

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

October 28, 2022

The Newark Valley Central School District Board of Education met in regular session at 3:30 p.m. 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 Todd Schaffer and Tina Engelhard.

ATTENDANCE

New Business:

Motion by J. Phillips, and seconded by S. Watson, for approval of resolution 10-22-G10

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WHEREAS, the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices has increased dramatically among high school and middle school students in recent years, leading to significant risks of addiction, potentially life threatening respiratory ailments, and other health consequences; and

**APPR PARTICIPATION-
JUUL LABS, INC.
LAWSUIT**

WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vapid devices by students has caused the Newark Valley Central School District (the "School District") to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases; and

WHEREAS, the School District's Board of Education (the "Board") has been invited to join a nation-wide lawsuit by school districts against Juul Labs, Inc. the largest seller of e-cigarettes in the United States and other parties responsible for the production, marketing, sale and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to join this lawsuit to discourage the proliferation of e-cigarettes, end the marketing of e-cigarettes to children, and seek compensation for harm caused to the District due to e-cigarette use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby resolves:

1. To appoint the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC and approve the agreement to provide legal services in connection with pursuing claims for damages against Juul Labs, Inc. and others consistent with the recitals above;
2. To authorize the Interim Superintendent to take all steps necessary for the District to become an active co-plaintiff to pending litigation filed on behalf of school districts Nationwide by the Frantz Law Group against Juul Labs, Inc. and others.

Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Absent Motion carried.

Board Matters:


- Board of Education Special Business Meeting, Monday, November 14, 2022, 4:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School
- Board of Education Meeting, Monday, November 14, 2022, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School
- **PUBLIC HEARING** followed by Board of Education Meeting, Monday, November 28, 2022, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School
- Board of Education Meeting, Monday, December 12, 2022, 5:30 p.m. in the Richard H. Kerr Board Room, High School

**BOE SPECIAL BUSINESS
MTG-11/14/22
NEXT BOE MTG-11/14/22**

**PUBLIC HEARING &
BOE MTG-11/28/22**

Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

October 28, 2022


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