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

October 12, 2021

The Newark Valley Central School District Board of Education met in regular session at 5:31 p.m. James Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board Members were in attendance: Randal Kerr, James Phillips, Anthony Tavelli, Sarah Hines, Lisa Jensen and Stuart Wandell. Board Member Susan Watson was absent. The following school personnel were in attendance Ryan Dougherty, Ji Katchuk, Todd Schaffer, Greg Asfoury, Robert Rodgers, Jami Fabrizio, Scott Wandell and Tina Engelhard. There were six (6) guests.

ATTENDANCE

Presentation: External Audit Report - Leslie Spurgen, Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP provided an overview of the External Audit Report. Discussions followed.

Privilege of the Floor: Kim Kelly, Newark Valley resident, spoke to the Board regarding mask mandate concerns. Bruce Pirger, Berkshire resident, spoke in general terms to the Board regarding a current student.

Motion by J. Phillips, and seconded by L. Jensen, for approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2021 and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2021.

MINUTES

Vote: 6 Yes

0 No

1 Absent

Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Employee Testing: Superintendent Dougherty stated this mandate has been a challenge. However, the District has a good internal system in place. Unvaccinated staff are tested once a week. Superintendent Dougherty commended Jenn Hoover, COVID Coordinator, on an outstanding job. Discussions followed. Hiring Challenges: Superintendent Dougherty discussed the current challenges and possible impacts, especially in hiring for Buildings & Grounds (i.e., competing with the private sector, etc.). Discussions followed. SRO Discussion: Superintendent Dougherty and staff recently met with KST Security and would like the Board to consider a short term contract. Discussions followed (i.e., resources, educational value, etc.). Elementary Principal Report: Mr. Robert Rodgers, Elementary School Principal, reported on the first five (5) weeks of school: performed reviews from last year, building community, pre-assessments, Parent Information Night (60% attendance), three (3) full-day Pre-K rooms, summer learning activities, second computer room and STEAM lab. Discussions followed. Snapshots of Success: Superintendent Dougherty stated Eric D'Arcy was recently nominated and inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Mr. Scott Wandell, Athletic Director, reported Johnny Sherwood and Taylor Benjamin are ESPN's Athletes of the Week. Mr. Schaffer spoke of the Middle School students "getting back into the swing of things." Mr. Asfoury stated the High School Open House/Pasta Dinner was a success with approximately 225 people in attendance. Discussions followed.

Financial Reports:

Motion by J. Phillips, and seconded by A. Tavelli, for approval of resolutions 10-21-G1, 10-21-G2 and 10-21-G3

10-21-G1

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the Treasurer's Report for August 2021 with balances as follows:

ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORTS-AUGUST 2021

 General Fund
 \$ 826,559.06

 Special Reserves
 \$6,225,686.41

 Special Reserve CD
 \$ 8,967.61

 School Lunch Fund
 \$ 8,967.61

 Special Aid Fund
 \$ 23,361.23

 Capital Fund
 \$ 90,009.88

 Debt Service Fund
 \$ 466,590.85

10-21-G2

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the Comprehensive Budget Status Reports for: General Fund, Repair Reserve Fund, Unemployment Reserve Fund, Property Loss Reserve Fund, Retirement Reserve Fund, Employee Benefit Reserve Fund, Vehicle Reserve Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, School Lunch Fund, Special Aid Fund, Capital Fund and Debt Service Fund dated August 2021.

APPR BUDGET STATUS REPORTS-AUGUST 2021 APPR EXTRA CLASS-ROOM ACTIVITY REPORTS-AUGUST 2021 10-21-G3

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports for the month of August 2021.

Vote: 6 Yes

0 No

1 Absent

Motion carried.

Board of Education Member, Lisa Jensen, left meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Old Business:

Motion by J. Phillips, and seconded by S. Wandell, for approval of resolution 9-21-CNC7 (Corrected)

9-21-NC7 (CORRECTED)

APPR APPT-SUB BUS MONITOR (CORRECTED) RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the *probationary* appointment of Jolynn Dunnett, *Substitute* Bus Monitor, effective September 8, 2021.

Vote: 5 Yes

0 No

2 Absent

Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by J. Phillips, and seconded by S. Hines, for approval of resolutions 10-21-G4, 10-21-G5, 10-21-G6, 10-21-G7, 10-21-G8, 10-21-G9, 10-21-G10 and 10-21-G11

10-21-G4

ACCEPT BID AWARD-MEAT & CHEESE RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the bid for Meat and Cheese for November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 from Renzi, Ginsberg, Slate Foods, Cascun Farms, Lupo's, Brookwood Farms.

10-21-G5

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT, 2020-2021 EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby acknowledges the receipt of the 2020-2021 Financial Audit Report as prepared by the independent auditors, Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP.

10-21-G6

AUTH AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN GRANT FUNDING CAPITAL PROJECT-HS Resolved, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion of J. Phillips, seconded by S. Hines, that the Board does and hereby authorizes the High School Entrance Renovation project (60-04-02-04-0-007-021) with an estimated cost of \$100,000 funded by American Recovery Plan (ARP) in the amount of \$100,000.

10-21-G7

AUTH AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN GRANT FUNDING CAPITAL PROJECT-NTH Resolved, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion of J. Phillips, seconded by S. Hines, that the Board does and hereby authorizes the NTH Elementary School Entrance Renovation project with an estimated cost of \$100,000 funded by American Recovery Plan (ARP) in the amount of \$100,000.

10-21-G8

APPR ARCHITECT & ENGRG SRVCS AGREEMENT & AUTH BOE TO SIGN

RESOLVED, on motion of J. Phillips, seconded by S. Hines, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Architect and Engineering Services Agreement between Keystone Associates Architects, Engineers & Surveyors, LLC and Newark Valley Central School District and authorizes the Board of Education President to sign.

10-21-G9

SEQR RESO #1-DECLARE LEAD AGENCY RESOLVED, that the Newark Valley Central School District Board of Education, hereby declares the Newark Valley Central School District Board of Education as the lead agency for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and Regulations (SEQRA), associated with the Newark Valley Central School District High School Entrance Renovation Project (60-04-02-04-0-007-021).

<u> 10-21-G10</u>

SEQR RESO #2-DETERMINE 2012 CAPITAL RESERVE PROJECT On motion of J. Phillips, seconded by S. Hines, it is

RESOLVED, that Keystone Associates Architects, Engineers and Surveyors, LLC, selected by the Newark Valley Central School District, has recommended to the Board of Education that the Board determine that the Newark Valley Central School District High School Entrance Renovation Project (60-04-02-04-0-007-021) is a Type II action as that term is defined in the State Environ-

mental Quality Review Act, specifically that it is replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes under 617.5 of SEQRA regulations, and will not have a significant impact on the environment. The Board accepts the recommendation and declares the proposed project TYPE II The project is therefore not subject to further review under SEQRA.

SEQR RESO #2-DETERMINE 2012 CAPITAL RESERVE PROJECT (CONTINUED)

10-21-G11

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the High School Band and Chorus Field Trip to Boston, MA on April 29, 2022 through May 1, 2022.

APPR HS BAND & CHORUS FIELD TRIP-BOSTON, MA

Vote: 5 Yes

0 No

2 Absent

Motion carried.

Personnel:

Motion by A. Tavelli, and seconded by J. Phillips, for approval of resolutions 10-21-C1, 10-21-C2, 10-21-C3, 10-21-C4, 10-21-C5 and 10-21-C6

10-21-C1 (AMENDED)

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the 36 37 day paid leave and up to 45 day unpaid leave of Sarah Cianciosi, Special Education Teacher, effective November 22, 2021 October 12, 2021 through February 21, 2022.

APPR 37 DAY PD LV & 45 DAY UNPD LV-SPEC ED TEACHER (AMENDED)

10-21-C2

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Lindsay Haskell, Substitute Teacher (certified), effective October 13, 2021.

APPR APPT-SUB TEACHER (CERTIFIED)

10-21-C3

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Jeffrey Bohner, Substitute Teacher (certified), effective October 13, 2021.

APPR APPT-SUB TEACHER (CERTIFIED)

10-21-C4

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following Mentors for the 2021-2022 school year:

APPR APPT-2021-2022 MENTORS

Natalia Conaty

Erica D'Alessandro

Jennifer Hoover

Michael Nave

Amanda Stanko

Kelsey O'Donnell Scott Stratton Marissa Potter (0.5 FTE) Lindsay Tomazin

Brian Sherwood Riann Warren

10-21-C5

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 Homework Recovery for the 2021-2022 school year, pending funding and student participation:

APPR APPT-2021-2022 AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK RECOVERY

Cody Cornell Joseph Lakin Katia D'Arcy

Valerie Fischer Timothy Pisarczyk

Joseph Frieser Andrew Rice

Kathy Thomas

Miranda Palmer Riann Warren

A. Taylor Witman

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RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Dennis Wright, Event Manager for the 2021-2022 school year, pending funding and student participation.

APPR APPT-2021-2022 SPORTING EVENT PERSON

Vote: 5 Yes

0 No

2 Absent

Motion carried.

Personnel:

Motion by J. Phillips, and seconded by S. Wandell, for approval of resolutions 10-21-NC1, 10-21-NC2, 10-21-NC3, 10-21-NC4, 10-21-NC5, 10-21-NC6, 10-21-NC7, 10-21-NC8, 10-21-NC9 and 10-21-NC10

10-21-NC1

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Jessica Wheeland, Substitute Custodial Worker, effective September 21, 2021.

APPR APPT-SUB CUST WRKR 10-21-NC

ACCEPT RESIGNATION-SCHOOL CHAUFFER RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Sullivan Harris, School Chauffeur, effective September 27, 2021.

10-21-NC3

APPR PROB APPT-SCHOOL CHAUFFEUR RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the probationary appointment of Kelley Lane, School Chauffeur, effective October 4, 2021 to October 3, 2022.

10-21-NC4

APPR APPT-SUB FSW/HELPER RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Eileen Morock, Substitute Food Service Worker/Helper, effective October 13, 2021.

10-21-NC5

APPR APPT-SUB FSW/ HELPER RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Gina Thomas, Substitute Food Service Worker/Helper, effective October 13, 2021.

10-21-NC6

APPR APPT-SUB TEACHER AIDE (CLASS, SPEC ED, CAFÉ)

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Rebecca Khuns, Substitute Teacher Aide (Classroom, Special Education, Cafeteria), effective October 13, 2021.

10-21-NC7

ACCEPT RESIGNATION-CUSTODIAL WRKR RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Misty Wheeland, Custodial Worker, effective September 17, 2021.

10-21-NC8

APPR PROB APPT-BUS DRIVER

RESOLVED, The Superintendent having reviewed the report of the School Physician regarding the Fitness of Jeffrey Gregrow 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 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 approves the appointment of Jeffrey Gregrow to the Civil Service Classification, Non competitive – bus driver for a probationary term commencing October 13, 2021 and ending October 12, 2022. (Regular Bus Driver) (Vice: K. Kephart transfer)

10-21-NC9 (REMOVE)

APPR PROB APPT-CUSTODIAL WRKR (REMOVE)

RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the probationary appointment of Destiny Scymanski, Custodial Worker, effective October 13, 2021 through October 14, 2022.

10-21-NC10 (AMENDED)

APPR PROB APPT-TEACHER AIDE (BUILDING) (AMENDED) RESOLVED, Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education hereby approves the probationary appointment of Cassandra Kaczmarek, Teacher Aide (Building), effective November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022, pending acceptable fingerprinting.

Vote: 5 Yes

0 No

2 Absent

Motion carried.

Privilege of the Floor: None

Board Matters:

NEXT BOE MTG-10/25/21

BOE MTG

 Board of Education Meeting, Monday, October 25, 2021, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School

 Board of Education Meeting, Monday, November 8, 2021, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School

 Board of Education Meeting, Monday, November 22, 2021, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School Motion by S. Wandell, seconded by S. Hines, for the Board to go into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing CSE recommendations and particular personnel.

Vote: 5 Yes

0 No

2 Absent

Motion carried.

Motion by J. Phillips, seconded by S. Hines, for the Board to return to Regular Session at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Vote: 5 Yes

0 No

2 Absent

Motion carried.

October 12, 2021

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