**ACCEPT DONATION-  
VISIONS FCU**

**APPR CONTRACT-  
CARDINAL LANES**

**11-23-G5**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion of J. Phillips, seconded by L. Jensen, the Board approves the contract with Cardinal Lanes, as attached to and made part of these minutes, and authorizes the Board of Education President to sign the Agreement.

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

**11-23-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.

Alternatives Federal Credit Union (for AnaSapore Realty LLC)  
Newark Valley 64.11-1-2.11 \$1,852.79

Corelogic Centralized Refunds (for Robert & Jean Miller)  
Newark Valley 66.00-1-18 \$ 6.46

The First National Bank of Groton (for Angela Gallgher)  
Newark Valley 75.18-1-28 \$2,108.35

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

**11-23-G7**

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.

Michael or Karma Glos	Richford	10.00-1-14	\$ 3.00
John Rowley	Richford	15.00-2-2.10	\$27.00
Catherine Romano	Berkshire	22.00-2-6.111	\$ 3.28
Michael or Deborah Wales	Newark Valley	64.11-1-17	\$22.43
Paul Blazey	Newark Valley	77.00-1-2.40	\$46.71
Slava Panasuk	Newark Valley	85.00-3-24	\$ 6.25
Jeffrey or Theresa Ayres	Newark Valley	86.00-1-25.12	\$42.17

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

**Personnel:**

Motion by S. Watson, and seconded by J. Phillips, for approval of resolutions 11-23-C1, 11-23-C2, 11-23-C3, 11-23-C4, 11-23-C5, 11-23-C6, 11-23-C7, 11-23-C8, 11-23-C9, 11-23-C10, 11-23-C11 and 11-23-C12

**APPR TENURE APPT-  
MUSIC TEACHER**

**11-23-C1**

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

Name of Appointee:	Graham Terry
Tenure Area:	Music
Date of Commencement of Service on Tenure:	November 11, 2023
Certification Status:	Music, Initial; Effective 6/5/2014

**APPR APPT-SUB  
TEACHING ASSISTANT**

**11-23-C2**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Alana McMurray, Substitute Teaching Assistant, effective November 14, 2023.

**APPR APPT-  
VOLUNTEER COACHES  
(UNPAID)**

**11-23-C3**

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

Trevor Hoffmier Derek Holcomb

**APPR APPT-DRIVERS  
ED INSTRUCTOR**

**11-23-C4**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Matthew Cicchetti, Drivers Education Instructor, at a rate of \$58.00/hour for the 2023-2024 school year.

**APPR APPT-DRIVERS  
ED INSTRUCTOR**

**11-23-C5**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Thomas Fabrizio, Drivers Education Instructor, at a rate of \$63.00/hour for the 2023-2024 school year.

**11-23-C6**

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

APPR APPT-AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Christina Barnes	Amanda Blake	Brittany Bush	Andrea Churchman
Joseph Frieser	Shelby Hager	Kelly Johnson	Marrisa Potter
Michelle Rubitski	Ashley Sage	Jessica Schappert	Lindsey Singer
Richard Swartz	Jill VanDeMark	Karen Umiker	

**11-23-C7**

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

APPR APPT-2023-2024 SPORTING EVENT PERSONNEL

Kelsey O'Donnell	Event Manager
Timothy Wojtysiak	Boys Basketball Scorekeeper

**11-23-C8**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Cody Cornell, Head Bowling Coach, for the 2023-2024 school year, pending funding and student participation.

APPR APPT-2023-2024 HEAD BOWLING COACH

**11-23-C9**

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

Andrew Roberts	Nor-Ti Yorkers Club Advisor
William Knight	Ski Club Advisor

**11-23-C10**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the extension of 38 Unpaid Leave Days in addition to the 12-week FMLA leave for Kelsey Darpino, Grade 2 Teacher, effective September 5, 2023 through January 29, 2024.

APPR EXTENSION OF 38 UNPD LV DAYS IN ADDITION TO 12 WEEK FMLA LEAVE

**11-23-C11**

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-Grade 2, effective September 5, 2023 through January 29, 2024 (vice: K. Darpino leave).

APPR APPT-LTS TEACHER-GRADE 2

**11-23-C12**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following Substitute Teachers (uncertified), effective November 14, 2023:

APPR APPT-SUB TEACHERS

Leah Fish	Toni Hoskins
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Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.

**Personnel:**

Motion by A. Tavelli, and seconded by S. Watson, for approval of resolutions 11-23-NC1, 11-23-NC2 and 11-23-NC3

**11-23-NC1**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the probationary appointment of Deborah Ballard, Food Service Worker/Helper, effective November 14, 2023 through November 13, 2024.

APPR PROB APPT-FOOD SRVC WRKR/HELPER

**11-23-NC2**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of DeAnna Relyea, Substitute Custodial Worker, effective October 24, 2023.

APPR APPT-SUB CUSTODIAL WORKER

**11-23-NC3**

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following Substitute

APPR APPT-SUB TEACHER AIDES (CLASSROOM, SPEC ED, CAFÉ, COMPUTER LAB)

**APPR APPT-SUB  
TEACHER AIDES  
(CLASSROOM, SPEC ED,  
CAFÉ, COMPUTER LAB)  
(CONTINUED)**

Teacher Aides (Classroom, Special Education, Cafeteria, Computer Lab), effective  
November 14, 2023:

Toni Hoskins                      Sarah Raymond                      Nikkota Spoonhower

Vote:    5 Yes                      0 No                      2 Absent                      Motion carried.

Privilege of the Floor: None.

**Board Matters:**


- Board of Education Meeting, Monday, November 27, 2023, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School
- Board of Education Meeting, Monday, December 11, 2023, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

**NEXT BOE MTG-11/27/23**

**BOE MTG**

November 13, 2023

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