

## 2018 -2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### 5:30 pm - Reorganization Meeting (Thursday, July 5, 2018)

#### **Members present**

Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

#### **Meeting called to order at 4:16 PM**

##### 1. Reorganization Agenda - Call To Order

Information: 1.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.02 Prayer

Information: 1.03 Roll Call All Board Members were present with the exception of Arthur Jocoy; Earl Bass arrived at the conclusion of voting at 5:55 p.m.

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Information: 1.04 Agenda (List of Items and Bundle of Resolutions)

##### 2. Administration of Oath to Elected Board Members

Information, Discussion: 2.01 Oath of Office (Re-Elected or Newly Elected Board Member and Superintendent)

Mr. Paretto and Mr. Barstys took their oath of office as re-elected members of the Board of Education.

Information, Discussion: 2.02 Nomination(s)/Appointment of Temporary Chairman

Mr. Vilardo opened the floor for the nomination of a Temporary Chairperson. Mr. Massaro was nominated and elected unanimously to serve as Temporary Chairperson on the motion of Mr. Paretto, seconded by Mr. Barstys.

Mr. Massaro assumed the position as Temporary Chairman.

##### 3. Election of Officers

Action: 3.01 President of the Board

Temporary Chairman, Mr. Massaro, asked for nominations for Board President. Mr. Restaino was nominated by Mr. Vilardo. There were no further nominations.

Mr. Vilardo moved that nominations be closed and that Robert Restaino be elected as Board President for the 2018/2019 School Year, seconded by Bishop Dobbs.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 3.02 Vice President of the Board

Mr. Restaino asked if there were any nominations for Vice President of the Board. Mr. Cancemi was nominated by Mr. Petrozzi. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Petrozzi moved that nominations be closed and that Vincent Cancemi be elected as Board Vice President for the 2018/2019 School Year, seconded by Mr. Barstys; motion carried unanimously by those present.

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Information: 3.03 Administration of Oath to Elected Officers

Oath of Office was administered to elected officers Robert Restaino and Vincent Cancemi by District Clerk Ruthel Dumas.

#### 4. Appointments

Action: 4.01 Internal Claims Auditor

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Appointment of Internal Claims Auditor

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.02 Unemployment Insurance Consultant

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Third Party Administrator for the District's Unemployment Insurance Program

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.03 Employees Having Access to Records of Handicapped Children

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Appointment of Employees Having Access to Records of Handicapped Children

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.04 Public Records Access Officer

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Public Records Access Officer

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.05 Records Management Officer

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Appointment of Records Management Officer

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.06 District Clerk

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Appointment of District Clerk

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.07 District Treasurer

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Appointment of School District Treasurer

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.08 Tax Collector

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Appointment of Tax Collector

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.09 Medicaid Compliance Officer

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Medicaid Compliance Officer/Medicaid Compliance Policy

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

## 5. Designations

### Action: 5.01 Official Bank Depositories

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Appointment of Official Bank Depositories

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

### Action: 5.02 Transfer Agent for Debt Services

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Appointment of Transfer Agent for Debt Service

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

### Action: 5.03 Municipal Bond Consultant

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Appointment of Municipal Bond Consultant

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

### Action: 5.04 Bonding Attorneys

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution; Appointment of Bonding Attorneys

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

### Action: 5.05 Official Newspaper

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Appointment of Official Newspaper

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 5.06 Regular Monthly Meetings

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Regular Monthly Meetings

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 5.07 Board Representative - Selection of Impartial Hearing Officers

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Board Representative – Selection of Impartial Hearing Officers

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

## 6. Authorizations

Action: 6.01 Purchasing Agent

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Appointment of Purchasing Agent

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.02 Certification of Payrolls

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Certification of Payrolls

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

## 7. Purchasing Procedure Policy

Action: 7.01 Policy

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Purchasing Policy and Procedures 2010-5410 for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

## 8. Adjournment

Action: 8.01 Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Adjourned.

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

## 6:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting (Thursday, July 5, 2018)

### **Members present**

Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

### **Meeting called to order at 6:19 PM**

#### 1. Agenda Review Session

Information: 1.01 ARS Topics - None

Information: 1.02 Agenda - Regular Board Meeting (List of Agenda Items)

#### 2. Call to Order

Information: 2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 2.03 Roll Call

#### 3. Letters and Communications

Information: 3.01 Oral Communications - Public Comment

Information: 3.02 Written Communications

#### 4. Recommended Actions - Routine Items

Action: 4.01 Minutes - None

Action: 4.02 Budget Transfer #12

Approval of Budget Transfer #12

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action, Information: 4.03 Bid #6: See New Business, Item #6.64

Action, Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.04 Treasurer's Report - None

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.05 Budget Status Report - None

Action: 4.06 Personnel Report - Certificated

Mr. Barstys inquired about an item on page 2 of 21 as to the assurance that the employee will move into district within 6 months. Ms. Massaro indicated that they have followed procedure and will follow up with the matter. Mr. Barstys abstained from voting on Item XI on the report.

Approval of Personnel Report for Certificated Staff, Items I through XII and Addendum #1

Mr. Barstys abstained from voting on Item XI on the report.

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.07 Personnel Report - Classified

Mr. Vilardo inquired about appointments listed on page 3 of 7. He asked if their appointments were temporary for the month. Ms. Massaro indicated that these are temporary appointments and will need to be re-approved later on after probationary period is over in order to become permanent.

Approval of the Personnel Report for Classified Staff, Items I through IX

Mr. Paretto abstained from voting on item #4 on page 4 of 7

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.08 Committee on Special Education Report

Approval of Committee on Special Education Report

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.09 Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

Approval of Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action, Information, Discussion, Receive and File: 4.10 Short-Term Contract(s)

Short-Term Contracts

1. Competitive Edge – Summer Sports Camp Athletic Training, July 9 – August 10, 2018
2. Niagara Sports Tournaments – Summer Sports Camp, Hyde Park Ice Pavilion, July 9 – August 10, 2018
3. Bowl O'Drome (Frank Patti), Summer Sports Camp – Bowling Alley, July 9 – August 10, 2018

4. Explore & More Children's Museum – Seminar – Summer STEM Camp, August 16, 2018
5. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing – Mathematics Admin. PD, August 14, 2018
6. PLC Associates, Inc., Administrative PD, August 7 and 23, 2018

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

#### 5. Unfinished Business

Information: 5.01 None

#### 6. New Business

Action: 6.01 Approval of Members of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls Audit Committee for Period July 6, 2018 Through June 30, 2019

Mr. Laurie expressed a great deal of thanks for those who serve as members of the Audit Committee, both community members and school district members. He mentioned that there are two empty spots on the Committee this year. Mr. Restaino encouraged anyone who may want to serve on the Committee to please let Mr. Laurie know.

Approval of Members of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls Audit Committee for Period July 6, 2018 Through June 30, 2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.02 Approval of School Lunch Budget for School Year 2018-2019

Approval of School Lunch Budget for School Year 2018-2019

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.03 Approval of Calendar of Board Activities for the Preparation of the General Fund Budget—2019/2020

Approval of Calendar of Board Activities for the Preparation of the General Fund Budget—2019/2020

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.04 Approval of Resolution to Confirm Tax Rolls, Authorize Tax Levy, and Issuance of Tax Warrant—2018/2019



Approval of Resolution to Confirm Tax Rolls, Authorize Tax Levy, and Issuance of Tax Warrant—  
2018/2019

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi,  
Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.05 Approval of Fee Schedule for the Community Use of School Facilities – 2018-2019

Mr. Laurrie informed the Board that this year, the NYS budget will be passed before the District budget approval. Mr. Laurrie expressed thanks to Ms. Tedesco in the Business Office on making sure fees associated with the use of school facilities are billed accordingly.

Approval of Fee Schedule for the Community Use of School Facilities – 2018-2019

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi,  
Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.06 Approval of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls Medicaid Compliance Program Including Approval of the Appointment of Medicaid Compliance Officer, Medicaid Code of Ethics Policy and Policy of Non-Intimidation and Non-Retaliation for Good Faith Participation in Medicaid Compliance Program

Approval of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls Medicaid Compliance Program Including Approval of the Appointment of Medicaid Compliance Officer, Medicaid Code of Ethics Policy and Policy of Non-Intimidation and Non-Retaliation for Good Faith Participation in Medicaid Compliance Program

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi,  
Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.07 Approval of List of Impartial Hearing Officers for Students With Disabilities for the 2018/2019 School Year

Approval of List of Impartial Hearing Officers for Students With Disabilities for the 2018/2019 School Year

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi,  
Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.08 Approval of Surrogate Parent(s) for Disabled Children for 2018/2019 School Year

Approval of Surrogate Parent(s) for Disabled Children for 2018/2019 School Year

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.09 Approval of Appointments to the Committee on Preschool Special Education for 2018/2019 School Year

Approval of Appointments to the Committee on Preschool Special Education for 2018/2019 School Year

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.10 Approval of Appointments to the Committee on Special Education for 2018-2019 School Year  
Approval of Appointments to the Committee on Special Education for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.11 Approval of Appointment of the Dignity Act Coordinator(s) in Accordance of Article 2 of New York State Education Law, the Dignity for All Students Act and Pursuant to New York State Education Law Sections 10 – 18

Mr. Laurrie indicated that each Principal is ultimately responsible for upholding the Dignity for All Students Act. Each principal appoints someone in the building as a liaison. Ms. Massaro oversees all schools to make sure the law is being adhered to.

Approval of Appointment of the Dignity Act Coordinator(s) in Accordance of Article 2 of New York State Education Law, the Dignity for All Students Act and Pursuant to New York State Education Law Sections 10 – 18

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.12 Approval of Renewal of Retainer Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Angelo Massaro DBA Hovey & Massaro as School District Attorney 2018-2019

Mr. Laurrie took a moment to recognize how very fortunate the NFCSD is to have both Mr. Massaro and Mr. Rosetti as attorneys. Mr. Laurrie is in constant contact with both attorneys and couldn't run the District without their assistance and advice. Mr. Laurrie feels they are the best attorneys anyone could ask for and that they always do what is right for the District and its students.

Approval of Renewal of Retainer Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Angelo Massaro DBA Hovey & Massaro as School District Attorney 2018-2019

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.13 Approval of Renewal of Retainer Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and James C. Roscetti of Roscetti & Decastro, PC as Deputy School District Attorney 2018-2019

Approval of Renewal of Retainer Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and James C. Roscetti of Roscetti & Decastro, PC as Deputy School District Attorney 2018-2019

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.14 Approval of Renewal of Agreement With Dr. Michael Beecher for Director of School Health Services-07/06/18--06/30/19

Approval of Renewal of Agreement With Dr. Michael Beecher for Director of School Health Services-07/06/18--06/30/19

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.15 Approval of Renewal of Agreement With National Employers Council, Inc. (NEC) to Act as a Third Party Administrator for the District's Unemployment Insurance Program—2018-19

Approval of Renewal of Agreement With National Employers Council, Inc. (NEC) to Act as a Third Party Administrator for the District's Unemployment Insurance Program—2018-19

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.16 Approval to the Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Western New York Occupational Health, LLC 2018-2019

Approval to the Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Western New York Occupational Health, LLC 2018-2019

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.17 Approval of Renewal of Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for Physical Rehabilitation Services for Students Participating in Athletic Programs—7/06/18 – 6/30/19

Approval of Renewal of Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for Physical Rehabilitation Services for Students Participating in Athletic Programs—7/06/18 – 6/30/19

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.18 Approval of Renewal of Agreement With NCA Comp to Act as Service Agent for the Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Program— July 1, 2018 To June 30, 2019

Approval of Renewal of Agreement With NCA Comp to Act as Service Agent for the Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Program— July 1, 2018 To June 30, 2019

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.19 Approval of Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, and Probe Services

Approval of Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, and Probe Services

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.20 Approval of Agreement With Lasalle Early Childhood Center, Inc. Prekindergarten – for a 4-Year Old Program for Universal Pre-School Site 2018-2019

Mr. Laurie informed the Board Members that 10% of the \$1.9 Million of Pre-K grant is required to be given to community-based organizations. This year, there will be more students at the St. John's site. Therefore, that is why there are only two community partners this year. This may change in the future, depending on enrollments.

Approval of Agreement With Lasalle Early Childhood Center, Inc. Prekindergarten – for a 4-Year Old Program for Universal Pre-School Site 2018-2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.21 Approval of Agreement With the YMCA Buffalo Niagara Falls Branch for Universal Pre-School Site (Harry F. Abate Elementary School) 2018-2019

Approval of Agreement With the YMCA Buffalo Niagara Falls Branch for Universal Pre-School Site (Harry F. Abate Elementary School) 2018-2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.22 Approval of Contract With the City of Niagara Falls to Provide All Services for the Billing and Collection of Property Taxes for Real Property Taxes Levied by the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

Approval of Contract With the City of Niagara Falls to Provide All Services for the Billing and Collection of Property Taxes for Real Property Taxes Levied by the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.23 Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor for Grant Preparation-Battaglia & Associates Resource Development Consultants, Inc. 7/5/18-06/30/19

Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor for Grant Preparation-Battaglia & Associates Resource Development Consultants, Inc. 7/5/18-06/30/19

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.24 Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Language Intelligence, LTD July 5, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Language Intelligence, LTD July 5, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.25 Approval of Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and U.S. Security Associates, Inc. for July 6, 2018-June 30, 2019

Approval of Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and U.S. Security Associates, Inc. for July 6, 2018-June 30, 2019

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.26 Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor for Safety/Security Programs—FJC Security, Inc. 7/06/2018 to 6/30/2019

Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor for Safety/Security Programs—FJC Security, Inc. 7/06/2018 to 6/30/2019

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.27 Approval of Contract for Professional Development Services for the Integration of Technology in the Classroom Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and T.E.M.P., LLC for Period 07/01/18 – 06/30/19

Approval of Contract for Professional Development Services for the Integration of Technology in the Classroom Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and T.E.M.P., LLC for Period 07/01/18 – 06/30/19

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.28 Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Deaf Service Bridges Inc. for July 5, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Deaf Service Bridges Inc. for July 5, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.29 Approval of Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Maxim Health Care Services Inc., d/b/a MAXIM Staffing Solutions, for 2018-2019 School Year

Approval of Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Maxim Health Care Services Inc., d/b/a MAXIM Staffing Solutions, for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.30 Approval of Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and SHC Services Inc., d/b/a Supplemental Health Care, for 2018-2019 School Year

Approval of Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and SHC Services Inc., d/b/a Supplemental Health Care, for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.31 Approval of Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Aries Transportation Services, Inc., for 2018 – 2019 School Year

Approval of Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Aries Transportation Services, Inc., for 2018 – 2019 School Year

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.32 Approval of Agreement with the Aspire of Western New York, Inc. for 2018-2019 School Year  
Approval of Agreement with the Aspire of Western New York, Inc. for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.33 Approval of Agreement With Autism Services, Inc. for 2018-2019 School Year  
Approval of Agreement With Autism Services, Inc. for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.34 Approval of Agreement With Baker Victory Services Schools for 2018-2019 School Year  
Approval of Agreement With Baker Victory Services Schools for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.35 Approval of Amending Agreement With BHSC Support Services, Inc. for On-Site Speech Therapy for 2018 – 2019 School Year  
Approval of Amending Agreement With BHSC Support Services, Inc. for On-Site Speech Therapy for 2018 – 2019 School Year

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.36 Approval of Agreement With Buffalo City School District - School 84 for 2018-2019 School Year

Approval of Agreement With Buffalo City School District - School 84 for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.37 Approval of Agreement With Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center for On-Site-Music Therapy 2018-2019 School Year

Approval of Agreement With Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center for On-Site-Music Therapy 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.38 Approval of Agreement With the Cantalician Center for Learning for 2018-2019 School Year  
Approval of Agreement With the Cantalician Center for Learning for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.39 Approval of Agreement With Center for Handicapped Children for 2018-2019 School Year  
Approval of Agreement With Center for Handicapped Children for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.40 Approval of Agreement with Community Based Therapies for On-Site Occupational Therapy and/or Physical Therapy for 2018-2019



Approval of Agreement with Community Based Therapies for On-Site Occupational Therapy and/or Physical Therapy for 2018-2019

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.41 Approval of Agreement With Gateway-Longview for 2018-2019 School Year

Approval of Agreement With Gateway-Longview for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.42 Approval of Agreement With the Heritage Centers of the Erie County Chapter New York State Association for Intellectually Disabled Children, Inc. for 2018-2019 School Year

Approval of Agreement With the Heritage Centers of the Erie County Chapter New York State Association for Intellectually Disabled Children, Inc. for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.43 Approval of Agreement With the Board of Education of the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District for 2018-2019 School Year

Approval of Agreement With the Board of Education of the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.44 Approval of Agreement With the Randolph Academy UFSD-Hamburg Campus for 2018-2019 School Year

Approval of Agreement With the Randolph Academy UFSD-Hamburg Campus for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.45 Approval of Agreement with the New Directions Family & Youth Services for 2018-2019 School Year

Approval of Agreement with the New Directions Family & Youth Services for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.46 Approval of Agreement with Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for On-Site Occupational Therapy for 2018-2019 School Year

Approval of Agreement with Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for On-Site Occupational Therapy for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.47 Approval of Agreement with the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for On-Site Physical Therapy for 2018-2019 School Year

Approval of Agreement with the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for On-Site Physical Therapy for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.48 Approval of Agreement With the Stanley G. Falk School for 2018-2019 School Year

Approval of Agreement With the Stanley G. Falk School for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.49 Approval of Agreement With the Summit Center, Inc. for 2018-2019 School Year

Approval of Agreement With the Summit Center, Inc. for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.50 Approval of Contract for Professional Mental Health and Consultation Services by

Independent Contractor for Professional Consultation Services--the Summit Center, Inc. 7/5/18-6/30/19

Approval of Contract for Professional Mental Health and Consultation Services by Independent Contractor for Professional Consultation Services--the Summit Center, Inc. 7/5/18-6/30/19

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.51 Approval of Lease Between the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and the Niagara Falls Police Athletic League, Inc. to Lease a Portion of NFHS-July 6, 2018- June 30, 2019

Approval of Lease Between the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and the Niagara Falls Police Athletic League, Inc. to Lease a Portion of NFHS-July 6, 2018- June 30, 2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.52 Approval of Agreement for Copy Room Space Between the Board of Education and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Orleans/Niagara

Approval of Agreement for Copy Room Space Between the Board of Education and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Orleans/Niagara

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Abstain: Ronald J Barstys

Action: 6.53 Approval of Renewal of Lease Agreement Between Niagara Falls Teachers Credit Union and the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls for Office Space 2018-2019

Approval of Renewal of Lease Agreement Between Niagara Falls Teachers Credit Union and the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls for Office Space 2018-2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.54 Approval of Contract for Claims Auditor Services by an Independent Contractor – Denise Kolber

Approval of Contract for Claims Auditor Services by an Independent Contractor – Denise Kolber

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.55 Approval of Authority to Make Budget Transfers and Amendments as Needed to Expedite Year-End Budget Closeout

Approval of Authority to Make Budget Transfers and Amendments as Needed to Expedite Year-End Budget Closeout

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.56 Approval of Resolution on Cooperative Purchasing Through BOCES, and/or Various Municipalities and Government Agencies

Approval of Resolution on Cooperative Purchasing Through BOCES, and/or Various Municipalities and Government Agencies

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Abstain: Ronald J Barstys

Action: 6.57 Approval of Payment to NYS Association of Small City School Districts for 2018-2019 Membership in Association

Approval of Payment to NYS Association of Small City School Districts for 2018-2019 Membership in Association

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.58 Approval of Agreement With Capital Markets Advisors, LLC as Bond Consultant to Assist in the Sale of Bonds and Notes by the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls in its Normal Course of Business and Cash Flow Operations for 2018-2019

Approval of Agreement With Capital Markets Advisors, LLC as Bond Consultant to Assist in the Sale of Bonds and Notes by the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls in its Normal Course of Business and Cash Flow Operations for 2018-2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.59 Approval of Agreement With Omni Financial Group, Inc. to Provide Professional Review, Administrative and IRS Tax-Compliant Services for the District's 403(b), 457(b) and Tax-Deferred Investment Programs

Approval of Agreement With Omni Financial Group, Inc. to Provide Professional Review, Administrative and IRS Tax-Compliant Services for the District's 403(b), 457(b) and Tax-Deferred Investment Programs

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.60 Approval of Partnership Agreement for Provision of ABE/TASC Preparation to Students Aged 17-20 Between the Board of Education and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Orleans/Niagara - 9/1/18-6/30/19

Approval of Partnership Agreement for Provision of ABE/TASC Preparation to Students Aged 17-20 Between the Board of Education and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Orleans/Niagara-9/1/18-6/30/19

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Abstain: Ronald J Barstys

Action: 6.61 Approval of Agreement With Ruffell Reimbursements to Provide Professional Review, Administrative and NYSED Compliant Services for the District's STAC Processing Program  
Approval of Agreement With Ruffell Reimbursements to Provide Professional Review, Administrative and NYSED Compliant Services for the District's STAC Processing Program

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.62 Approval of Standard Work Day Resolution for School District Employees Reported to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System  
Approval of Standard Work Day Resolution for School District Employees Reported to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.63 Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Community Missions for 21st Century Grant Programming for the 2018/2019 Summer and School Year (7/6/2018 - 6/30/2019)  
Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Community Missions for 21st Century Grant Programming for the 2018/2019 Summer and School Year (7/6/2018 - 6/30/2019)

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.64 Approval Acceptance of Bid 6 for the 2018/2019 School Year and Award of Contract 105 for Installation of Playground at Cataract Elementary School

Approval Acceptance of Bid 6 for the 2018/2019 School Year and Award of Contract 105 for Installation of Playground at Cataract Elementary School

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

7. Review of Proposed Policy(ies)

Action: 7.01 Approval of Purchasing Policy and Procedures 2010-5410 for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion to waive 30-day tabling requirement for Approval of Purchasing Policy and Procedures 2010-5410 for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Approval of Purchasing Policy and Procedures 2010-5410 for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 7.02 Resolution Adopting Revisions to Policy 2018-7515: City School District of the City of Niagara Falls Concussion Management Policy for Athletic Training Contracts With Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center

Motion to waive 30-day tabling requirement on Resolution Adopting Revisions to Policy 2018-7515: City School District of the City of Niagara Falls Concussion Management Policy for Athletic Training Contracts With Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Approval of Resolution Adopting Revisions to Policy 2018-7515: City School District of the City of Niagara Falls Concussion Management Policy for Athletic Training Contracts With Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

#### 8. Information and Reports

Information: 8.01 Superintendent's Report

Information: 8.02 Board Members Comments and Reports

#### 9. Advanced Planning

Information: 9.01 Future Agenda Items

Information: 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

#### 10. Adjournment

Information: 10.01 Meeting Adjourned

### SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

#### **BOARD REVIEW SESSION**

August 2, 2018

PRESENT: Mr. Restaino, Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Barstys, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Jocoy (6:34 p.m.)

ABSENT: Mr. Bass

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Laurrie, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Giarrizzo, Mr. Smeal, Mr. Carella, Mrs. Glaser, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Massaro, Mr. Ventry, Mr. Wojton

#### 2018-19 Superintendent's Goals

Mr. Laurrie shared his Program Priorities for 2018-19 which he will also be sharing with District staff at faculty meetings and with the community through the local newspaper. Subsequently, he will be reviewing with the Board the past two years' goals and what has been accomplished.

##### Goal 1:

- Add 3 year olds @ Kalfas
- Continue Kalfas Thematic-Based Instruction – International Theme
- Hire Social Workers – Focusing on Attendance in Primary Level – The IDEA Grant requires 15% of funds be used for preventative type of programs. At the primary level social workers fit perfectly. Mr. Barstys asked that consideration be given to having OT, PT and speech services for 3 and 4 year olds.

- Full Implementation of Healthy Behaviors with HPV Cancer Prevention – 1,800 students received instruction; there were only 4 opt outs on the elementary level.
- Create a PreK 3-12 Mental Health Curriculum
- CT Model Review /ENL Service Review/Differentiated Instruction - looking solely for differentiated instruction in classrooms
- Diploma with Endorsement for All Students – targeting for 2019 graduates
- Enhance Performing Arts Grades 4-12 - will add one theatrical performance from elementary (Abate), 2 from the prep level and 3 from the high school level. On odd months will bring in speakers for students.
- Expand Reading Recovery – although very costly will begin training more teachers
- TIES Program Initiation – this concept came out of our unified sports program from the Special Ed. Department. Every handicap child has a champion with them in school. This will begin in February at NFHS.
- District Data Dashboard on “Lookfors” by the Superintendent
- Investigate the Indigo Product – the product is BOCES aidable and used by many districts.

Goal 2:

- Niagara St. School/Abate Forum on PreK 3 through 2 and grade 3 through 6 schools
- Trades Schools Study

Goal 3:

- Revenue from Naming
- Complete Negotiations
- Begin Capital Projects
- Review all Transportation protocols and costs

Goal 4:

- Initiate Theatre/Speaker Series
- Re-start a Community Ed. Program (Winter)
- Award and recognize any students performing 200 community service hours
- Study Community Transportation
- Community “All Read”

Goal 5:

- Expand Computer-based Testing (CBT) – to ELA grades 3-6; prep level interested also
- Shift from FM system – District is in line to migrate to an updated product

### Interim Report on Summer Programs

Mr. Ventry reported on the District’s Summer Sports Camp for grades 7-12; 377 students registered. There was an average daily attendance of 220 students. A total of 9 different athletic activity offerings were split into the appropriate age/skill level. An Enrichment component was also offered and included theatre, coding and chess.



Elementary Performing Arts Camp is held at Cataract Elementary School. 41 students registered to participate in band, chorus and instrument making. Lunch is provided for students.

Mr. Carella reported on Camp Wolverine Jr. which has 19 students enrolled, ages 5-8, from Cataract Autism and Speech and Language classes. The program focuses on maintaining academic and behavioral consistency of students within the 8:1:2, 8:1:1 and 12:1:2 programs, including communication, social skills, friendship building and cooperation with peers. There is daily play and exercise, arts & crafts, and community visitors. Participating organizations include the N.C. Health Dept., Home Depot, Northpointe, N.F. Public Library, and N.F. Police and Fire Departments.

Camp Wolverine Sr. goal is to maintain social and behavioral consistency throughout the summer months. 14 students enrolled from Functional Life Skills classes at Gaskill and NFHS. The program reinforces students' social and life skills through various activities including adaptive physical education, art and counseling. Guest speakers and organizations from the community are on site almost daily, and students participate in several field trips.

Kindercamp supports transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten. It is academically-based summer camp designed to promote Kindergarten readiness held on the NU campus. Through creative play students were introduced to school/classroom routines such as, listening skills, following directions, taking turns and self-regulation. Twenty-two children attended from the Niagara Falls School District

ELP Grades K-5 program objective is to combat "Summer Slide." Locations are Abate, Cataract, and Niagara Street School. 90 minutes each day on ELA and Math. Recreational Activities provided by Boys and Girls Club. New for 2018 is the on-site District coordinators each afternoon, classroom associates, extra support for Students with a Disability and English Language Learners. Lunch is provided.

ELP Progress Report:

- Benefits of extra staff – very few issues reported
- New ELA curriculum a hit - "Lit Camp"
- Attendance challenges -
  - Registration: 834, Actual Enrollment: 637
  - Average daily attendance: 459
- Reported barriers, in order of prevalence: Transportation, alternative programming, forgot or did not receive confirmation notices, child's noncompliance, unplanned family circumstances

Elementary/Prep STEM Camps are scheduled as follows:

- August 13 – 17, Cataract Elementary School
- Students in grades 1-12 - Topics/enrollment vary by grade:
- Grades 1 & 2: General STEM Exploration (31)
- Grades 3 & 4: Citizen Science – Ecosystem Health (39)
- Grades 5 & 6: Coding – Sphero the Robot (31)
- Grades 7, 8, & 9: Vex IQ Robotics (25)

## Status of Opening of Schools

The Superintendent prefaced the presentations by noting it is only 32 days from opening of school. This is the 115<sup>th</sup> year of school.

### Maintenance:

- Challenges for maintenance this summer consisted of staffing turnover with over ten retirements in the maintenance department this year.
- Building Fire reports uploaded to NYSED July 27<sup>th</sup> 2018
- Playground Safety Inspections completed.
- The cleaning of District Buildings is on schedule and as of July 31st, cleaning is 60% complete.
- The Gymnasium floors at Cataract Elementary and Hyde Park Elementary have been refinished.
- The pool room at Maple Ave. Elementary has been repainted and new pool ladders will be replaced once Maple's summer recreation program is complete mid- August.

The Cataract playground is projected to start in the next two weeks; we are looking at a 2-week installation of playground equipment.

Mrs. Littere and Mr. Smeal met with Hillyard Co. regarding their NYS OGS Contract program for the purchase of custodial supplies and equipment. It will evaluate all sites to see where we can be more efficient; streamlining our process in terms of procurement and our Central Warehouse storing of products.

Preventative maintenance of building boilers has been completed.

Inspection and certification of all building back flows are in process.

All kitchen steamers have been inspected.

Hyde Park Elementary School has had a new grease trap installed.

Many buildings received new custodial cleaning equipment.

The Maintenance staff has now borrowed the O/N BOCES personnel lift on two occasions, saving the District over \$1,000.00 in lift rental fees.

Pool operator training is scheduled for the month of October.

Hyde Park Elementary School has had a new fire alarm panel installed, and all District Fire Alarms have been tested.

### Staffing Readiness

- Staffing Challenges

Staffing has remained fluid over the summer:

Resignations  
Leaves of Absence  
Realignment of duties of existing staff

- Administrators

2 Administrative Retirements = vacancies for 3 Assistant Principals. Interviews were held July 10, 13. There were 15 candidates.

- Staffing Update – Certificated
- Probationary Appointments = 21

Elementary = 7

Music = 1

Physical Ed = 1

School Psychologist = 1

Social Studies = 1

Special Ed = 4

Teaching Assistant = 4

Pupil Service Assistant = 2

- Appointments from Preferred Call-back list = 1  
Health = 1
- Regular Substitutes = 49
- Preparation of 71 employment contracts
- Certification
- All staff, hold current and valid certification. HRO continually monitors and works with employees
- Unfilled positions – certificated
- Substitute needs for “regular” and “long term” subs may change as people requests leaves
- SOSA’s (Substitute on Special Assignment) - Will begin October 2018

#### Non-Instructional

- School District Clerk - Interviews were held July 11 & 12 for 26 candidates. Nine candidates had a second interview with the Superintendent on July 26.
- Classified staffing needs are changing daily. HRO continues to fill vacancies for retirement, resignation and leaves

#### Unfilled Positions – Classified

- Cook – Interviews - July 30 – 3 candidates
- Porter – Interviews – July 30 – 6 candidates

- Associates:

Three half days of interviews August 10, 17 and 20.

- 36 candidates
- Senior School Monitor - 2
- Pre-K – 2
- Assistant Child Care
- Physical Education
- Library
- School Monitor Lunch

12 Food Service Helpers – Attending Dept. of Labor Job Fair at Doris Jones Family Resources Building on August 16<sup>th</sup>

1 - School Nurse

1 - Secretary I - Records

“New” Staff Orientation – September 2018

## Technology

### Application Development:

- Report cards:
  - Grade level changes;
  - Standards updates.
- PowerTeacher Pro Gradebook deployment planning.

### System Setup:

- PowerSchool rollover;
- Associated system setups (classroom software, Versatrans, HO Anywhere, Certica, etc);
- System administration (user roles, parameters, etc.);
- Computer based testing requirements (lockdown browsers, Lenovo updates);
- NYS reporting administration.

### Guest Wireless & BYOD:

- ISE configuration work (.edu to .net);
- District wide deployment of new wireless controllers.

### New System Implementations:

- AIMSWeb Plus;
- Health Office Anywhere;
- Piloting devices / software (Teaching Strategies Gold) to assist Pre-K teachers in online data recording / categorization.

### OS upgrades – device imaging:

- Servers;
- Computers / laptops (administration, staff and student).

### Maple and GJ Mann student laptop deployment:

- Remove old devices;
- Image new devices;
- Laptop cart rework;
- Installation;
- Inventory;
- Excess / recycle.

Performing Arts Center lighting upgrades.

Office 365:

- Teams and channels for Administrative collaboration;
- Classroom integration for Administration, Teachers and Students.

Curriculum

Curriculum Readiness			
Summer Work Summary			
Level	Committees	Subjects	Staff Positions
Elementary	9	Assessment, ELA, Math, Science, Technology Integration	43
Prep	6	Assessment, ELA, FCS, Math, Pride, Technology	23
High School	18	Assessment, ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science, Team Collaboration, Theatre	42
Total	33	N/A	108

Summer Initiatives

- Update, finalize, and post all updated curriculum maps and related documents
- Prepare and manage August professional development opportunities
- Complete distribution of curriculum resources and supplies
- Prepare long and short term contracts for professional services
- Complete and file 2018-2019 grant applications, such as Title 1, Title IIA, and UPK
- Complete schedule for Superintendent's Conference Day for Professional Development, September 13

Summer Professional Development

- Seven workshops for administrators: Helping Teachers Use Key Instructional Practices, Leading Quality Math Instruction, Mental Health First Aid, Office 365/Technology, Special Education Programming
- Sixteen workshops for new and veteran teachers: Models of Co-teaching, Gr. 5 Journeys, Elementary Math, all grades K-6, Prep ELA and Math Resource Training, grades 6-8, AIMSweb Plus Platform, Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum and The Pyramid Model, Introductions to Elementary ELA and Math for New Classroom Teachers

Instructional Priorities for 2018-2019

- Begin introduction of Next Generation ELA and Math Standards with awareness sessions for all levels
- Begin curriculum development for transition to the NYSSLS for grades K-2, and begin the awareness phase for grades 3-5
- Continue to offer professional development opportunities after school hours and on Saturdays
- Continue to refine Pre-Kindergarten curricula and assessment
- Ensure the Reading Recovery and Early Literacy Training programs are implemented with fidelity

- Implement revised curriculum and new resources for ELA grades 5-8, and Math, grades 6-8
- Partner with school leaders to building instructional leadership capacity for current and future administrators and teacher leaders

## Review of Agenda

August 23: Special Recognition: Yu Li for obtaining a Perfect Score on Common Core Social Studies. There will also be staff acknowledged for having Perfect Attendance in September.

### Bids:

#7 Supplemental Classroom Books – Award to Book Corner

#8 Milk & Juice products - Bid opens August 8

#9 Fresh Fruit & Veggies – Bid opens August 8

#10 Printing and Distribution of Newsletter – Bid opens August 9. Mr. Barstys suggested the District investigate the possibility of using BOCES for this service.

### Short-term Contracts

1. Pete Herr, Creative Buffalo, Presentation: Speaker's Series, September 18, 2018
2. Mr. Greg Shershnevsky, The Creative Buffalo, Presentation: Speaker's Series, November 14, 2018
3. Mickie Zada, Surviving Abuse Network, Presentation: Speaker's Series, March 27, 2018
4. Modie Cox, Because I tried, August 4 - 31, 2018
5. Deena Anthony, Family and Community Engagement Program, August 4 - 31, 2018

A sixth contract (Angie Lucarini) will be presented at the August 23 Board Meeting.

### New Business:

6.01 Acceptance of Funds for Smart Scholars Early College High School 2017-18 – The State has just approved award of funding for last school year.

6.02 Approval of School Safety Plans as Amended and Filing With Appropriate Law Enforcement Agencies as Required by Law – The Superintendent noted currently, there are two auditors conducting a review of the District's Safety Plans.

6.03 Approval of Contract for Professional Evaluation Services by Independent Contractor for Grant Evaluation—NMG Evaluation, Inc., 9/1/18—8/31/19

6.04 Approval of Contract for Professional Evaluation Services by Independent Contractor for Grant Evaluation for 21st Century Grant Programming—Via Evaluation, Inc. 9/1/18—08/31/19

6.05 Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Niagara University for 21st Century Elementary and Preparatory Grant Programming 9-1-2018 To 6-30-2019

6.06 Approval of Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Niagara Falls Boys and Girls Club and the Niagara Falls City School District 9/1/18—6/30/19 – Total is \$250,000. The District is a pass through for making affordable programming available after school.

6.07 Approval of Contract for Professional Mental Health and Consultation Services by Independent Contractor for Mental Health and Consultation Services— for Grant Programming-Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC. 9/1/2018—06/30/19

6.08 Approval of Contract with Niagara Falls Housing Authority for Statewide Pre-K – This is a state grant approved to do two classes with the NFHA.

6.09 Approval of Extension of Planned Service Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Johnson Controls, Inc. for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year – This is for an additional year for a service agreement for security and surveillance equipment.

6.10 Approval of Agreement with Domenico Barile, Jr. for Professional Services as Supervisory School Nutrition Program Director 09/01/2018 - 06/30/2019 – Mr. Barile is a Food Service Director at Niagara-Wheatfield working as a staff developer with Mr. Edwards.

6.11 Approval of Agreement...Amplify Year One Professional Development Services (title subject to change) – This is for PD and coaching with new resource for grade 6 ELA.

6.12 Approval of Agreement...Failure Free Reading Technical Assistance and Support (title subject to change) – For the Tier III program.

6.13 Approval of Agreement...Lynette Haley-O'Stewart Professional Development Services for Pre-Kindergarten (title subject to change) – Ms. Haley-O'Stewart is a professor at NU who will work with Pre-k teachers; this is her third year of service to the District.

6.14 Approval of Agreement...Houghton Mifflin Harcourt GO Math! Program Professional Development Services (title subject to change) – Grade 6-8 math program.

6.15 Approval of Agreement...Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys Program Professional Development Services (title subject to change) – Grade 5 Journeys expansion

6.16 Approval of Agreement...Pearson, Inc. Investigations 3 Professional Development and Technical Assistance (title subject to change) – Math K-5

6.17 Approval of Agreement...PLC Associates, Inc., Professional Development and Technical Assistance for School Leaders (title subject to change) – PD for administrators and school leaders

6.18 Approval of Agreement...Teaching Strategies Curriculum Professional Development and Support Services for Pre-Kindergarten (title subject to change) – Piloting the curriculum in Pk4

6.19 Acceptance of District Comprehensive Improvement Plan for 2018-2019...TBD – The District must file with the State and the Board must Resolve by July 30; request to extend to September 1 has been granted.

Ms. Massaro provided detail regarding the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) proposed resolution agreement regarding a complaint filed five years ago. The Superintendent and counsel have reviewed the agreement and support its compliance. Through compliance this case will be closed against the District.

Personnel Reports for Certificated and Classified Staff were reviewed. Additions are forthcoming and will be highlighted at the August 23 Board Meeting.

Superintendent's Matters:

The closing of Niagara Catholic has brought 50 new students to the District.

A fall sports meeting was held; the District will be gaining an additional 45 students from Niagara Catholic.

A meeting is scheduled for Monday with Mrs. Amy Starck regarding the District's naming of facility project; Upper Edge is passing on the project. Additionally, a company has offered pro bono work on our Hall of Heroes design.

Drums Along the Waterfront is occurring this weekend; the Cavaliers will be rehearsing at NFHS Sunday morning.

September 19, 2018 is the annual Dad's Day event.

The Class of 1968 Reunion is tomorrow, Friday, August 3 at Hyde Park Ice Pavilion in the Stone Room.

A motion for Executive Session was made at 7:38 pm by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Cancemi to discuss personnel matters which may lead to appointment/employment/promotion/assignment and transfer of a Person, persons or corporation and contract negotiation with collective bargaining unit.

NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Niagara Falls, New York

**Agenda Review Session**

August 23, 2018

Minutes



Present: M. Laurrie, R. Barstys, E. Bass, J. Cancemi, K. Dobbs, A. Jocoy, A. Paretto, R. Petrozzi, R. Restaino, N. Vilardo,

Excused: N/A

Staff Present: R. Carella, J. Giarrizzo, R. Granieri, R. Holody, A. Massaro, M. Massaro, J. Roscetti, E. Smeal.

### Review of Agenda

A review of the agenda was held.

### New Business

Special Notes:

6.01 – Just getting funding now for Smart scholars Early College High School for 2017-18 from New York State.

6.02 – Mr. Laurrie has copies of the Building-Level Safety Plans as Amended if any of the Board Members would like to review them. Response plans will be voted on this evening.

6.03-6.07 – Mr. Barstys requested to see results for both grant evaluations once they are completed.

6.10 – Regarding food service audit which will be officially closed if contract is accepted by Board tonight. The coaching is for Mr. Edwards and is required by the audit. There were five other school districts in Niagara County who were also audited.

6.15 – Journeys has been expanded through Grade 5 now. ELA results are starting to show improvement. Program is effective.

6.19 – School improvement plans – Mr. Carella will give more information at September 13 Board Meeting.

### 7. Review of Proposed Policy

Amended Notice of Non-Discrimination of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls. Mrs. Massaro spoke to the Board Members previously about this matter at the August 2 meeting. This change in policy relates to an incident that occurred at GJ Mann five years ago. Ms. Massaro has worked with Civil Rights Office to write a remediation plan to satisfy the complaint. Received notice this past week of determination. Sent us a resolution agreement. BOE gave Mr. Laurrie permission to sign it. Every single claim parent made was dismissed. However, it was determined that the District's Notice of Non-Discrimination was deficient and policy was deficient. Civil Rights Office in Washington asked District to

draft a new notice of non-discrimination to provide to them by September 1 and adopt the policy by October 31. She has both documents ready.

The Civil Rights Office requires that the new notice be posted in conspicuous places. Therefore, it will be posted in school buildings and on District web-page, as well as in the code of conduct, which will satisfy this requirement. The District must also provide proof that training was also provided. Ms. Massaro and Mr. Laurie will receive training and turn-key to administrators.

At end of the school year, the District must provide the Civil Rights Office with any claims that were received and how they were handled. The Amended Notice has already been sent to Washington for pre-approval. If anything needs to be changed, Ms. Massaro will come back to the Board. A copy of the amended notice is in the Board packet. Once the amended documents have been approved by the Civil Rights Office, Ms. Massaro will share it with Erie1BOCES per Mr. Barstys's inquiry. Mr. Barstys also requested that the words referring to the Boys Scouts, which is used universally for non-discrimination language, be omitted.

Mr. Laurie noted that the personnel reports are changing quickly as start of school draws near. Between now and next Board meeting, there may be new matters. Mr. Laurie will keep them informed. Ms. Massaro has done her best to keep them up to date.

Ms. Massaro asked if anyone has questions about asterisk items on the Classified report with asterisks. No questions were posed.

Ms. Massaro asked if anyone has questions regarding the Certificated report with asterisks. Mr. Barstys asked a question regarding a listing on page 4 of 29, top of page, regarding residency policy for this employee. The employee has guaranteed that she will move into district. Also, on page 2 of 7 of addendum, the new music teacher will move into district.

Mr. Laurie mentioned the Edge program which is part of the new mental health intervention initiative. The program started last year at GPS and will be expanding to LPS this year. Some teachers will receive training to be mentoring coaches within the school.

Meeting adjourned.

## 5:30 pm ARS/7:00 Regular Board Meeting (Thursday, August 23, 2018)

### Members present

Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

### Meeting called to order at 8:02 PM

#### 1. Agenda Review Session

Information, Discussion, Report: 1.01 ARS Agenda

Information: 1.02 Regular Board Meeting Agenda - August 23, 2018 (list of agenda items)

#### 2. Call to Order

Information: 2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 2.02 Prayer

Information: 2.03 Roll Call

#### 3. Letters and Communications

Information: 3.01 Oral Communications - Public Participation: Comment & Sign-In Sheet

Information: 3.02 Written Communications

#### 4. Recommended Actions - Routine Items

Action: 4.01 Minutes - June 2018 Meetings

Approval of Minutes - June 2018 Meetings

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.02 Budget Transfer #1

Approval of Budget Transfer #1

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.03 Bids #7 - Supplemental Classroom Books, #8 - Milk & Juice Products, #9 - Fresh Fruit & Veggies, #10 - Printing and Distribution of Newsletter

Approval of Bids #7 - Supplemental Classroom Books, #8 - Milk & Juice Products, #9 - Fresh Fruit & Veggies, #10 - Printing and Distribution of Newsletter

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.04 Treasurer's Reports - June 2018  
Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.05 Budget Status Report - August 2018

Action: 4.06 Personnel Report - Certificated  
Approval of Personnel Report for Certificated Staff

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Vincent Cancemi.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.07 Personnel Report - Classified  
Approval of Personnel Report - Classified

During the roll call vote, Mr. Paretto indicated that his vote on the Classified Report is in the affirmative on all items with the exception of Items #VII – Temporary Appointment of Anthony Paretto, Jr., in which he abstains.

Motion by Earl F Bass, second by Vincent Cancemi.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.08 Committee on Special Education Report  
Approval of Committee on Special Education Report

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.09 Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report  
Approval of Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information, Discussion, Receive and File: 4.10 Short-Term Contracts - Chart  
Received and Filed

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Kevin Dobbs.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## 5. Unfinished Business

Information: 5.01 None

## 6. New Business

Action: 6.01 Acceptance of Funds for Smart Scholars Early College High School 2017-18

Acceptance of Funds for Smart Scholars Early College High School 2017-18

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.02 Approval of Building-Level School Safety Plans as Amended and Filing With Appropriate Law Enforcement Agencies as Required By Law

Approval of Building-Level School Safety Plans as Amended and Filing With Appropriate Law Enforcement Agencies as Required By Law

Motion by Earl F Bass, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.03 Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and NMG Evaluation, Inc. for Professional Evaluation Services for Grant Evaluation 9/1/18—8/31/19

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Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.04 Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Via Evaluation, Inc. for Professional Evaluation Services Required for 21st Century Grant Programming 9/1/18—08/31/19

Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Via Evaluation, Inc. for Professional Evaluation Services Required for 21st Century Grant Programming 9/1/18—08/31/19

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.05 Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Niagara University for 21st Century Elementary and Preparatory Grant Programming 9-1-2018 to 6-30-2019

Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Niagara University for 21st Century Elementary and Preparatory Grant Programming 9-1-2018 to 6-30-2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.06 Approval of Contract for Professional Services Associated With Various Grants Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and Niagara Falls Boys and Girls Club 9/1/18—6/30/19

Approval of Contract for Professional Services Associated With Various Grants Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and Niagara Falls Boys and Girls Club 9/1/18—6/30/19

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.07 Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC for Professional Mental Health and Consultation Services for Grant Programming 9/1/2018—06/30/19

Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC for Professional Mental Health and Consultation Services for Grant Programming 9/1/2018—06/30/19

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.08 Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 Statewide Universal Full-Day Prekindergarten Grant  
Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 Statewide Universal Full-Day Prekindergarten Grant

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.09 Approval of Extension of Planned Service Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Johnson Controls, Inc. for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year

Approval of Extension of Planned Service Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Johnson Controls, Inc. for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.10 Approval of a Contract With Domenico Barile, Jr. for Professional Services as Supervisory School Nutrition Director 09/01/2018 – 05/31/2019  
Approval of a Contract With Domenico Barile, Jr. for Professional Services as Supervisory School Nutrition Director 09/01/2018 – 05/31/2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.11 Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Amplify Education, Inc. for Professional Development Services and Instructional Coaching for Grades 6-8 of the Amplify ELA Program 9-1-2018 – 8-31-2019

Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Amplify Education, Inc. for Professional Development Services and Instructional Coaching for Grades 6-8 of the Amplify ELA Program 9-1-2018 – 8-31-2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.12 Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Failure Free Reading for On-Site Instructional Coaching Services for the 2018 - 2019 School Year

Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Failure Free Reading for On-Site Instructional Coaching Services for the 2018 - 2019 School Year

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.13 Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Lynnette Haley O'steewart for On-Site Instructional Coaching Services for the 2018 - 2019 School Year

Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Lynnette Haley O'steewart for On-Site Instructional Coaching Services for the 2018 - 2019 School Year

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.14 Approval of Contract for Professional Development Services and Instructional Coaching Grades 6-8 for the Go Math! Program Teachers Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for September 1, 2018 – August 30, 2019  
Approval of Contract for Professional Development Services and Instructional Coaching Grades 6-8 for the Go Math! Program Teachers Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for September 1, 2018 – August 30, 2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.15 Approval of Contract for Professional Development Services and Instructional Coaching Grades K-5 for Journeys Program Teachers Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for September 1, 2018 – August 30, 2019  
Approval of Contract for Professional Development Services and Instructional Coaching Grades K-5 for Journeys Program Teachers Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for September 1, 2018 – August 30, 2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information, Discussion: 6.16 Approval of Contract for Professional Development Services for Literacy and Mathematics Between the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Pearson Education, Inc. for September 1, 2018 – August 30, 2019  
Approval of Contract for Professional Development Services for Literacy and Mathematics Between the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Pearson Education, Inc. for September 1, 2018 – August 30, 2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information, Discussion: 6.17 Approval of Contract for Professional Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and PLC Associates, Inc., for Outside Educational Support Services for the District and Seven Schools Designated as Focus Schools From September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019  
Approval of Contract for Professional Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and PLC Associates, Inc., for Outside Educational Support Services for the District and Seven Schools Designated as Focus Schools From September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino



Action, Information, Discussion: 6.18 Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Teaching Strategies, LLC for On-Site Instructional Coaching and Professional Development Services for the 2018 - 2019 School Year

Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Teaching Strategies, LLC for On-Site Instructional Coaching and Professional Development Services for the 2018 - 2019 School Year

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information, Discussion: 6.19 Acceptance of Focus District Comprehensive Improvement Plan and School Comprehensive Education Plans for 2018 - 2019

Acceptance of Focus District Comprehensive Improvement Plan and School Comprehensive Education Plans for 2018 - 2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## 7. Proposed Policy(ies)

Action: 7.01 Resolution Adopting Amended Notice of Non-Discrimination of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

Approval of motion to waive the 30-day tabling requirement on the Resolution Adopting Amended Notice of Non-Discrimination of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Resolution Adopting Amended Notice of Non-Discrimination of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls-

Mr. Barstys would like to remove the language from the policy that mentions the Boy Scouts. No objections; Approval of motion to amend the resolution by removing the language from the policy that mentions the Boy Scouts and subsequently approve the policy.

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## 8. Information and Reports

Information: 8.01 Superintendent's Report

Information: 8.02 Board Members Comments and Reports

9. Advanced Planning

Information: 9.01 Future Agenda Items

Information: 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

10. Adjournment

Information: 10.01 Meeting Adjourned

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

**BOARD REVIEW SESSION**

September 13, 2018

PRESENT: Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Barstys, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Bass

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Laurrie, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Giarrizzo, Mr. Carella, , Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Massaro, Mr. Ventry, Mr. Rotella, Mrs. Holody

Athletic Fields Sponsorship Program

Mrs. Amy Starck was present to discuss her services and experience with not-for-profit organizations, with particular expertise centered on capital campaign management, donor and constituent development, major gifts and special events. She has over 20 year experience in fundraising and marketing and has led a number of successful major gifts campaigns and fundraising events, including Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart's \$4.5 million capital campaign.

She feels there are a lot of opportunities for naming in Niagara Falls that would be approached in phases:

- Look at assets, who and what corporations, alumni you have interested in sponsorship to help develop goals.
- Research companies in the areas, look at their giving history and marketing and dollars.
- Who are the alum, how to tie them back into their school.
  - Anticipating a couple of months to conduct research and have access to alums.
- Engage a group of leaders (board/community leaders) to bring on Board. All people would be selected by Board.
- Identify goals and what naming opportunities are. Before solicitation of corporations or individuals we will have documents prepared for informational packets (What is the money for? How will it impact the community?)
- Actual solicitation for sponsorship dollars.
- Kickoff with a Press Release to peak interest; momentum will build from there.

Depending on established goals it will take 12-18 months.

Mr. Laurie noted he has shared with Mrs. Starck the legal constraints faced and the policy recommendations that have been made. She acknowledged this and remarked about terms to be put in the policy: How long are rights, how many years for naming rights, are there individuals not to be considered, and honorary naming.

## Transparency Report

Mr. Laurie introduced the discussion by noting the Finance Department has spent the last two months preparing the report. Mr. Giarrizzo explained the State initiative is based on budget numbers. At the end of 2019, the Federal government will also ask for the same information of what the District actually spent; this is due by December 31, 2019.

The State has required the District to report educational expenses by building expenses. The District has to account for every single dollar (federal, grant, debt service, cafeteria, etc.). This is strictly educationally related by building. The State is looking for disparity amongst schools. 76 school districts had to do this report. Half must do this next year and then all schools the year after. The federal requirement will be for all schools.

Categories included teachers, other staff, employee benefits, general education: regular and special ed., instructional services and support services; also required was FTEs and teacher's years of experience.

The Prep Schools are the two largest; this is more a function of enrollment than spending. Next summer staff will work on this and the actual to report to the Federal government.

Mr. Laurie commented that he will not make program decisions based on this report

Mr. Laurie reported how the 2017-18 school year closed, financially. The District received more revenue than anticipated, and the Board was fiscally appropriate in its appropriations and approval. With the anticipated carry over, we are safe in paying off the TRS deferment from 2014 by using left over funds and back paying into last year. This will bring a saving of \$40,000 in interest and roll over of \$500,000 for the 2019-20 budget. There will be forthcoming discussion about creating other reserve funds in addition to the pay off.

The Superintendent met today with the Gazette and talked about all District initiatives and how the Board is fiscally responsible and has 4% reserve and ability to create reserves and maintain other reserves and people in the programs.

## School and District Comprehensive Improvement Plans

Mr. Carella provided an update on the District's Focus Status:

### **Accountability Status: What criteria were used for identification of a Focus District or School?**

- One or more accountability groups among the lowest performing in the State based on 2014-2015 ELA and Math results combined

- One or more accountability groups in the 2010 4-year graduation cohort among the lowest performing in the State
- How many Focus Districts and Focus Schools were identified in 2016?
- 84 districts, 442 schools

#### **Which accountability subgroups underperformed in the NFCSD?**

- District Graduation cohort cited for 2010 4-year graduation rate (black students)
  - Below State average, persistent gap
- Varies by school, but includes Black students, Economically Disadvantaged students, and Students with Disabilities
- Which NF Schools were Focus Schools?
  - Gaskill and LaSalle Preparatory
  - 79<sup>th</sup> St., Cataract, Hyde Park, Kalfas and Niagara St. Elementary Schools

#### **What are the school improvement activities the District and schools have enacted since 2016?**

- Creation of District and school-based review teams
- Completion of the Self-Assessment or Self-Reflection Documents
- Gathering of stakeholder input – mandatory annual survey tools: *staff, parents, students in grades 3-12*
- Creation of Improvement Plans - statements of need, goals, action plans:
  - District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP)
  - School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP)
  - All are BOE approved and posted on the District website
- DTSDE IIT(Diagnostic Tool for School and District Effectiveness Integrated Intervention Team) Reviews: State or District-led:
- State-led reviews: Cataract Elementary, Henry J. Kalfas Magnet, Niagara Street Elementary, Gaskill Prep and LaSalle Prep
- District-led reviews: 79<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary & Hyde Park Elementary
  - Note: The DTSDE is a 6 tenet rubric and is the organizing structure for all District and school improvement plans: District Leadership and Capacity; School Leader Practices and Decisions; Curriculum Development and Support; Teacher Practices and Decisions; Student Social and Emotional Developmental Health; and Family and Community Engagement.

#### **The Accountability System is changing to align with ESSA. How does this impact our status?**

- Focus District and School status expired on June 30, 2018
  - During transition to ESSA, Focus Districts/Schools are required to
  - Create and file DCIPs and SCEPs with NYSED by July 30
  - Complete Leading Indicator reports through June of 2019
  - Fully implement all plans, regardless of yet to be announced accountability status for 2019-2020
  - SIG-A funds were released in late August – CSDCNF qualifies for \$400,000 – application due September 15
- Newly identified districts/schools notified late Sept. or after
  - Appeal period

- Depending on status, attendance at NYSED ESSA Institute, possibly November
- January – July – District/School teams create plans, if required, for 2019-2020
- *Anticipated* additional funding will be made available

#### **District Comprehensive Improvement Plan - Broad Themes:**

- Tenet 1: continuous communication with all Stakeholder Groups i.e. -Superintendent's Look-Fors, public forums and program evaluations)
- Tenet 2: monitoring of the instructional program: Support for Principals as they complete classroom walkthroughs and provide feedback to teachers
- Tenet 3: linking student achievement data to instructional planning via DAP – Data Analysis and Planning process
- Tenet 4: professional development and capacity building around Specially Designed Instruction and Differentiated Instruction
- Tenet 5: strategic interventions to decrease the percentage of chronically absent students District-wide. To focus on this Tenet, the Superintendent wishes to have social workers in two shifts and on Saturday and Sunday.
- Tenet 6: initiatives designed to meet diverse parent needs and improve home/school communication (i.e. ELL Parent Advisory Council, "off school grounds" Parent/Teacher Conferences)

#### **School Comprehensive Education Plans - Broad Themes:**

- Tenet 2: complete classroom visits consistently and provide feedback to teachers frequently
- Tenets 3 and 4:
  - Differentiation of instruction based on frequent student assessment data
  - Increase proficient use of key instructional strategies such as complex questioning, use of learning targets, and student self-assessment
  - Tenet 5: assemble targeted supports for students who struggle with social emotional well-being/address chronic absenteeism
  - Tenet 6: increasing parent involvement through various strategies

#### **What are next steps?**

- Fully implement and monitor the DCIP and SCEPs
- Finalize DCIP and SCEPs following feedback from NYSED
- Submit quarterly progress reports by school
- Await new accountability determination

The Accountability System has been changed to align with ESSA; we await to see how it impacts the District's which expired on June 30. During transition this year the District is still required to do things related to Focus School status

#### **Updates:**

Nothing has changed with the City and discussion on shared services.

There is excitement about the Hall of Fame Dinner next Friday, at the Como at 6 p.m.

#### **Review of Agenda**

Bids:

1. Wireless Microphones: Five bids were opened today. Troxell, a local company, won the bid.
2. School Apparel bid opens next week

Treasurer's Report: July and August – Cash flow in good stead, as well.

Budget Status – premature to comment at this point.

Personnel Reports were reviewed by Ms. Massaro.

Short-term Contracts:

1. Walter Gordon, Presentation on Being an American to Staff/Students/Community, November 14, 2018
2. Courtney Santasero, Workshop – *"Circle for Educators"* (Restorative Justice), August 20, 2018
3. International Inst. of Buffalo – May Shogan – Presentation/Speaker Series *"What is an American"*, November 14, 2018
4. Corporate Training Services – Jack Colocousis, Workshop – *"Emotional Intelligence"*, August 21, 2018
5. International Inst. of Buffalo – May Shogan - Workshop *"Diversity in the Classroom"*, August 27, 2018
6. Kristin Rhodes, To Coordinate Tree (3) Years of Superintendent Goals, September 27- November 1, 2018
7. Cleve Jones, Presentation on Diversity & Acceptance, May 28, 2019
8. Kevin Hines, Presentation on Suicide Prevention, October 30, 2018
9. Modie Cox, Presentation to Students on Staying in School/Motivation, October 1 – December 21, 2018

New Business:

- 6.01 Approval of Receipt of Gift From Donorschoose.Org – for classroom supplies
- 6.02 Approval of Receipt of Gift From Fitness for Kids Challenge and Play 60 Challenge – this item will be removed from the agenda as the funds were delivered directly to the school.
- 6.03 Approval of Receipt of Gift in Remembrance of Jill Manias for the 2019 Camp Wolverine Jr. Summer Program
- 6.04 Appointment of Delegate to the 2018 New York State School Boards Association Conference – Mr. Cancemi
- 6.05 Appointment of Alternate Delegate to the 2018 New York State School Boards Association Conference – Mr. Vilardo
- 6.06 Acceptance of 2018-2019 Funds for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Prep and Elementary (Pre-Prep) Grants
- 6.07 Acceptance of 2018-2019 Funds for the Extended Day/School Violence Prevention Grant for Year 2018-2019

6.08 Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Grant

6.09 Approval of Municipal Cooperation Agreement With the City of Niagara Falls, New York for the Services of a Police Officer to Serve as School Resource Officer – This resolution should have been done before September 4; it is for four Resource Officers between now and the end of the calendar year. Another resolution will be brought before the Board in December for the remaining six months.

6.10 Approval of Amendment to the Contract for Professional Services for the Integration of Technology in Classroom by Independent Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and T.E.M.P. for Period 7-1-2018 – 6-30-2018 School Year – This amendment presents a correct payment amount.

6.11 Approval of Agreement With the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District for 2018-2019 School Year – For two students for whom the District cannot provide service, as needed.

6.12 Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Access Mathematics for Professional Development Services for Grades K-5 and Grades 9-12 Mathematics, 10-1-2018 – 8-31-2019 – This is for Saturday math workshops.

6.13 Approval of Contract for Professional Evaluation Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Via Evaluation, Inc. for Independent Evaluation Services of the Family and Community Engagement Program Grant — 9/28/18—8/31/19

6.14 Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Tami Rowh Wellness to Provide Yoga Instruction for Empire State After-School Program 10/1/18 – 6/30/19

6.15 Approval of Contract for Consulting Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Courtney Santasero for 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Extended School Day Grant Programming for the 2018-2019 School Year 10-1-2018 - 6-30-2019 - Girls' Circles will be run every week at NFHS and LaSalle Prep. School; Commuity Missions will work with Gaskill.

6.16 Approval of Contract for Consulting Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Marsha McWilson for Student Support Services for the 2018-2019 School Year (10-1-2018 - 6-30-2019)

6.17 Appointment of District Clerk – Ms. Massaro is preparing the contract for presentation to the Board. This will be a year-to-year contract presented annually at the July Meeting.

6.18 Approval of a Project Labor Agreement for Construction of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls 2017 Capital Project: The Next Generation

7.01 Resolution Adopting Amended Policy 3420 (Non-Discrimination And Anti-Harassment In The School District) of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls – This needs approval by October 1; if adopted, the Board would be waiving the 30-day tabling.

Upcoming agenda items for October were noted. In regard to the vehicle purchases, staff are reviewing the RFP from Mr. Ganci for financing of vehicles. When in place and approved, names will go out and we will start procuring vehicles. A mini bid was put out; cost could be less than \$648,000.

A motion for Executive Session was made at 7:37 p.m. by Mr. Barstys to discuss personnel matters which may lead to appointment/employment/promotion/assignment and transfer of a Person, persons or corporation and purchase of real property. Mr. Bass seconded the motion.

#### CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Falls, New York

#### **Agenda Review Session**

September 27, 2018

#### Minutes

Present: M. Laurrie, R. Barstys, E. Bass, J. Cancemi, K. Dobbs, A. Jocoy, A. Paretto, R. Petrozzi, R. Restaino, N. Vilardo

Excused: N/A

Staff Present: J. Giarrizzo, R. Granieri, R. Holody, A. Massaro, M. Massaro, J. Roscetti, E. Smeal.

#### New Business

##### **Capital Projects**

Ms. Dafchik from CPL informed the Board that both the architectural and MEP reviews were approved by third-party reviewer. Should hear back from the State in about 3 weeks. We are on schedule for bidding to take place in October/November. Hopefully, construction will start in the Spring of 2019 as planned. Regarding Phase 2, CPL is working through design development. In October will give drawing to BCC for cost estimate. Will keep Board updated on estimate and bids at the same time.

Mr. Pena from CPL presented to the Board regarding the air conditioning at all elementary schools. Mr. Smeal and two District maintenance workers visited school districts that have the type of air conditioning system that the District is considering. GJ Mann's system will use existing ventilators and will be very simple to install. All four schools with have chillers. 79<sup>th</sup> Street, Maple and Hyde Park all have steam



radiation system that is over 50 years old. Installation of a new system in these schools will be a little more involved. CPL would like to install a chill beam system. Smaller duct work is required for this system, which makes it an easier transition. Air distribution is quiet and efficient. Each room will have its own thermostat with some latitude is afforded in temperature control. Mr. Smeal assured Mr. Barstys that the new system requires only one filters for the main tower, which is an improvement over existing systems that required many different filters. This work is part of Phase 2.

Another part of Phase 2 will be the repair/reconstruction of the exterior of the main entrance and performing arts entrance at NFHS which are aging. CPL shared a preliminary plan with the Board Members. Some of their ideas include keeping a mast piece, but removing the clock. They are also proposing enclosing the outside staircase and making new vestibule for PAC. They are also proposing a new canopy over front entrance and PAC entrance, along with new signage. Mr. Paretto suggested that we add more lighting. The new outside wall of the PAC entrance will have many windows on the front that could be colored, or images added if desired. Mr. Bass thought it may be a good idea to offer past alumni to purchase a window to have their name displayed, or possibly have windows on PAC for fund raising/naming rights. Mr. Barstys inquired about adding extra security measures at front entrance. Board members would like new part over PAC to match the rest of the building. CPL will make some changes to their plan and re-present at a later date.

#### **Vehicle/Truck Purchases**

Mr. Smeal with give an update on the purchase of new vehicles at October's Board meeting.

#### **NYSSBA Bylaw Resolutions**

Mr. Laurie/Mr. Giarrizzo

The Board Members agreed to vote "Yes" on all NYSSBA Resolutions, except #19 and #20, to which they vote "No".

#### **Audit Committee**

During today's Audit Committee meeting, the internal claims packets were reviewed. Out of the \$15M worth of claims, there were only 23 reportable items. Mr. Laurie felt this was a good result.

Drescher & Malecki started their audit this week. The auditors have gone through the extracurricular accounts. Mr. Laurie asked them to have the audit completed by October 18. They assured Mr. Laurie that they should be able to get the audit done by that date.

The District also is undergoing two audits from the State on school safety and IDEA. The District is providing information on the \$2.1 Million of IDEA funds and will be investigated in Spring.

Mr. Laurie wanted to make a note that of the \$12.3 Million received by City, there was no funding included for the school district, the hospital or the tourism board. Mr. Laurie received this information directly from the Mayor. The arbitration settlement date with the Senecas is on December 17. Between now and the arbitration date, it is possible that the matter will be settled.

The decision the Board and the District made to use \$1.12 Million out of last year's surplus budget to pay off the TRS was beneficial. Mr. Laurie reported this action to the auditors. By paying off the TRS, the District saved money on interest.

Mr. Granieri presented to the Board Members regarding the Bonadio Group IS audit. Prior to this audit, there hadn't been an audit in this area in 5 years. The audit is being performed to ensure that the District has a secure, robust network. Mr. Granieri's presentation included information on some ways the District could improve. Mr. Granieri has been in contact with the many program vendors the District uses with whom there are service agreements to find out what their internal security measures are. The WNYRIC performs updates periodically to keep the District safe. Mr. Granieri will obtain the schedule of any software updates from WNYRIC. PowerSchool is updated by BOCES, and they will notify us before performing any updates.

Disaster recovery plan is also being worked on. Employee training of IS security will take place as necessary. Bonadio supplied Mr. Granieri with a presentation to use for training. Mr. Granieri said it is important that the District keep on being diligent and moving forward. He is also creating a subcommittee to address responses required by audit. The IS Department will write a CAP plan and take it to finance meeting for review. Once finalized, the CAP gets reported to NYS.

### **Review of Agenda**

A review of the agenda was held.

There are 8 August graduates. Mrs. Jones will present diplomas to them.

There will also be Outstanding Staff Member Awards to employees of the month. There will be one award from each unit.

There are 9 short term contracts being presented. Mr. Barstys asked for more information and was given the brochure that was made to distribute to community regarding speaker series and theatrical productions.

Mr. Laurie informed the Board Members that a representative will perform an assessment and will create a report what District Goals were reached and which ones weren't. This is a way of evaluating the Superintendent's progress. The cost of the service is a couple hundred dollars.

### **New Business**

Approval of gift from Donorschoose.org for Abate Elementary School.

Approval of gift from the family members of Jill Manias to be put toward life skills summer camp.

6.09 School resource officer Agreement with City of Niagara Falls – same as original resolution.

6.10 TEMPS corrected the amount.

6.11 Two special education students will attend Sweet Home Central School District to receive services. Mr. Giarrizzo indicated that the District can be reimbursed for the cost through the STAC process. Parents of the students are satisfied with the placement.

6.12 Professional Development contracts with Via Evaluation. Mr. Carella went through the contracts and is satisfied with them.

6.17 Resolution to appoint new district clerk with date modifications in the resolution and contract pertaining to retirement/effective dates. Mrs. Dumas will train the new clerk prior to her retirement. However, note only one district clerk can be in existence at a time. There can be no overlap.

6.18 Projected labor savings of \$553,000 for the District. To get some concessions. All have signed off on it. Mr. Laurie indicated that the contract is a good thing for people and workers. The District will be able to save 4 percent of the total labor cost. Mr. Laurie recommends that the resolution be approved.

### **Review of the Proposed Policy(ies)**

7.01 Policy will hopefully be adopted. The policy must be to Washington on time. Ms. Massaro removed all "Boy Scouts" language as requested by the Board Members.

7.02 On August 2, Board Members were given a copy of the Facility Naming Policy for their review.

7.03 Waiting to hear back from Erie1BOCES. In the summer, the Governor signed new law that requires every employer has to have a sexual harassment policy, and also that any training be completed between time of adoption of policy and January 2019. The District has an existing policy that meets the majority of the requirements. Wanted to get BOCES input to make sure the District is in compliance. The District will put new policy in place once it is approved. Mrs. Massaro indicated that the District has PowerPoints, videos, etc., to provide to staff for training. Mr. Laurie has agreed to allow Ms. Massaro to attend faculty meetings so that the Jan training deadline can be met.

### **Personnel Reports**

Ms. Massaro went over the reports and had marked any changes with asterisks. No questions on the Certificated Report. Mr. Petrozzi inquired about an item on the Classified Report on pg. 8 #13, third name down. Ms. Massaro and Mr. Laurie indicated that the matter went well, thanks to the work of Mrs. Cynthia Jones who was still principal at Abate at the time. Mr. Laurie wanted the Board Members to know that Mrs. Jones should get the credit for that.

Mr. Laurie informed the Board Members that there are three items he would like to take into Executive Session at the conclusion of the Regular Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

[Audit Meeting \(4 pm\)/ 5:30 p.m. ARS/7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting  
\(Thursday, September 27, 2018\)](#)

**Members present**

Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

**Meeting called to order at 6:51 PM****1. Audit Meeting (4 pm)/ 5:30 p.m. ARS/7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting**

Information: 1.01 ARS Topics

Information: 1.02 Agenda - Regular Board Meeting (List of Agenda Items)

Information: 1.03 August Grads 2018

**2. Call to Order**

Information: 2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 2.02 Prayer

Information: 2.03 Roll Call

**3. Letters and Communications**

Information: 3.01 Oral Communications - Public Comment

Information: 3.02 Written Communications

**4. Recommended Actions - Routine Items**

Action: 4.01 Minutes - July 2018

Approval of Minutes - July 2018

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action, Information: 4.02 Budget Transfer - #2

Approval of Budget Transfer - #2

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action, Information: 4.03 Bids #11 - Wireless Microphones and #12 - School Apparel

Approval of Bids #11 - Wireless Microphones and #12 - School Apparel

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.04 Treasurer's Report - July and August 2018

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.05 Budget Status Report - September 2018

Action: 4.06 Approval of Personnel Report - Certificated Items, Items #I - X

Mr. Barstys abstained on all personnel actions, within the report, for Christine Barstys

Approval of Personnel Report for Certificated Staff, Items I - X

Mr. Barstys abstained on all personnel actions, within the report, for Christine Barstys

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.07 Personnel Report - Classified Items

Approval of the Personnel Report for Classified Staff, Items I - XII

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.08 Committee on Special Education Report

Approval of Committee on Special Education Report

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.09 Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report  
Approval of Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action, Information, Discussion, Receive and File: 4.10 Short-Term Contract(s)  
Approval of Short-Term Contracts - See Attachment for List

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

5. Unfinished Business  
Information: 5.01 None

6. New Business

Action: 6.01 Approval of Receipt of Gift From Donorschoose.Org  
Approval of Receipt of Gift From Donorschoose.Org

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.02 DELETED - Approval of Receipt of Gift From Fitness for Kids Challenge and Play 60 Challenge -  
NO ACTION REQUIRED AT THIS TIME

Action: 6.03 Approval of Receipt of Gift From Family Members of Jill Manias  
Approval of Receipt of Gift From Family Members of Jill Manias

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.04 Appointment of Delegate to the 2018 New York State School Boards Association Conference

Appointment of Vincent Cancemi as Delegate to the 2018 New York State School Boards Association Conference

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.05 Appointment of Alternate Delegate to the 2018 New York State School Boards Association Conference

Appointment of Nicholas Vilardo as Alternate Delegate to the 2018 New York State School Boards Association Conference

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.06 Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-19 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant  
Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-19 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.07 Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-19 Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention Program

Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-19 Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention Program

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.08 Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Grant  
Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Grant

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.09 Approval of Municipal Cooperation Agreement With the City of Niagara Falls, New York for the Services of a Police Officer to Serve as School Resource Officer  
Approval of Municipal Cooperation Agreement With the City of Niagara Falls, New York for the Services of a Police Officer to Serve as School Resource Officer

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.10 Approval of Amendment to the Contract for Professional Services for the Intergration of Technology in Classroom by Independent Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and T.E.M.P. for Period 7-1-2018 – 6-30-2018 School Year

Approval of Amendment to the Contract for Professional Services for the Intergration of Technology in Classroom by Independent Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and T.E.M.P. for Period 7-1-2018 – 6-30-2018 School Year

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.11 Approval of Agreement With the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District for 2018-2019 School Year

Approval of Agreement With the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District for 2018-2019 School Year

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.12 Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Access Mathematics for Professional Development Services for Grades K-5 and Grades 9-12 Mathematics, 10-1-2018 – 8-31-2019

Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Access Mathematics for Professional Development Services for Grades K-5 and Grades 9-12 Mathematics, 10-1-2018 – 8-31-2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino



Action: 6.13 Approval of Contract for Professional Evaluation Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Via Evaluation, Inc. for Independent Evaluation Services of the Family and Community Engagement Program Grant — 9/28/18—8/31/19

Approval of Contract for Professional Evaluation Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Via Evaluation, Inc. for Independent Evaluation Services of the Family and Community Engagement Program Grant — 9/28/18—8/31/19

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.14 Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Tami Rowh Wellness to Provide Yoga Instruction for Empire State After-School Program 10/1/18 – 6/30/19

Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Tami Rowh Wellness to Provide Yoga Instruction for Empire State After-School Program 10/1/18 – 6/30/19

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.15 Approval of Contract for Consulting Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Courtney Santasero for 21st Century and Extended School Day Grant Programming for the 2018-2019 School Year 10-1-2018 - 6-30-2019

Approval of Contract for Consulting Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Courtney Santasero for 21st Century and Extended School Day Grant Programming for the 2018-2019 School Year 10-1-2018 - 6-30-2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.16 Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Marsha McWilson - Family and Community Engagement and 21st Century Programming at Niagara Street School

Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Marsha McWilson - Family and Community Engagement and 21st Century Programming at Niagara Street School

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.17 Appointment of Judith M. Glaser as District Clerk for the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Approval of Contract Containing the Terms, Conditions, and Benefits of Her Employment as School District Clerk – January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019

Appointment of Judith M. Glaser as District Clerk for the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Approval of Contract Containing the Terms, Conditions, and Benefits of Her Employment as School District Clerk – January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019

Mr. Massaro indicated that in both the resolution and the contract, the date of December 31 will be replaced with the date of January 4. Also, the date of January 1 will be replaced with the date of January 5. The resolution was accepted with the amendments.

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Appointment of Judith M. Glaser as District Clerk for the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Approval of Contract Containing the Terms, Conditions, and Benefits of Her Employment as School District Clerk as amended.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.18 Approval of a Project Labor Agreement for Construction of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls 2017 Capital Project: The Next Generation

Approval of a Project Labor Agreement for Construction of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls 2017 Capital Project: The Next Generation

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

7. Review of Proposed Policy(ies)

Action: 7.01 Resolution Adopting Amended Policy 3420 of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

Approval to waive 30-day tabling requirement on Resolution Adopting Amended Policy 3420 of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

No: Russell Petrozzi

Approval of Resolution Adopting Amended Policy 3420 of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

No: Russell Petrozzi

Action: 7.02 Resolution Adopting Amendment of Facility Naming Policy 5632 of City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

Approval to waive the 30-day tabling requirement on Resolution Adopting Amendment of Facility Naming Policy 5632 of City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

No: Russell Petrozzi

Approval of Resolution Adopting Amendment of Facility Naming Policy 5632 of City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## 8. Information and Reports

Information: 8.01 Superintendent's Report

Information: 8.02 Board Members Comments and Reports

## 9. Advanced Planning

Information: 9.01 Future Agenda Items

Information: 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

## 10. Adjournment

Information: 10.01 Meeting Adjourned

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS**

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

**BOARD REVIEW SESSION**

October 11, 2018

PRESENT: Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Barstys, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Restaino, Mr. Bass (6:25 p.m.), Mr. Jocoy (6:30 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Laurrie, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Giarrizzo, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Massaro, Mr. Smeal, Mrs. Glaser, Mr. Rotella, Mrs. Holody, Mr. Granieri

Fire Reports

Mr. Smeal stated the Fire Reports were entered by August 1, as required in the 11-month cycle; next year's deadline will be by July 1. Nothing out of ordinary (door stops, blocked rescue windows, which were noted due to summer cleaning) was noted. All findings were corrected and documented in the report. Seven of 20 buildings had no findings at all. Fire Reports are now in the Maintenance Office for those that want to review them.

The Fire Department has been provided with new keys to Knox box. Chief Benjamin will give back to the District prox cards, as it now has three sets of exterior keys to buildings. He will give us an inventory of prox cards for interior keys he may want in addition to exterior keys.

Mr. Laurrie thanked the Fire Department for its partnership and support; the District appreciates what it does and is glad to have its support. It is only a phone call away to help us. If there is anything the District should be doing, let us know. Fire Drills are almost passé as part of drills but the drills are still taken seriously

F-BITES

Mr. Laurrie stated before the Board there is a resolution for Approval of Contract for Consulting Services with F Bites Culinary. Chef Bobby and team are present this evening to discuss the program and how it came about and how it is evolving at LaSalle Prep School. As we talk about the mental health program, this program, also, though the crux of cooking, addresses mental health. The program has received rave reviews, and Chef Bobby has made an impact already on students. The program runs at 7:30 a.m. and is being piloted here, and we are confident it will take off across Western New York.

Chef Bobby identified F-BITES as Food Based Intervention with Technology, Energy & Science. He was raised in Unity Park/Packard Court. He thanked Judge Restaino for seeing something in him that he didn't see in himself. The program started 10 years ago, its syllabus is food; soft skills, critical thinking and food. Chef Bobby competed on Gordon Ramsay's Hells' Kitchen and, subsequently, worked as a chef at a local restaurant.

The F-BITES program is designed around culture and uses kinesthetic learning; reenacts the restaurant setting with specific roles—a culinary boot camp. At the end of the program, students receive something that is transferrable in their lives. Students all look alike, dress alike, and in three weeks are running a makeshift restaurant.

Mr. Laurrie recommended the program to the Board; starting at LaSalle Prep School and growing on to Gaskill Prep School. Students are all 8<sup>th</sup> graders, working on an A and B day schedule, 15 -8<sup>th</sup> and 15 - 7<sup>th</sup> grade students over the course of the year at this level. Eighth grade students are first because they are the highest risk students in the building, identified by the school administration and teachers; there is a teacher present in the room for supervision. The program will expand soon to Gaskill. There is also a natural tie in to the NCCC Culinary institute, as Mr. Mistriner is familiar with Chef Bobby and the concept. My Brother's Keeper or the Family and Community Engagement Grant may fund the program, if not, local funds will be pursued. Our children need to feel this excitement, Bobby and Charles are role models for our kids to see how they speak and handle themselves. The Statler will also be a natural place for our students to be hired, as well as the Four Points Sheraton.

Mr. Laurrie's intention is to pilot the program, if successful, improve and move forward with expansion to Gaskill. Consideration is being given to offering certificates and endorsements for F Bites at the high school level because of the program's rigor. A Parent Night will be planned to allow them to see what the students are doing.

#### Vehicle Purchase

Last May the voters approved a \$650,000 referendum to purchase vehicles and work vehicles. Mr. Smeal provided a status report on trucks, plows and financing.

Mr. Smeal stated he has been working closely with the Office of Goods and Services (OGS) and bids have gone once through; some bids were fine, others were not to spec so rebid is occurring. Several vehicles are out to bid: 3 cutaway vans, E-354, which we will find out about on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and a passenger vehicle. Five are ready to buy off of the bid. After that is tractors, which is part of a different type of contract, heavy equipment (Niagara Frontier Equipment). If passed on October 18, we will have a PO generated on the 19<sup>th</sup>, as it is integral to snow removal season.

Mr. Giarrizzo reported in regard to financing, the District is waiting for Mr. Myers to give it a resolution; it is expected next week. With the Board's approval on October 18<sup>th</sup>, staff will generate a PO for tractors the next day; when delivered and the bill is received, it will be sent for payment and we will have the equipment ready to go. The municipal lease rate is good at 3.2% for 5 years. Mr. Laurrie noted it is the District's intention to cycle vehicles, gym and stage floors, welcome and entry mats; establish a cycle for all things.

#### Policy 6121 – Sexual Harassment

Mr. Laurrie introduced the presentation by noting two policies need addressing: Policy 6121 (Sexual Harassment) has to be in place on October 1 and 2) Policy 5413 (Procurement: Uniform Grant Guidance for Federal Awards) is one that should have been in place and came from the IDEA audit, when a copy was requested. A copy of the policy will be in place by the time of the next audit in March. My recommendation is to consider the policies, and if the Board is comfortable, agree to waive the 30-day tabling and approve next week.

Ms. Massaro provided information on Policy 6121 to the Board. In previous conversation, it was noted as of October 2018, every employer in the state is required to have this policy in place. Legislation to the labor law made this requirement, in addition, there is required annual

distribution of the policy to all employees with sign off and training for all employees on policy and practices—training is interactive with a quiz at the end. The Board and District were forward in thinking on sexual harassment and sexual misconduct with policy and procedure in place to handle complaints for a number of years, so we are very close to hitting all elements required under the law. To ensure we are in full compliance we reached out to NYSIR and Erie 1 BOCES policy services. On October 5 the state released its final regulation and documentation on the policy. NYSIR sent the District a draft policy, as did Erie 1 BOCES on Friday. The District could've gone with Erie 1 BOCES, however, after conversation with the Superintendent it was decided to dovetail both drafts to cover all steps in the policy:

Highlights are:

- Identify sexual harassment and whom it covers (students, parents, independent contractors) and identify the designated compliance officer (Ms. Massaro). In the event the compliance officer is accused of sexual harassment, the Superintendent is designated as the compliance officer. Both individuals are named, as it is required by law to be contained in the policy. This will have to be revisited annually at the July Reorganization Meeting.
- Accompanying the policy are complaint form, and there is a timeline in the policy for responding to complaints. What is not included is an appeals process because we will work so closely with the Board and the Superintendent, this is not deemed necessary. If an individual is not satisfied, he or she can choose from a list of agencies available, which is also included in the policy.
- Added from the previous policy is the informal complaint process and sign off on it because it has been successful to show that concern was addressed, investigated and sign off by the complainant.

As soon as the policy is in place, it will be disseminated, employees will sign off and training commenced. The state gave some relief from the extension to January 2019. To be in compliance for October 9, information has been included in the employee's check sign off to staff last week.

#### Policy 5413 Procurement: Uniform Grant Guidance for Federal Awards

This is a federal guideline statute of the IDEA and is result of the federal IDEA audit. Mr. Smeal came before the Board previously with a portion of it in the Annual Procurement Policy.

This states all of the things we do have to be compliant with federal guidelines that go along with accepting money. These are the steps and procedures to follow to make sure we are compliant. The other piece is procurement and micro purchasing, taking the lowest responsible bidder using WMBE. Micro purchasing is typically under \$1,500 for supplies it is left to judgment, this guidance uses judgement, and we have documentation on how the judgement was used.

The safeguard we have in place is the Finance Committee which reviews micro purchases.

#### Review of Agenda

A review of the October 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda was conducted by the Superintendent.

NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Niagara Falls, New York

**Agenda Review Session**

October 18, 2018

Minutes

Present: M. Laurrie, R. Barstys, A. Jocoy, A. Paretto, R. Petrozzi, R. Restaino, N. Vilardo

Excused: E. Bass, J. Cancemi, K. Dobbs,

Staff Present: R. Carella, J. Giarrizzo, R. Granieri, R. Holody, J. Jacklin, A. Massaro, M. Massaro, J. Roscetti, E. Smeal, E. Ventry.

**New Business**

Niagara Falls Peacemakers

Mr. Donta Myles is member/coordinator of Peacemakers, a parent at Niagara Street School and a new member of the District Parent Committee. The Peacemaker's main focus is to build relationships with the community to help prevent violence. The group canvasses certain areas in Niagara Falls that may be problematic. The Peacemakers then attempt to create positive relationships with people within that area. Even though parents aren't able to shield their children from the bad things that happen in life, it is important to be a positive influence. Part of the group's strategy includes community policing. Mr. Myles indicated that the Peacemakers would like to get into mentoring students within the school system. He feels it would benefit students to have a positive role model to talk to sometimes.

Mr. Laurrie felt a good first step in working with Peacemakers would be to have their presence at bus stops. Mr. Laurrie will consult with District staff to identify the specific stops that would be an ideal starting point. Issues occur as students are walking from the bus stop to their home. Mr. Myles indicated that the Peacemakers would be very willing to offer their support. Members of the Peacemakers wear yellow and black shirts in order to identify themselves. Mr. Laurrie feels the District needs all the help we can get to keep students safe. Ms. Carr, who is also a member of the Peacemakers, will leave some literature with Board members for them to review. She indicated that all members of the Peacemakers go through a vetting process to become part of the group. Potential members must fill out application. The Niagara Falls Police Department performs a background check on all applicants. The group has a sister organization in Buffalo. Members attend trainings.

External Audit Report

Mr. Charles Trottier and Mr. Matt Montalbo from Drescher & Malecki presented the findings of the external audit report. Mr. Trottier has worked with several other districts in the past. This was his first time assisting with the Niagara Falls audit. Mr. Trottier and Mr. Montalbo met with the District's Audit Committee and presented the audit findings. The audit's primary objective is to focus on the basic financial statement, along with notes and opinions. Drescher & Malecki issue a management letter and auditor communication letter. They are independent of conflicts of interest. There were no difficulties encountered during audit. The auditors were given open access to all information needed.

As the PowerPoint presentation indicated, the five-year trend graph showed that revenues have exceeded expenditure for the last few years. State Aid has consistently increased. The school lunch fund has generated a surplus in the last three years. There was an increase of \$400,000 to the fund balance.

According to the audit, the District is in good financial condition. The only comment was regarding the extra classroom activity funds at the elementary level. New York State doesn't support this practice.

Mr. Laurrie objects to the State law that prohibits us from having classroom activity funds at the elementary level. He feels it is ridiculous and counter-productive to students getting experience in financial understanding. An advisor (usually a teacher) oversees the fundraising activities along with the students. Mr. Laurrie feels it is an outdated view on the part of the State.

Mr. Montalbo referenced a \$2.8 Million fund balance. Mr. Laurrie reminded the Board Members that they had authorized the District use of \$1.2 Million to pay off TRS. This evening, the Board Members will vote to fund a Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund and an EBLAR (Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve) Fund. Mr. Laurrie would like the Board's support on those resolutions.

Mr. Giarrizzo is hoping to fund the Tax Certiorari a little every year. Reserve funds can be used only for a situation in that budget year in which the funds were set aside, and for a like purpose. Money can be kept in the fund for 4 years. If not used, the money goes back into the General Fund. Mr. Giarrizzo explained that the EBLAR Fund would be a good idea to establish so that if a situation arises where many employees retire at one time and have to be paid a lump sum for sick time/vacation time, it would help cover those cost.

Mr. Laurrie said that the District didn't need to use the workers compensation reserve and came in under budget. Mr. Laurrie, Mr. Giarrizzo, Mrs. Holody and Ms. Massaro met with NCA Comp representative on Wednesday and got a favorable report.

This year the auditors were able to begin the audit earlier than ever before. Mr. Laurrie attributed this to the District's financial leadership team who are honest, integral, advising, watching every penny. Mr. Giarrizzo, Mrs. Holody, Mrs. Jacklin, and Mr. Schwertfager attend weekly finance meetings to go through the budget and keep things on track. Mr. Laurrie feels the District has never had a better financial team.

Mr. Laurrie wants to discuss with the Board, as the year progresses, the establishment of a capital reserve fund. He feels a reserve fund should be considered because the Administration Building and the Community Education Center can't be funded through Capital Projects for repairs. The fund would cover these costs.



The District did not receive any casino funds. Mr. Laurrie feels this is just as well since casino revenues won't be available after 2023 anyway. It's better that the District doesn't become dependent on such revenues.

Mr. Laurrie indicated that he is glad the District had good audit results. However, the District's main focus is academic achievement and success for students. The District still needs to improve the graduation rate and student test scores. This is our main goal.

Finally, Mr. Laurrie informed the Board Members that he and members of the Business Office participated in a phone call on Tuesday, October 16, with Standard & Poors in order to improve the District's bond rating to an "A". In anticipation of \$22M of capital projects work, it is important to get a stronger bond rating to save money. The District has not had an "A" rating in the history of the District. The results will come in at 10:00 AM tomorrow.

Mr. Barstys extended his congratulations on the audit. He asked if proposed reserve funds are accessible in a scenario where the budget is tight. Mr. Giarrizzo informed him that voters have to approve use of Capital projects reserve, but no voter approval is needed on other reserve funds. He explained this helps to not have to use the general fund, which then could be used for other things.

Mr. Laurrie thanked the auditors for professionalism. He also extended his appreciation to Mr. Giarrizzo, Mrs. Holody and Mrs. Jacklin for all of their hard work.

### Capital Projects

The State has approved Phase 1 for approximately \$22 Million. This means that the bidding can begin in November, so everything is right on target. Mr. Micelli from CPL gave a brief update of what will be happening according to the timeline provided in their PowerPoint presentation. At December 20 Board meeting, Board Members will be asked to award five contracts. Some work will start in January, with majority of work starting in spring. All Phase 1 work should be complete by September 2020.

Ms. Dafchik discussed the Phase 2 Design Development which is in progress. Everything is on track for submission to NYSED in April. Mr. Laurrie indicated that there are 800 districts waiting for approval, we were hoping we will be first due to the expediting review that the District paid for, which was money well spent. Mr. Laurrie gave the name of third-party reviewer to Mr. Godshall at BOCES so he could let them know that the third-party reviewer did a great job. Mr. Paretto asked for clarification on the type of work to be done in Phase 2. Mr. Micelli confirmed that the work in Phase 2 would be the more mechanical side of things such as air conditioning. Phase 1 covers new roofs and roof recoating, doors, kitchen at 79<sup>th</sup>, windows at G.J. Mann, etc.

Ms. Dafchik presented the proposed concept for the NFHS main entrance and PAC entrance. They have added wall-mounted light fixtures to the courtyard as requested to provide more light. The vestibule area of the Main Entrance is still in development. Mr. Petrozzi asked about the boxed in area. Mrs. Dafchik explained that the stairs are being enclosed and reconfigured to take up less space. Enclosing them will keep them out of the elements. At the next meeting, Ms. Dafchik will prepare a side by side of existing sketch and a new one changing the large window section by PAC. CPL is being conscientious of Phase 1/Phase 2 work so that they will not overlap each other or cause more work. The Main Entrance vestibule concept will be presented at the next meeting as well.

## **Review of Agenda**

A review of the agenda was held.

### **Special Notes:**

Short Term Contracts – Mr. Barstys expressed concern over #10. Mr. Laurrie said there was a vetting process and that this person helped last year. He indicated that this person will never be alone with the students as the teachers are the supervisors. Due to Mr. Barstys's concern, Mr. Laurrie said he would take #10 off of the list. They will work to find someone else to help with the project.

EBLAR and Tax Certiorari Reserve Funds - Mr. Restaino asked if the amounts are part of what you want approved? Mr. Giarrizzo said the amounts should be part of the audit report. With acceptance of the audit, we will then contact Drescher & Malecki to make entries to move money into those reserves and that would be the final audit report that would be sent to NYS & Controller. Walk on 6.13 – approve audit report, then separate resolution to approve funding amounts.

Lease Purchase Agreement – Received resolution from Mr. Tom Meyers in NY on Tuesday. Our council had a question. Mr. Meyers didn't get back to us yet. Asking that you will accept the modification as such. Approve signature for leased purchase of district vehicles and modify if needed. Added resolved clause, and resolution takes effect immediately. Will be amended to include additional language.

Future meetings are November 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Jacklin will address credit cards for payment.

Mr. Laurrie reminded everyone that NFHS is presenting Steel Magnolias this week. On October 30 the Ripple Effect will be shown at Niagara Street School. Kevin Hines will talk about mental health. The Cataract playground ribbon cutting was very nice, even though it was moved indoors due to weather. The Harlem Wizards will be performing at NFHS next week. Mr. Laurrie conveyed the need for a community member on the audit committee. Mr. Vilardo suggested reaching out the members of the District Parent Committee at next week's meeting. Mr. Petrozzi may have someone who is interested.

Meeting adjourned.

5:30 p.m. ARS/7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting (Thursday, October 18, 2018)

### **Members present**

Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

### **Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM**

1. Audit Meeting (4 pm)/ 5:30 p.m. ARS/7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting

Information: 1.01 ARS Topics

Information: 1.02 Agenda - Regular Board Meeting (List of Agenda Items)

## 2. Call to Order

Information: 2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 2.02 Prayer

Information: 2.03 Roll Call

## 3. Letters and Communications

Information: 3.01 Oral Communications - Public Comment

Information: 3.02 Written Communications

## 4. Recommended Actions - Routine Items

Action: 4.01 Minutes - August 2018

Approval of Minutes - August 2018

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action, Information: 4.02 Budget Transfer - #3

Approval of Budget Transfer - #3

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Information: 4.03 Bids - None

Action, Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.04 Treasurer's Report - September 2018

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.05 Budget Status Report - October 2018

Action: 4.06 Personnel Report - Certificated Items  
Approval of Personnel Report for Certificated Staff, Items I - XII

Mr. Barstys voted in the affirmative, but abstained on all action for Christine Barstys.

Mr. Petrozzi voted in the affirmative, but abstained on all action for Ann Petrozzi-Burgess

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.07 Personnel Report - Classified Items  
Approval of the Personnel Report for Classified Staff, Items I - V

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.08 Committee on Special Education Report  
Approval of Committee on Special Education Report

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 4.09 Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report  
Approval of Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action, Information, Discussion, Receive and File: 4.10 Short-Term Contract(s)  
Approval of Short-Term Contracts - Items 1 thru 9 and 11

Item #10 is was removed

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## 5. Unfinished Business

Information: 5.01 None

## 6. New Business

Action: 6.01 Approval of Receipt of Gift From Donorschoose.Org  
Approval of Receipt of Gift From Donorschoose.Org

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.02 Approval of Receipt of Gift From Stephen C. Plumeri  
Approval of Receipt of Gift From Stephen C. Plumeri

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.03 Approval of Annual Fire Safety Reports – 2018/2019  
Approval of Annual Fire Safety Reports – 2018/2019

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.04 Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 Niagara Falls Teacher Resource Center Grant  
Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 Niagara Falls Teacher Resource Center Grant

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.05 Approval of Contract for Professional Consulting Services between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and F BITES for the 2018-2019 school year (10-19-2018 - 6-30-2019)  
Approval of Contract for Professional Consulting Services between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and F BITES for the 2018-2019 school year (10-19-2018 - 6-30-2019)

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.06 Approval of Contract for Professional Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and PLC Associates, Inc., for Outside Educational Support Services for the District and Seven Schools Designated as Focus Schools From November 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019

Approval of Contract for Professional Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and PLC Associates, Inc., for Outside Educational Support Services for the District and Seven Schools Designated as Focus Schools From November 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.07 Approval of Contract for Professional Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and PLC Associates, Inc., for Professional Development Services From January 2, 2019 – March 1, 2019

Approval of Contract for Professional Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and PLC Associates, Inc., for Professional Development Services From January 2, 2019 – March 1, 2019

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.08 Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Niagara University for Early College High School Programming 2018/19 School Year and Summer Camp 2019; 10/19-2018 - 8-31-2019

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Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.09 Approval of Agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Psychomedics Corporation 2018-2019

Approval of Agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Psychomedics Corporation 2018-2019

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.10 Approval to Establish an Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve (EBLAR) Fund  
Approval to Establish an Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve (EBLAR) Fund

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 6.11 Approval to Establish a Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund  
Approval to Establish a Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

## 7. Review of Proposed Policy(ies)

Action: 7.01 Resolution Adopting Amended Policy 5413 of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

Approval of Resolution Adopting Amended Policy 5413 of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls...noted also in the resolution that the 30-day tabling requirement is waived.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

Action: 7.02 Resolution Adopting Amended Policy 6121 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

Resolution Adopting Amended Policy 6121 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls...noted also in the resolution that the 30-day tabling requirement is waived.

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Robert M Restaino, Nicholas Vilardo

## 8. Information and Reports

Information: 8.01 Superintendent's Report

Information: 8.02 Board Members Comments and Reports

## 9. Advanced Planning

Information: 9.01 Future Agenda Items

Information: 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

## 10. Adjournment

Information: 10.01 Meeting Adjourned

### CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Falls, New York

Agenda Review Session

November 8, 2018

### **Minutes**

Present: M. Laurrie, R. Barstys, J. Cancemi, K. Dobbs, A. Jocoy, A. Paretto, R. Petrozzi, R. Restaino, N. Vilardo

Excused: E. Bass

Staff Present: R. Carella, J. Giarrizzo, J. Glaser, R. Granieri, R. Holody, J. Jacklin, A. Massaro, M. Massaro, J. Roscetti, B. Rotella, N. Ruffolo, E. Smeal, E. Ventry.

Mr. Laurrie was informed by Mr. Cancemi that Mr. Anderluh who is a member of the District's Audit Committee was admitted to Memorial Hospital, Room 243. Mr. Laurrie asked that we keep Mr. Anderluh in our thoughts and prayers.

#### Payment by Credit Card

Mr. Laurrie would like the District to begin accepting credit card payments for bills owed to the District. He introduced Mrs. Jacklin who will give a presentation on this matter. Mrs. Jacklin is a 2006 graduate from NFHS. Her husband is a science teacher and hockey coach at Gaskill. Her mother is Karen Syruws who is a science teacher at NFHS. Mr. Laurrie feels the District is fortunate to have Mrs. Jacklin as an employee.



Mrs. Jacklin explained that credit card payment would be accepted for certain items billed through accounts receivable, such as taxes, Pilot monies and retiree invoicing. Mrs. Jacklin said she has gotten requests from people to be able to pay by credit card.

The District reached out to M&T Bank to discuss setting up a system. M&T Bank has a program called Pay Easy Gateway. An access link could be integrated into the District website. M&T would house and store all data. M&T would provide a computer terminal that Mrs. Jacklin, Mrs. Holody and Mr. Giarrizzo would enter customer information into. Data can be entered into the system without swiping the actual credit card. Businesses or individuals who would like to enroll would fill out a form that would then be processed through accounts receivable. There would be an option for re-occurring billing. Retirees are billed quarterly and would have the option to have their payment charged to their credit card automatically. This process would be more streamlined and efficient than processing the current paper checks received. The program would also have a reporting piece included. The system would accept Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.

The cost to the District would be \$9.99 per month. This includes the computer terminal and set up of the system. There would be two fees involved per transaction: 1) interchange fee designed from the credit card carrier of about 1.8-2% per transaction; and 2) M&T's fee is 2.5%. The system is not burdensome and would save employee time. Mrs. Jacklin is researching further to see if any of the service fees can be passed onto the customer. M&T will also provide us with some information on that issue. January is the next retiree billing. Mr. Laurie indicated he would like to have the credit card payment system set up before then. Mr. Petrozzi asked if the District can give a discount for those who are paying cash as opposed to using their credit card. Mrs. Jacklin said this is not possible because the District is a government agency. Mr. Petrozzi also asked if the system would be secure enough against hackers and identify thieves. Mrs. Jacklin indicated that any forms received for credit card payment would be shredded immediately after the information is entered, and only a limited number of employees would have access to the computer terminal provided by M&T. M&T would store all of the data and secure it. This would not be part of the District's computer system. Mr. Latham asked if this option would be available for current NFT members. Mr. Laurie informed him that this would not include NFT members.

Mr. Laurie then asked for approval from the Board members to proceed with this endeavor. He will request that Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Giarrizzo, and Mrs. Holody continue through the process with M&T Bank.

Mr. Barstys wondered if accepting credit card payments would be worth it due to the two per transaction fees charged to the District. Mr. Laurie feels saving employee work time and avoiding bounced check fees may help to offset the per transaction fees. Mrs. Holody said people would be more likely to pay in a timely manner. Mrs. Holody also stated paper statements and postage costs would be eliminated. Mr. Petrozzi felt that some people may want to enroll in credit card payment in order to get credit card rewards.

Mr. Laurie thanked Mrs. Jacklin for her informative presentation. Mrs. Jacklin has been a wonderful asset to the Finance Office.

Mrs. Jacklin also explained that the businesses involved in the PILOT program are billed in August and November. All businesses have paid first the installment except for one. Also, a business who still owed for last year finally sent in payment, and check has cleared. Mr. Petrozzi asked if the District is first in

line for payment ahead of any mortgages. Mr. Restaino answered that yes, the District is ahead of the mortgage.

### Board Policies

Mr. Laurrie informed the Board Members that the District subscribes to Erie1BOCES for policy updates. He then introduced Ms. Massaro who will be going over the policies and any changes that may need to be made.

Ms. Massaro explained the process of policy revisions. The District received the new policies from Erie1BOCES. District personnel who are the most familiar with that particular policy were consulted. Mr. Laurrie requested that the Board Members table the policies at the next meeting for 30 days as prescribed by law.

Mr. Vilardo said he attended the annual Board Members conference in New York City recently. He feels that the NFCSD has been very proactive in getting the policies regarding non-discrimination and sexual harassment in place. He feels that the District is way ahead of the game compared to other districts in New York State. He commended Ms. Massaro on a job well done.

#### #5140 – “Administration of the Budget”

Ms. Massaro consulted with Mr. Giarrizzo and Mrs. Holody to see if any changes were needed. There are two revisions which are indicated with highlighting. Erie1BOCES changes are indicated as well. At the Board Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Board Members will be provided with a clean final copy and ask to table for 30 days before it is voted on.

#### #6213 – “Registration and Professional Development”

Ms. Massaro requested that Mr. Carella review this policy. The policy addresses some recent changes regarding any district employee with a certification must register every 5 years on their birthday date. The policy also outlines new CTLE and ELL requirements.

#### #7512 – “Student Physicals”

Ms. Massaro indicated that there were no changes, except for some wording regarding the dental health certificate.

#### #7515 – “Concussion Management”

This policy was reviewed by Mr. Wojton. A new policy is adopted by the District every year. Ms. Massaro indicated that the District wanted to make sure we were compliant, so the policy was divided into three sections.

Mr. Paretto was concerned that parents may not comprehend the process of how students are cleared to return to school after injury. It is important to educate parents. Ms. Massaro feels the District’s policy is stellar and puts the student’s health first.

Mr. Restaino asked if when a student is injured, is there a dialogue with parents? Ms. Massaro said that yes, Dr. Silvaroli implements the policy very well. Mr. Laurrie has never gotten any challenges from

parents. Mr. Laurrie said staff sticks to the policy and “when in doubt, the student will be sitting out.” Mr. Vilardo feels sometimes it may be difficult to determine whether the student was actually hurt at school or outside of school. Either way, the protocol is followed to ensure the student’s safety and health. Mr. Paretto hopes the policy will encourage parents to be less afraid to have their kids participate in sports.

Ms. Massaro noted that the text in purple was recommended by Erie1BOCES. The text highlighted in green is the existing policy. Ms. Massaro suggests that the text in purple be eliminated and the text in green should be kept. Mr. Surace, Dr. Silvaroli, and Mr. Wojton were consulted in this decision.

#### #7260 – “Designation of Person in Parental Relation”

This policy has to do with who can make health decisions for students. Dr. Silvaroli looked over this policy and feels it is appropriate as is with one small change.

#### #7222 – “Diploma or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities”

Mrs. Meteer from the CSE office reviewed this policy. The graduation requirements and available diploma programs are complicated. Mr. Cancemi expressed concern that parents may not be able to understand the policy. Mr. Laurrie indicated that Mrs. Jones, Principal at NFHS, wishes to start a public campaign to better inform parents.

#### Substitute Support

Mr. Laurrie spoke to the Board Members about the shortage of substitutes. The situation is especially difficult for NFHS. The District currently has contractual MOA’s in place with the teacher’s union that are being honored. Mr. Laurrie feels it may help to hold CSE meetings after school instead of during the work day. This may also help working parents to be able to attend and also alleviate the need for substitutes.

Mr. Laurrie feels that sport-related events for students should be scheduled for either after school or on weekend. Having the events during the school day causes students to lose instructional time. Also, the coach and other staff members must accompany the students, which requires substitutes. Mr. Laurrie will be meeting with the Section 6 Director and will bring this idea up to him.

Ms. Massaro feels the time has come for the District to explore solutions. Ms. Massaro, Mr. Rotella and Mr. Granieri have been researching the option that is being presented to the Board Members tonight for about six months. This particular program has been instituted in a school district in Massachusetts and has been effective. Ms. Massaro is very thankful to NFT members because they have been brainstorming along with us to solve the issue. However, more solutions need to be pursued as the current situation is leading to teacher fatigue. Teachers have had to teach many different subject areas and have had to give up valuable planning time. Classes need to be covered. Students cannot be unsupervised.

Mr. Rotella expressed that despite past efforts, there is still not adequate coverage. The plan being presented could be a possible starting point and may be something to build from. By using web-based programs, it would allow multiple subject areas to be covered at once. The web-based programs can be

used to reinforce learning. One such program already used is Castle Learning. Castle Learning doesn't provide a lesson, but does provide reinforcement and practice. The administrative team would have to organize and determine what classes can be combined. Mr. Granieri said there are 48 computers in library ready to go, as well as laptop carts for additional students. Teachers would need to set up assignments for students. This scenario is like holding a focused content study hall that is "Learning Lab" oriented.

Some of the variables involved would be getting students to learning lab in an efficient manner, getting staff and students comfortable with software, and monitoring productivity and work completion. Mr. Barstys suggested sending notifications out to students on their phones, making announcements, and posting a note on the door if there are alternate plans due to a teacher absence. Students need to get as much instruction as possible in order to increase the graduation rate.

Mr. Petrozzi inquired as to whether there are any building-based subs available. Ms. Massaro said the few subs the District has are deployed every day. There are not enough subs available. Mr. Laurrie is hoping sub availability will be back on track in about 3 years as students currently in college graduate. Mr. Cancemi asked if teachers will have time to create what students will use within the computer program? Mr. Carella said that many of the teachers already use Castle Learning. They are able to create a global assignment that is already built. Mr. Carella could work with a few teachers to build a plan for each subject area. Mr. Barstys feels that coming up with a plan for web-based program is far better than doing nothing.

Mr. Laurrie wants everyone to work together and think out of the box to come up with possible solutions. The District has started to offer staff development on Saturdays to alleviate the need for teachers to be out of the classroom during the week. Mr. Laurrie feels that curriculum and keeping students focused drives safety. Safety in turn drives learning. Mr. Paretto expressed concern over teachers having to sacrifice their time with their families in order to come in on a Saturday. Mr. Carella responded that in his experience so far, teachers are very open to Saturdays and are compensated for their time. On Saturdays, teachers are present from 9:00 AM to 12:45 PM. Mr. Restaino pointed out that the Superintendent will take responsibility for any decisions made. Mr. Laurrie will always consult with Board Members for their approval and keep them informed. At the end of the day, if the Board Members don't like how things are being handled, they can address the matter with the Superintendent.

Mr. Latham expressed disappointment that the NFT has not heard about using the web-based programs as a partial solution to the sub issue. He thought someone should have approached them before bringing it in front of the Board. The NFT has talked about the sub problem at NFHS with the teachers. Teachers are getting burned out and feeling overwhelmed. Mr. Latham suggesting that administrative staff should take a fresh look at the master schedule to see if it can be revamped to help improve the situation. Mr. Restaino indicated that this type of conversation needs to be held at the labor management level and shouldn't be brought up here at the Board Meeting. Mr. Latham said the NFT has a contractual right to address the Board as a whole. Mr. Melson said we all have to work together to fix the situation.

#### Review of Agenda

At next Thursday's meeting awards will be presented to students who earned a perfect score on the NYS ELA or Math. There are 4 students receiving an award this year. The students and their families have been invited to attend. Recognition will also be given to three outstanding District employees:

Karen Grana, 79<sup>th</sup> Street School  
Joanne Jordan, Secretary in Human Resource Office  
Lisa Edwards, Hyde Park Elementary School

One budget transfer will be presented for approval.

Regarding the bid for paint supplies, there was only one bidder which is Sherwin Williams. A total of six vendors solicited.

Mr. Smeal spoke about the bid for nine vehicle leases and the six market place bids that were performed. Mr. Smeal assured Board Members that all bidding regulations were followed. Responses will be in resolution next week. Mr. Petrozzi inquired as to why all vehicles being leased are Fords. Mr. Smeal relied on the advice of the District mechanic, who feels Ford pick-up trucks are easier to service and are long lasting. It also streamlines parts and repairs process.

Treasures Report/Budget Status – Mr. Laurie and Mr. Giarrizzo said all is good.

Four short term contracts will be presented for approval:

Allison Satin-Capucilli – Children's book author who will visit the District during Kids Literacy Week  
Courtney Santasero – Restorative justice Program  
University of Buffalo – Center for Assistive Technology. Special request by Mr. Granieri for \$1,500 on December 6 & 7. The District is asking UB to help us to create an assistive technology matrix. A functional life skills student is having difficulty with technologies. UB will help formulate what the District can do to help the student. NYSTL professional development funds will be used to pay for the service. UB is the leader in assistive technology.

### Resolutions

6.01 – Acceptance of Title III grant funds. \$20,000 worth of funds for ENL students.

6.02 – Amending this to add audiology services for two Special Education students attending Sweet Home.

6.03 – Total cost of Professional Mental Health Consultation services. Contract is correct, but the resolution was wrong. There was a \$4 discrepancy that needed to be changed.

6.04 – Aries Transportation being used for a hard to transport special education student who has high need/behavior issues. Other means of transportation have already been tried including a cab and Uber, but did not work.

6.05 – North Pointe Council to bring in substance abuse counselors to NFHS to provide resources and educate parents and students. Most frequent suspension is now for marijuana possession. North

Pointe provides evidence-based programs that counselors are trained in. Some type of action has to be taken. Many parents are reaching out to the District for help. The District will be conducting a student survey again in 2019, and hoping to show measureable change/improvement in this area.

6.06 – Via Evaluation, Inc. required a change in resolution. The number of installments to be paid was inaccurate, but the total amount was correct.

6.07 & 6.08 – Mr. Carella explained that these contracts were already approved at August 23 meeting. Services have started. The company asked to change their name on the resolution. Also a change made in regard to indemnification which Mr. Massaro has reviewed and approved.

6.09 Agreement with Amy Starck for consultant services. Ms. Starck will be paid a flat fee and then also receive a commission of any funds generated for the sports fields. Ms. Starck will perform all soliciting. The District can provide her with names of any businesses/individuals she should approach. Mr. Laurie feels the District needs to move forward.

6.10 – External Audit Report for 2017-18. Only issue was corrective action plan regarding elementary activity accounts. Superintendent feels elementary schools should have supervised activity accounts. Once approved by Board, the report is uploaded to NYSED.

6.11 – Ms. Massaro will be appointed as the District-Wide Local Educational Agency Foster Care Point of Contact. Principals will be the point of contact for each building. The District is required to work with the department of social services and provide transportation as needed in order to properly service foster care students. Ms. Massaro will work with administrators. Point of Contacts will be approved again in July and then annually after that.

At next Thursday's Board Meeting, Mrs. Capone will discuss the new ESSA law.

Also, CPL will provide information regarding bids for Capital Projects. The bids have been put out. There are 22 bids so far. Things are looking good. Mr. Smeal spoke to two local companies who contacted him with questions (Marc Cerrone and Sicoli). The pre-bid meeting is November 14. Mr. Smeal made contact with Ferguson Electric and they will most likely bid on it. Mr. Smeal is thrilled with how the bidding is working out.

Ms. Massaro provided copies of the draft Personnel Reports. The Classified Report may have some additions by next week. Mr. Petrozzi inquired about an employee who works both in the cafeteria and at Central Office. Ms. Massaro assured him that her work hours do not exceed 40 hours per week. If there are any questions on the Certificated Report, please let Ms. Massaro know. She doesn't believe there will be any additions to this report for next week's meeting.

Mr. Laurie wanted to note that Kevin Hines, a guest speaker at Niagara Street School last week was amazing.

Next Wednesday at 5:30 PM in the Amphitheatre at Niagara Falls High School, there will be presentation by four individuals "What is an American: Perspectives". Speakers will include Walter Gordon, Mary Shogan, Ganileh Jamil, and Greg Shershnevsky.

Also on November 27<sup>th</sup> a reception for the ENL families will be held at Kalfas. Food from around the world will be served.

Mr. Laurrie extended a Happy Veterans Day to everyone. Thank you to those who have served and continue to serve our great country.

Mr. Barstys informed the Board Members that Latavia Ward, a senior at NFHS was inducted at the National Technical Awards at BOCES. Miss Ward would like to become a kindergarten teacher in the future. Mr. Petrozzi also shared that Ms. Katrina Overbeck, a past graduate of NFHS, is now a nuclear propulsion expert on an aircraft carrier in the military. He feels she should be acknowledged at a future Board meeting.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

### **AGENDA REVIEW SESSION**

November 15, 2018

PRESENT: Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Barstys, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Restaino, Mr. Bass

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Laurrie, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Giarrizzo, Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Massaro, Mr. Smeal, Mrs. Glaser, Mrs. Holody, Mr. Granieri, Mrs. Capone

GUESTS: Mr. Trott, Mrs. Dafchik, Mr. Tilman and Mr. Miceli

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Mr. Laurrie prefaced Mrs. Capone's presentation by noting the District is beginning to receive information on its State accountability status; much of it is very good and will be shared with the Board in January.

Mrs. Capone noted ESSA replaces the NCLB of 2001 which required the District to have 100% of students at or proficient by 2020. With ESSA the following are changed:

- Accountability is measured in new ways, beyond tests scores; it looks at a student as the total person—holistically.
- School Improvement - interventions will be determined locally
- Educator Development - Focus on educator equity and effectiveness – moneys are provided for PD for new teachers so there is more equity for students and teachers.
- Student Supports – There are areas that did not receive supports under NCLB; this will look at at-risk population (ie. Homeless, migrant). Focuses on ELL.

Important ESSA vocabulary was reviewed for the Board:

- P I: Performance Index Based on measures of proficiency on statewide assessments in each subject 0 – 250 scale
- M I P: Measures of Interim Progress Calculated from baseline year of 2016-17

- Long-Term Goal: Level of Performance subgroups are expected to demonstrate five years from now
- End Goal: Desired level of performance every subgroup in every school should ultimately attain
- Academic Progress: Measures student progress on state assessments in ELA and Math not just 3 and 4s but was there growth. Mr. Laurie expressed excitement that the District results shows students are growing, this will be to our advantage.
- Safe Harbor: Begins with 2018-19 school year results – ensure that even if a school falls behind in interim progress initially, they can recover
- Graduation Rates: 4, 5, and 6 year cohort graduation rates
- Chronic Absenteeism: Percentage of students who miss 10% or more of school year. Mr. Laurie stated this is why he has asked the Board permission to hire social workers to address this area based on reports that show this is a problem.
- College, Career and Civic Readiness: Measures the percentage of students who are leaving school prepared for college, career and civic readiness. This is the most exciting part; the District receives credit for students who attempt Advanced Placement courses. It also receives credit if a student drops out and gets a GED within 2 years, it will retroactively receive that credit.

Implications: NYS will identify schools for support and recognition based on multiple measures

- Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)
- Schools in the bottom 5% of all schools, high schools with 4-, 5-, and 6-year graduation rates of 67% or less, or schools that have not improved after receiving targeted support
- Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)
- Schools with subgroups that are among the lowest-performing in the state
- Recognition Schools
- Schools that are high-performing or rapidly improving as determined by the Commissioner
- Schools in Good Standing
- Schools that are not identified in any of the preceding categories

School boards in New York State will have key responsibilities in overseeing improvement of low-performing schools in their districts

- The state uses data from multiple measures to determine which schools need support
- School boards must approve improvement plans developed by educators and parents based on an examination of causes for identification.
- Schools review multiple sources, such as achievement data and staff survey results, to determine whether the plan has to be modified and re-submitted to the school board.
- The state provides additional support to low-performing schools that struggle to make gains. The state will work with districts if the schools need additional oversight.

New York State will award funds to each school district to support a Professional Development Plan developed by educators.

- Each district must establish a professional development team that includes current educators and one or more administrators.



- This team must develop, implement, and evaluate a Professional Development Plan that includes, among other things, mentoring for new teachers.
- New York State will award Title II funds under ESSA to support local implementation of these plans.

#### Next Steps: Accountability Rating and NFCSD Intent

- Continue to implement our District and School Improvement Plans with rigorous goals
- Continue to provide high quality professional development Build capacity in supporting our students not only academically, but also supporting social and emotional learning

In conclusion, Mrs. Capone shared with the Board a comment from the author of NYSESSA, “My biggest fear is we will give somebody the wrong accountability status because it has become so complex.”

Is ESSA better than NCLB? Yes, Mr. Laurie stated, for our District, as it recognizes growth. He doesn’t like the attendance requirement but appreciates the credit for Advanced Placement and Honor and it gives the District a lot of flexibility.

#### Capital Projects

Mr. Laurie acknowledged the team for its work and accuracy. He noted the District is receiving great response from contractors.

Mr. Miceli presented the list of contractor: 5 prime site contractors, 6 interested GCs, 6 roofing, 3 plumbing, 3 mechanical and 3 electrical.

Mrs. Dafchik reviewed Phase 1 and Phase 2 schedules:

#### PHASE 1

Bidding 2018

Nov 1 Bid Documents Published  
 Nov 13 Pre-Bid Addendum #1 Issued  
 Nov 14 Pre-Bid Walk-Through for Bidders  
 Nov 30 Pre-Bid Addendum #2 Anticipated  
 Dec 13 Bid Opening  
 Dec 14-19 BCC reviews bids with Contractors  
 Dec 18 Board Resolutions Prepared  
 Dec 20 Award Bid Resolutions  
 Jan 10 Award Contracts  
 Jan 2019 Construction Starts (*Spring 2019*)  
 Sept 2020 Substantial Completion

#### PHASE 2

Sept 2018 Design Development in progress  
 Oct 2018 BCC estimate  
 Nov 2018 Estimate and scope reconciliation  
 Apr 2019 SED Submission + 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Review  
 Oct 2019 Bidding  
 Nov 2019 Award Contracts  
 Jan 2020 Construction Starts (*Summer 2020,2021*)  
 Sept 2021 Substantial Completion

We are on schedule with timing of pre-bid addendum. Bid opening day is December 13 at 2 p.m. We are on schedule for construction for mid-January. December 20 the Board will be

presented with the apparent responsible bidder and on January 10<sup>th</sup> contracts will be placed before the Board; 2 weeks later LaSalle Prep. work begins. Phase II we are continuing to develop designs for scope of work, mechanical and electrical.

The first Floor Plan and Site Plan and Second Floor Plan for NFHS were displayed showing the enclosed PAC vestibule and canopy and the proposed front entrance canopy.

Mr. Laurrie noted meetings with the team are on a more frequent basis. The parking lot will begin in April, in sections, so it is safe, and targeting it to be complete by August 21 so school can open on time. Working on scheduling two crews for cleaning, painting, etc. Summer school will be held for one year at Niagara Wheatfield. Mrs. Jones will begin now to tell students about this change.

#### Agenda Review

A review of the Regular Meeting agenda was conducted by the Superintendent.

#### Bids:

#13 (Facility Paint Supplies) - Sherman-Williams

Vehicle Bids – there are 9

Short-term Contracts – Addition of number 4: University of Buffalo Center for Assistive Technology.

#### New Business:

6.01 - \$23,000 entitled for ENL

6.02 – Amended Agreement for audiology services

6.03 - Amended Contract with The Summit Center - hourly rate increased from \$195 to \$199

6.04 – Amended Contract with Aries Transportation Services Inc.

6.05 – Approval of Contract with Northpointe Council for consulting services (alcohol and support services at NFHS).

6.06 – Approval of Amended Resolution Re-Approving Contract with Via Evaluation Inc. - amended total

6.07 – Approval of Corrective Action Plan (CAP) in Response to The District External Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2017-18 – The District just had its audit done by Drescher & Malecki and submission was made to the state. If you'll recall, \$140 million was audited, \$15 million in grants and \$8 million in cafeteria funds. The Student Activity accounts were the one found weakness of which the CAP was written.

6.08 – Approval of Appointment of Districtwide Local Educational Agency Foster Care Point of Contact and Point of Contract for Each School Buildings

Personnel Reports were reviewed by Ms. Massaro. The Board was asked for permission to hire a few associates prior to the December Board Meeting, as it may be necessary to meet child care regulations. Approved.

Question was raised regarding appointments of staff to After-School Teacher Planning Sessions. Mr. Laurrie believes there is not enough substitutes and spec. ed. meetings should not take teachers out of classroom, so the District is piloting meetings after school.

#### Superintendent's Notes

Kalfas is the District's new ENL School; it will be holding a Windows to World Culture Walk on Tuesday, November 20 at 10:30 a.m.

We are reminded by Mrs. Dumas of the tour of BOCES Center on November 28.

Thanks to Mr. Granieri for the installation of the microphones at the Board's table.

Bishop Dobbs we are so glad you are here with us; hope you are feeling better.

Keep Mr. Ron Anderluh in your prayers.

Mr. Carella is on his way to Albany to serve on a state committee to look at APPR.

Tomorrow, the 30 students from F-Bites will be preparing Thanksgiving turkey; all are welcome at 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Motion for Executive Session was made at 6:25 p.m. by Mr. Barstys to discuss Personnel Matters which may lead to the demotion/discipline/suspension/dismissal or removal of a person, persons or corporation, matter pertaining to medical history of person, information relating to investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil law enforcement if disclosed. Mr. Bass seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

### AGENDA REVIEW/ REGULAR SESSION

#### **Members present**

Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

#### **Meeting called to order at 8:39 PM**

1. 5:30 p.m. ARS/7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting

Information: 1.01 ARS Topics

Information: 1.02 Agenda - Regular Board Meeting (List of Agenda Items)

2. Letters and Communications

Information: 2.01 Oral Communications - Public Comment

Information: 2.02 Written Communications

### 3. Call to Order

Information: 3.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 3.02 Prayer

Information: 3.03 Roll Call

### 4. Recommended Actions - Routine Items

Action: 4.01 Minutes - September 2018

Approval of Minutes - September 2018

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information: 4.02 Budget Transfer - #4

Approval of Budget Transfer - #4

Motion by Earl F Bass, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information: 4.03 Bids - Listed

Approval of Bids Listed

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.04 Treasurer's Report - October 2018

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.05 Budget Status Report - November 2018

Action: 4.06 Personnel Report - Certificated Items

Approval of Personnel Report for Certificated Staff, Item 1-7

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.07 Personnel Report - Classified Items 1-7

Approval of the Personnel Report for Classified Staff

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.08 Committee on Special Education Report

Approval of Committee on Special Education Report

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.09 Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

Approval of Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information, Discussion, Receive and File: 4.10 Short-Term Contract(s)

Approval of Short-Term Contracts - See Attachment for List

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## 5. Unfinished Business

Information: 5.01 None

## 6. New Business

Action: 6.01 Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 Title III – LEP (Limited English Proficiency) Grant  
Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 Title III – LEP (Limited English Proficiency) Grant

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.02 Approval of Amended Agreement with Board of Education and the Sweet Home Central School District for the 2018 – 2019 School Year

Approval of Amended Agreement with Board of Education and the Sweet Home Central School District for the 2018 – 2019 School Year

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.03 Approval of Amended Contract for Professional Mental Health and Consultation Services by Independent Contractor for Professional Consultation Services—The Summit Center, Inc. 7/5/18—06/30/19

Approval of Amended Contract for Professional Mental Health and Consultation Services by Independent Contractor for Professional Consultation Services—The Summit Center, Inc. 7/5/18—06/30/19

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.04 Approval of Amended Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Aries Transportation Services, Inc., for 2018 – 2019 School Year

Approval of Amended Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Aries Transportation Services, Inc., for 2018 – 2019 School Year

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.05 Approval of Contract for Professional Consulting Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Northpointe Council for the 2018-2019 School Year (11-13-18 - 6-30-19)

Approval of Contract for Professional Consulting Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Northpointe Council for the 2018-2019 School Year (11-13-18 - 6-30-19)

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.06 Approval of Amended Resolution Re-Approving the Contract for Professional Evaluation Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Via Evaluation, Inc. for Independent Evaluation Services of the Family and Community Engagement Program Grant — 9/28/18—8/31/19

Approval of Amended Resolution Re-Approving the Contract for Professional Evaluation Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Via Evaluation, Inc. for Independent Evaluation Services of the Family and Community Engagement Program Grant — 9/28/18—8/31/19

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.07 Approval of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) in Response to the District External Audit Report for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Approval of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) in Response to the District External Audit Report for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.08 Approval of Appointment of Districtwide Local Educational Agency Foster Care Point of Contact and Point of Contract for Each School Building

Approval of Appointment of Districtwide Local Educational Agency Foster Care Point of Contact and Point of Contract for Each School Building

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## 7. Review of Proposed Policy(ies)

Action, Table: 7.01 Resolution Adopting Amended Policies of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls School District (Policies #5140, 6213, 7222, 7260, 7512, and 7515)

Resolution Adopting Amended Policies of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls School District (Policies #5140, 6213, 7222, 7260, 7512, and 7515)

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## 8. Information and Reports

Information: 8.01 Superintendent's Report

Information: 8.02 Board Members Comments and Reports

## 9. Advanced Planning

Information: 9.01 Future Agenda Items

Information: 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

## 10. Adjournment

Action: 10.01 Meeting Adjourned

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

### SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

### **BOARD REVIEW SESSION**

December 6, 2018

PRESENT: Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Barstys, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Paretto, Bishop Dobbs (6:03 p.m.), Mr. Jocoy (6:16 p.m.), Mr. Restaino (6:44 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Laurie, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Giarizzo, Mr. Carella, Mr. Roscetti, Mrs. Holody, Mr. Ventry, Mr. Rotella, Mr. Ruffolo, Mrs. Glaser, Mrs. Dumas, Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Smeal, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Zimmerman, Mrs. Vilardo

GUESTS: Mr. Miceli, Mr. Deckert, Mr. Tilman

Mr. Laurie prefaced the presentation by stating how proud he is of Mrs. Jones and how she's undertaken the high school putting her stamp on it. Her hard work is appreciated as are the countless hours put in; we have assembled a good team. Also, she is to be commended on how last week's lockdown was handled; it was a tense and difficult situation. On my behalf you did an excellent job in a very tense time.

NFHS College Articulation Agreement/Credits



Mrs. Jones introduced her administrative team: Mr. Zimmerman, Mrs. Vilardo and Mrs. Buchman. She stated she is honored to work with them.

She stated the untold story of NFHS is the number of credits with which students leave NFHS. They often return and say how they entered college on the sophomore level because of such opportunity. Information was shared about the opportunities students have while attending NFHS through articulation agreements with NCCC, NU and Bryant and Stratton.

Articulation or dual enrollment means students have the opportunity to take college level classes while in high school.

The advantages of dual enrollment are:

- Allows qualified students an opportunity to earn college credits while in high school
- Strengthens a student's academic record when applying to colleges
- Facilitates the transferability of credits
- Benefit from significant financial savings

When a student takes his or her transcript to the institution of choice, it strengthens his or her ability to be accepted. In regard to the financial savings, students are not taking the course(s) at the same university cost, there is a significant discount.

Mrs. Buchman stated there is a full complement of different AP course for students, and there is an open enrollment policy to challenge kids to take college level courses. This course is different than NUSTEP or CAP, as it ends with an AP exam. Students that pass with a 3, 4 or 5, the accepting college looks at the student's level and may waive an intro-level course. This allows students to get a leg up on college years in advance.

A comparison was presented of the number of courses and the number of students enrolled (2009-2012 and 2016-2018). Mr. Zimmerman stated trend data shows the first three years the concept was introduced and the last three years; there is increased course offerings, and the number of students taking advantage of the opportunity. Bryant and Stratton is a new addition. NUSTEP had one course at the onset, now there are 13 courses. Student numbers grew from 14 to 192 (fall only); we still have additions to that number in 2017-18, 194. By the end of 2018-19 the 192 will be over 200. NCCC offers six college courses. We also have eight students at BOCES for welding; they will obtain credits through NCCC which will be accepted for continued education there. Mr. Zimmerman noted NFHS is among the leaders in the number of college classes offered in Western New York. Another note about savings in the NUSTEP, if a student is in a low economic status, NU offers the course for free. Mr. Laurrie noted this year the welding participation increased from 2 to 8 welders; he charged the team with making sure there is growth in the number of minority students in this offering. Mr. Paretto asked why no other trades but welding are offered. The team answered it is unsure; welding is the program NCCC accepted through BOCES to offer. Mr. Cancemi stated it is interesting that NCCC is using BOCES facilities for the program.

Mrs. Vilardo stated one class we are interested in offering is sociology; this will be offered over spring break, students will go to campus. Twenty-six students are interested to take the course. College credit will be received for this course, not high school credit.

Mr. Laurie expressed his opinion about the award of PELL grants to students in high school for college credit to entice them to continue on to higher education.

It was noted students have to graduate with at least 22 credits and 5 exams. At the elementary and prep levels the concept to earn credits is foreign; we are having counselors talk to 9th graders about credits and how to get ahead.

Finally, Mr. Laurie stated he is charging the staff at NFHS that with every diploma issued to graduates, there is an endorsement of some type (college credits, welder's certificate, nursing certificate). We owe that to the community and to the City. 44% of students go to NCCC, 22% to four-year colleges and 8% to the military; the remaining 26% have to have something meaningful as well--it is a gap we are missing and are going to close.

### Capital Projects

Mr. Miceli reported bids are due next Thursday; opening is at 2 p.m. Two addendums were put out. Addendums capture any clarifications coming in or questions from site visits (i.e. additional asbestos testing) to alleviate additional charges on change orders. Thirty contractors showed up for the pre-bid walk through. Contractors picking up bids were: 5 site contractors (2 from Niagara Falls), GCS, 5 primes, (2 from Niagara Falls) and various electrical, mechanical and plumbing contractors are interested.

Bids will be open on Thursday; BCC will vet the bidders and the descoping process begins. On December 20<sup>th</sup> bids will be awarded. A resolution will come before the Board on January 10 to approve the contracts; January 24 is targeted for flooring work to begin at Gaskill and LaSalle. Four to six swing classrooms will be designated so work can be done on second shift.

Mr. Smeal reported on his visit with Mr. Tilman and Mr. Jaroszewski to Tremko Roofing to view its roofing materials. They observed membrane and poured in place roofing solutions. Mr. Smeal expressed how impressed he was with the quality control process he observed. The team is leaning toward a poured in place solution because of cost. It would be applied over the existing roof once a cleaning process is performed. Question was raised regarding the condition of the current roof and the ability for it to support this solution. Mr. Smeal confirmed the existing roof can support the new solution. He noted infrared imaging was used to pinpoint any water intrusion; these areas will have to be extracted and replaced before a new solution is applied. He noted infrared imaging is also occurring at Hyde Park in preparation for Phase II work.

In regard to Phase II air conditioning at Maple, 79<sup>th</sup> St., Mann and Hyde Park, Mann is a different system so it is not included. At the other three schools, in order to complete work in a timely way, swing space is needed; swing space is a manner to move things to another area while work is performed, these schools do not have swing space. We are investigating the possibility of early removal of ceiling tiles for one year in order to make the schedule. As we write the

schedule for AC, an exposed industrial look would exist in the classrooms in order to meet our timeline work for installation of AC.

#### Mid-Year Budget Status Report

Mrs. Jacklin provided a mid-year Budget Status Report, as of end of November. Revenue earned through November 30 totals \$43 million. The largest revenue amount is state aid, which is earned in the spring.

Revenue Status Report As of 11/30/18		December 6, 2018 Review Session		
DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL BUDGET	ADJUSTMENTS	ADJUSTED BUDGET	REVENUE EARNED
Real property taxes	25,868,260	-	25,868,260	17,943,103 <b>A</b>
PILOTS	1,100,000	-	1,100,000	1,262,990 <b>B</b>
Utility tax	1,692,745	-	1,692,745	483,765
Charge for services	76,400	-	76,400	15,570
Use of property and money	90,692	-	90,692	96,247 <b>C</b>
Sales of textbooks/property	11,200	-	11,200	2,088
BOCES Refund	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	94,284 <b>D</b>
Gifts and donations	-	16,300	16,300	16,300
Host Community funds	675,000	-	675,000	675,000
Greenway funds	420,000	-	420,000	- <b>E</b>
Miscellaneous	107,000	-	107,000	28,003
Erate revenue	183,038	-	183,038	35,624
State aid	110,544,342	-	110,544,342	22,056,157 <b>F</b>
Medicaid	350,000	-	350,000	362,182 <b>G</b>
Debt service transfer	350,000	-	350,000	-
Fund balance use	1,746,194	-	1,746,194	-
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>144,214,871</b>	<b>16,300</b>	<b>144,231,171</b>	<b>43,071,312</b>
<b>A - Collections similar to prior year, remaining \$5.2M of STAR Aid to be received in December and January</b>				
<b>B - Additional billed PILOT revenue of \$64k from 17/18 and \$97k of voluntary PILOTS received to date</b>				
<b>C - Increased interest rates in bank accounts</b>				
<b>D - BOCES refund of \$925k to be received in December</b>				
<b>E - Greenway funds to withdrawn and used in December for debt service payment</b>				
<b>F - Most state aid is received in Spring</b>				
<b>G - Approximately \$104k to be intercepted in December</b>				

Mr. Laurie asked the Board to note the absence of a description for Casino revenue (\$750,000); if we were to receive all or part of that amount revenue, the District would either roll funds into fund balance or chose to put the money in a reserve fund for future use.

An Appropriations Status Report was also provided to the Board. Adjustments are budget transfers. Encumbered funds are not spent but POs have been generated to spend those funds.

DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL BUDGET	ADJUSTMENTS	ADJUSTED BUDGET	EXPENSED	ENCUMBERED	AVAILABLE
Salaries - Teachers	40,978,116	(258,713)	40,719,403	10,831,975	-	29,887,428
Salaries - Administrators	3,062,856	43,866	3,106,722	1,241,675	-	1,865,047
Salaries - Classified staff	9,284,054	87,674	9,371,728	3,818,040	-	5,553,687
Salaries - Associates	1,498,121	131,652	1,629,773	364,710	-	1,265,063
Substitutes for certificated staff	1,537,887	-	1,537,887	150,182	-	1,387,705
Terminal leave	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	273,617	-	726,383
<b>Total salary items</b>	<b>57,361,033</b>	<b>4,479</b>	<b>57,365,512</b>	<b>16,680,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,685,312</b>
BOCES services	12,186,974	-	12,186,974	3,690,185	8,491,716	5,073
Outside services	3,130,089	203,941	3,334,030	740,877	1,773,342	819,812
Supplies	2,182,365	5,369	2,187,734	1,022,850	517,424	647,460
Utilities	1,628,343	-	1,628,343	363,969	1,241,182	23,192
Transportation	8,003,456	611,135	8,614,591	2,115,990	6,201,888	296,713
Tuitions	9,051,000	328,000	9,379,000	2,305,939	6,562,605	510,456
Debt service payments	15,155,115	(175,000)	14,980,115	1,528,503	-	13,451,612
Retirement systems (TRS / ERS)	8,746,737	(693,624)	8,053,113	(21,737)	6,000	8,068,850
Employer FICA	4,961,688	-	4,961,688	1,474,484	-	3,487,204
Workers compensation	845,000	-	845,000	377,553	31,600	435,847
Medical, Dental, Vision, Opt-out	20,303,071	(268,000)	20,035,071	9,093,534	7,424,050	3,517,487
General insurance	660,000	-	660,000	627,017	-	32,983
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>144,214,871</b>	<b>16,300</b>	<b>144,231,171</b>	<b>39,999,363</b>	<b>32,249,809</b>	<b>71,981,999</b>

A - 15 payrolls remaining in the fiscal year. The majority of terminal leave pay is incurred at the end of the year for retirements.

B - \$175k transferred out of debt service into outside services to fund the payment for new vehicles.

C - \$694k transferred out of TRS because the loan balance was paid off in 17/18 and was moved to transportation and tuition.

D - \$268k transferred out of medical because of more favorable rates and less usage in flex spending and moved to tuition.

Salaries also are not linear because many don't get paid in 21 pays but 26 making a huge balloon payment in June.

Overall, these areas are monitored with the Finance Committee and reconcile POs; nothing is out of ordinary expenditure wise.

The Board asked that a historical column be added to the spreadsheet so the Board is able to determine if both areas are in line historically. Mr. Giarrizzo noted salaries, of course, are higher and stressors are transportation and tuition.

Review of Agenda – December 20 Regular Meeting.

Special Presentations: Mr. Gary Hall- Gift of \$100,000 in equipment.

Bids:

- #14 – General Construction and four others will be awarded next Thursday
- NYS OGS #18090090 – The first of the vehicles is available for pick up. All vehicles are on order, with the exception of 2 crew cabs, Director of Facilities vehicle, and the Enclave.

Short-term Contracts:

1. Conference Center of Niagara Falls/Global Spectrum – Prom Reception and Dinner.  
*A price per student will be provided to the Board.*
2. Conference Center of Niagara Falls/Global Spectrum - Graduation (June 27)
3. Jack Colocousis - Emotional Intelligence workshop training –\$400 a session for 3 sessions \$1200.

Policies – The Board previously agreed to table the policies for 30 days; no questions have been received.

New Business

6.01 – Receipt of Gift: Gary Hall – AV sound equipment and a stage for exterior concert. Equipment will be distributed to those who are in need. Mr. Granieri noted an inventory was performed by him, Mr. Meranto, Mr. Fagiani and 5 Day Production. All items have been asset tagged.

6.02 – Receipt of Gift: Occidental Chemical Corp. for the STEM program

6.03 – Acceptance of Funds: Emergency Impact Aid-Displaced Students - \$75,000 for 17 students received from Puerto Rico; 12 remain with the District. The State gave the District this amount to educate these students and other students.

6.04 & 6.05 – Acceptance of Funds: 2018-19 Federal IDEA (Sections 6.11 and 6.19) - Two IDEA grants (\$1.9 million and \$100,000) - traditional entitlement grants

6.06 and 6.07 – Approval of Amended Municipal Cooperation Agreements (Police Officers as School Resources Officers) - Amends language for four officers and Approval of Extension of Municipal Cooperation Agreement (Services of Police Officer) extension from January 1 to June 30.

6.08 – Approval of Agreement: NFHA – It is necessary to have universal Pre-K at a community base organization: there is one at Abate and one at the Doris Jones Center.

6.09 – Approval of Agreement: Erie 1 BOCES (certain computer services) – Mr. Carella and team recommend a curriculum that is computer-based for grades 6-8. Third grade has already taken the CBT and moved to 4<sup>th</sup> grade, leaving grade 5. Grades 3-8 grades will now all be CBT. Good budgeting has occurred on behalf of the department and Mr. Granieri generated an agreement for the District to purchase brand new computers for grades 3-6 in all schools. The Board inquired about grades 7 and 8? It was informed that grades 7 and 8 were re-equipped 2-3 years ago in Smart Schools.

6.10-6.12 – Approval of Amendment: PD and Instructional Coaching for Grades 6-8 Amplify ELA Program, Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services: Cengage Learning and Approval of Contract for PD for GoMath! Grades 6-8: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing – One of the three is an amendment to a contract approved in August as more training for digital ELA training was requested. This is paid through Title I. Contract with Cengage is for PD and class support for elementary special class teachers. This is paid with SIG-A funds. Go Math! Grades 6-8 Program started using new resources, and there is a very robust digital component for which teachers are requesting more training. The District will run several Saturday classes for teachers. Mr. Barstys commended the District for the PD it is offering. This is unbelievable, fantastic!

6.14- Approval of Corrective Action Plan (CAP): Internal Information Technology General Controls Assessment Report – As a result of the audit, the District needed to prepare a CAP to address the nine findings. One Wednesday a month, beginning in January, the Finance Committee will review the CAP to make sure items are being met.

6.15 – Approval of Special Meeting (January 10) – It will be necessary for the Board to approve five contracts for capital projects so work can begin immediately thereafter.

Personnel Reports were reviewed by Ms. Massaro.

#### Superintendent's Reports:

Condolences to Mrs. Lynne Tompkins on the passing of her father last night.

Congratulations to the fire fighters on a great Toy Fund; students of the OSC are also acknowledged for the broadcast of the event. Mr. Latham reported that the NFT, as part of its continuing community service program involves the students and staff and donated over \$1500 to the Toy Fund.

The annual Children's Holiday Festival is December 13 at the PAC.

The UB Men's Team is ranked 18th in the country and its football team is in a bowl game in Mobile accompanied by the university's band. The UB women are playing Stanford at home on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> and have asked the NFHS band to perform at the game.

In regards to school accountability, the District is off the Focus List for four schools, though it remains a Focus District even with one school on the list. Staff are working on getting the remaining three schools off the list.

An email has been received from a parent seeking permission for her home instructed child to participate in extracurricular activities. Mr. Laurie asked the Board to hold steadfast and firm on this matter. A student has to be a bonafide student to participate in such activities.

The Superintendent was extremely pleased to inform the Board that the District is the recipient of a \$660,000 Pre-K3 grant and is able to add three Pre-K3 classes. This is the District's second award. This award is attributable to the program in place and what was observed during audits of the Pre-K program. This funding allows the District to bring in 60 additional 3 year olds. The classes have to begin February 1. Discussion will occur with principals about location; Kalfas is a potential location. Mr. Cancemi asked for confirmation that transportation is not provided to Pre-K3. Mr. Laurie confirmed that transportation is not provided for the Pre-K3 program.

Mr. Jocoy shared comments his children made to him about last week's lockdown at NFHS. They stated the matter was handled very professionally and never, not once, did they feel unsafe. The Superintendent noted his office served as a Command Center and a laptop allowed him to watch the incident unfold on the cameras. This incident happened at the busiest lunch and at BOCES dismissal and arrival time. Mrs. Jones made the right decision, in conjunction with school resource officer. Mr. Barstys stated despite how well it was handled, Mrs. Jones still surveyed staff on how to do this even better.

Motion for Executive Session was made at 7:29 p.m. by Mr. Barstys to discuss Personnel Matters which may lead to the demotion/discipline/suspension/dismissal or removal of a person, persons or corporation and contract negotiations. Mr. Vilardo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Niagara Falls, New York  
**Agenda Review Session**  
December 20, 2018  
Minutes

Present: M. Laurrie, R. Barstys, E. Bass, J. Cancemi, K. Dobbs, A. Jocoy, A. Paretto, R. Petrozzi, R. Restaino, N. Vilardo  
Staff Present: R. Carella, J. Giarrizzo, J. Glaser, R. Granieri, R. Holody, J. Jacklin, A. Massaro, M. Massaro, J. Roscetti, E. Smeal, E. Ventry.

Review of Agenda

A review of the agenda was held.

Mr. Laurrie went through the main points of the agenda. Four staff members will be recognized, along with community member Mr. Gary Hall. At the end of the meeting, there will be a short tribute to Mrs. Dumas.

Mr. Laurrie explained that the Board Members will be asked to approve the five lowest responsible bidders for the capital project. The bidding was very competitive.

Starting tomorrow, the District will begin reviewing contracts for those bidders and will present the contracts at the January 10 Board meeting. Mr. Petrozzi inquired as to the level of confidence the District has in the contractors. Mr. Laurrie and Mr. Smeal explained that all bidders have been vetted thoroughly and all references were checked. All bidders are unionized companies. Scott Lawn has performed projects for Lew-Port and Niagara-Wheatfield School District, the NF Bridge Commission also Seneca Buffalo Casino. Mr. Laurrie feels that the bids are good. The contractors feel they can complete the work at NFHS on time. They are ready to go. Contractors can start procuring materials, etc., and will be given notice to proceed at their own risk. After contracts are approved at the January 10 Board meeting, the contractors will begin work the next day. Mr. Laurrie said the contractors will start working on the classroom floors at LPS and GPS. The District will save \$25,000 at Hyde Park by refinishing the floors.

Regarding the lease of new vehicles, a Ford F-250 Super Cab pick-up truck will replace the old truck the district mechanic is currently using.

There are three short term contracts on the agenda as well. Please be advised that the date of the prom is June 21st.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Massaro went through all of the policies and made final changes. Want to move forward to put 6 policies up for approval after having been tabled for 30 days.

New Business

Item 6.01 – The Board will be asked to officially accept Mr. Hall's contribution of \$100,000 worth of audio/visual equipment to School District. The District had an independent person look at all of the equipment and place a value on each piece. Also, Mr. Granieri, Mr. Fagiani, Mr. Reiker, Mr. Meranto and Mr. Smeal examined the equipment.

Item 6.02 – The District also received a gift from Occidental Chemical Corporation for the STEM program. Mrs. Tompkins, Administrator at Abate, has a good relationship with the company.

Item 6.03 – Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students will also be accepted. These funds were to help students displaced due to hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. The District added another ENL teacher with the funding received.

Items 6.04 & 6.05 – Mr. Laurie advised that all grants have been approved and vetted.

Item 6.06 & 6.07 – Agreement with City of Niagara Falls for four resource officers. Would like to add an additional officer in the future.

Item 6.08 – Universal Pre-K program – community partner will be the Niagara Falls Housing Authority as in past years.

Item 6.09 is for the approval of agreement with Erie 1 BOCES to furnish computers for the Grades 3-6 NYS ELA on-line testing in April.

Item 6.10-6.12 – Mr. Carella is working to add additional PD days for Amplify and Go Math! Would like more coaching services from Cengage which is paid for by State Aid grant. There are three focus schools remaining in the District.

Item 6.13 – Amystarck Consulting – Ms. Starck presented to the Board about two months ago. Ms. Starck will lay out plans to get sponsors for athletic fields and place an advertising value on each field. Any offers received will be placed before the Board for approval. Ms. Starck will be paid a flat fee of \$1700 a month, along with 6.5% of any sales she makes.

Item 6.14 – Mr. Granieri will be submitting a corrective action plan to the NYSED based on internal audit by Bonadio. Out of over 100 documents reviewed, there were only 9 findings that need to be responded to. Mr. Granieri said he will provide any updates at the weekly “Evolution” meeting. The Board Members will be updated as necessary.

Item 6.15 – Approval of Special Meeting on January 10, 2019, to vote on seven contractor resolutions. In addition, Mr. Smeal has two additional contracts to be reviewed for environmental testing and special testing.

#### Advance Planning

Item 9.01 – Future Agenda Items – There will be an update on Capital Projects. Also,

Mr. Carella will present information on Niagara Street/Abate sister schools and the Reading Recovery Program.

Ms. Massaro noted that there was not much change on the personnel reports. Mr. Bass inquired about a possible error on page 2 of the classified report. Ms. Massaro will correct the hourly rate indicated by Mr. Bass.



Mr. Laurrie noted that the Wellness Program will begin at NFHS in January.  
Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

## DECEMBER 20, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Board Members Present:** Ronald Barstys, Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi (Vice President), Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Jr., Anthony Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, and Robert Restaino (President)

**Absent:** None

**Staff Members Present:** Mark Laurrie, Maria Massaro, Joseph Giarrizzo, Rebecca Holody, Julie Jacklin, Richard Carella, Earl Smeal, Angelo Massaro, James Roscetti, Ray Granieri, Edward Ventry, Judie Glaser, Wendy Tedesco, and Ruthel Dumas

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mr. Restaino, Board President; all were present.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Bishop Dobbs.

### ORAL COMMUNICATION – Special Presentations

#### Recognition of Outstanding Staff

First of all, Mr. Laurrie would wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Tonight the following staff members are being recognized for their hard work and dedication to the NFCS.

Patrick Jensen (CSEA) – Mr. Laurrie described Mr. Jensen as a humble, quiet young man. He is the new auto mechanic for the District. He has cleaned up the shop and organized it. It looks like a first-class garage and is very orderly and clean. He gets things fixed very promptly and is doing a great job. Mr. Smeal said that Mr. Jensen was able to keep the old equipment repaired to make it usable for the grounds crew. Mr. Laurrie extended the District's thanks to him.

Vicky Drylewski (TAUL) – Mrs. Drylewski has been a physical education associate for 19 years. She performs her job every day and is willing to help wherever needed. She has a genuine concern for the students and also has a calm, strong presence and pleasant demeanor. Mr. Laurrie thanked her for her day-to-day service.

Veronica Murray (NFT) – Mrs. Murray has been an art teacher at NFHS for 13 years, and has been with the District for a total of 21 years. In addition to being an outstanding art teacher and instilling an appreciation for art into the students, each year the drama productions keep getting better. Mr. Laurrie

explained that Mrs. Murray also helps with costume designing for the theater productions. On behalf of the District, Mr. Laurrie thanked her for all that she does for the students.

Leah Baldassarre (NFT) – Mrs. Baldassarre has been in district for 25 years as an English teacher. Mrs. Baldassarre is being recognized for being the 4<sup>th</sup> teacher in the NFCSD to receive National Teacher Board Certification. Earning this certification is not an easy task and is the highest recognition a teacher can receive. Congratulations to her for this accomplishment.

#### **Recognition of Outstanding Community Member**

Mr. Gary Hall – Mr. Laurrie introduced Mr. Hall and understands that he is the last person to want any type of recognition or accolades for his contributions. Mr. Hall is a very generous person and is always willing to help to do what is best for kids. Mr. Hall would like the audio/visual equipment he donated to be utilized by students. Mr. Laurrie expressed that the District is eternally grateful for this gift. The equipment will help prep school kids with drama performances. Mr. Granieri said that he is happy to call Mr. Hall his friend and is glad he is a “Niagara Falls” guy. Mr. Hall is currently working on a partnership with the Ralph Wilson Foundation and Cataract Elementary School so that the students can use the new facility for sports activities.

#### **Recognition of Outgoing District Clerk**

Mr. Laurrie recognized Mrs. Ruthel Dumas, District Clerk, who is retiring after 38 years and 7 months of service. She has worked with 6 superintendents and 48 Board Members over the years. She has attended over 2000 board meetings. Mrs. Dumas is a legend that will never be replaced. She has performed her job with dignity, skill, professionalism and care. If we could all be a little more like Mrs. Dumas, the world would be a better place. *Congratulations on your retirement and thanks for everything.*

Mrs. Dumas addressed the Board Members, Superintendent, Attorneys, and staff. She said that sometimes when we are at the end of one chapter in our lives, we fail to realize that we are also at the beginning of something new. Today she wants to reflect with joy and gratitude. Mrs. Dumas believes she has worked with the best people and educators of the district over the years. She has much admiration and appreciation to those who have mentored her. As she begins this new chapter, she feels honored for those whom she has had this journey with. In a Powerpoint presentation Mrs. Dumas thanked her family, friends, Board members, superintendent, school attorneys, and fellow co-workers. She also thanked and reflected on past Board members, superintendents, and attorneys whom she had worked for and with...She wished everyone a *Merry Christmas and Happy/Healthy New Year!*

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATION – Public Comments**

Mr. Marcus Latham – NFT Union President - expressed that too often the District has a Band-aid approach to problems. He stated that he has some comments to make regarding the substitute shortage issue and the presentation that was made to the Board by Mr. Rotella as a possible solution. Mr. Latham was upset that the information wasn't presented to the NFT before being presented by the Board. Mr. Latham researched information on Lexington High School which used the computer substitute solution mentioned by Mr. Rotella. He indicated that their schools' demographics are much different than Niagara Falls High School. He said that Lexington has a 99% graduation rate, and the students are at a very proficient level. He doesn't feel they are comparable to us. They have a very small African American, Hispanic and multi-racial population. The Lexington School District is a much more upscale community than Niagara Falls. He feels Mr. Rotella's presentation was very one-sided. Mr. Latham spoke with the staff at Lexington High School, who were asked to implement this program. He said it lasted only two years, then

they did away with it due to too many control issues. He believes those students have different issues than ours. He would like to ask the Board to explore other options as he doesn't believe it would work for us. Thanks for listening and have a Very Merry Christmas.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION - *None***

**4. ROUTINE ITEMS – SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION**

**Item 4.01 Minutes – October and November 2018 Meetings:**

- **approved** unanimously on the motion made by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Barstys.

**Ayes** – Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, and Mr. Restaino

**Nays** – *None*

**Motion Carried**

**Item 4.02 Budget Transfer #5:**

- **approved** unanimously on the motion made by Mr. Bass, seconded Mr. Cancemi

**Ayes** – Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, and Mr. Restaino

**Nays** – *None*

**Motion Carried**

**Item 4.03 Bids**

- **approved** unanimously on the motion made by Bishop Dobbs, seconded Mr. Vilardo.

**Bids #14:**

- Contract 101 – General Construction, Stewardship Project
- Contract 102 – Plumbing Construction, Stewardship Project
- Contract 103 – Mechanical/HVAC Construction, Stewardship Project
- Contract 104 – Electrical Construction, Stewardship project
- Contract 105 – Site, Stewardship Project

**Bid NYS OGS #18090090**

- Vehicle market Place Award 22898 Mini-Bid - Ford F-250 XL Super Cab Pickup

**Ayes** – Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, and Mr. Restaino

**Nays** – *None*

**Motion Carried**

**Item 4.04 Treasurer's Report for November 2018: *Received and filed.***

**Item 4.05 Budget Status Report for December 2018: *Received and filed.***

**Item 4.06 Personnel Report Certificated:**

The Certificated Report, Items I through V was **approved** as follows on the motion made by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

**Ayes** – Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, and Mr. Restaino

**Nays** – **None**

**Motion Carried**

**Item 4.07 Personnel Report Classified:**

The Classified Report, Items I through VII, was **approved** as follows on the motion made by Mr. Barstys, seconded by Bishop Dobbs.

**Ayes** – Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto (*abstained on Item #II*), Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, and Mr. Restaino

**Nays** – **None**

**Motion Carried**

**Items 4.08, 4.09 CSE, CPSE Reports**

- **approved** unanimously on the motion made by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Paretto.

**Ayes** – Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, and Mr. Restaino

**Nays** – **None**

**Motion Carried**

**4. ROUTINE ITEMS – SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION (cont'd.)**

**Item 4.10 Short Term Contracts**

The following Short Term Contracts were **approved** unanimously on the motion made by Mr. Paretto, seconded by Mr. Barstys.

1. The Conference Center of Niagara Falls/Global Spectrum – Prom Reception and Dinner – Date TBD
2. The Conference Center of Niagara Falls/Global Spectrum - Graduation – June 28, 2019
3. Jack Colocousis, Corporate Training Services, Workshop: Emotional Intelligence – November 27, 2018, December 4, 2018, and January 8, 2019

**Ayes** – Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, and Mr. Restaino

**Nays** – **None**

**Motion Carried**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5.01 RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDED POLICIES OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT** *(Tabled at the November 15, 2018 Regular Board Meeting for thirty days...Motion to remove off the table is needed)*

A motion to remove the following policies off the **table** was **approved** unanimously on the motion made by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Vilardo:

**Ayes** – Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, and Mr. Restaino

**Nays** – **None**

**Motion Carried**

The following policies were **approved** unanimously on the motion made by Mr. Jocoy, seconded by Mr. Cancemi:

Policy #5140 entitled "Administration of the Budget"

Policy #6213 entitled "Registration and Professional Development"

Policy #7222 entitled "Diploma or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities"

Policy #7260 entitled "Designation of Person in Parental Relation"

Policy #7512 entitled "Student Physicals"

Policy #7515 entitled "Concussion Management"

**Ayes** – Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, and Mr. Restaino

**Nays** – **None**

**Motion Carried**

**6. NEW BUSINESS – SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION**

**ITEM 6.01, 6.02**

The following resolutions were **approved** unanimously on the motion made by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Paretto:

**6.01** Approval of Receipt of Gift from Mr. Gary Hall

**6.02** Approval of Receipt of Gift from Occidental Chemical Corporation

**Ayes** – Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, and Mr. Restaino

**Nays** – **None**

**Motion Carried**

**ITEM 6.03, 6.04, and 6.05**

The following resolutions were **approved** unanimously on the motion made by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Barstys:

**6.03** Acceptance of Funds Emergency Impact Aid-Displaced Students

**6.04** Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 Federal IDEA Funding for the Education of Students With Disabilities Grant – Section 611

**6.05** Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 Federal IDEA Funding for the Education of Students With Disabilities Grant – Section 619

**Ayes** – Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, and Mr. Restaino

**Nays** – **None**

**Motion Carried**

#### **ITEM 6.06, 607**

The following resolutions were **approved** unanimously on the motion made by Mr. Bass, seconded by Mr. Cancemi:

**6.06** Approval of Amended Municipal Cooperation Agreement With the City of Niagara Falls, New York for the Services of Police Officers to Serve as School Resource Officers 9-1-2018 – 12-31-2018

**6.07** Approval of Municipal Cooperation Agreement Dated January 1, 2019 With the City of Niagara Falls, New York, for the Services of Police Officers to Serve as School Resource Officers Period January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019

**Ayes** – Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, and Mr. Restaino

**Nays** – **None**

**Motion Carried**

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS – SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION (cont'd.)**

#### **ITEMS 6.08, 6.09, 6.10, 6.11, 6.12, and 6.13**

The following resolutions were **approved** unanimously on the motion made by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Paretto:

**6.08** Approval of Agreement With the Niagara Falls Housing Authority for Universal Pre-School Sites 2018-2019

**6.09** Approval of Agreement With Erie 1 BOCES to Furnish Certain Computer Services

**6.10** Approval of Amendment to the Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Amplify Education, Inc. for Professional Development Services and Instructional Coaching for Grades 6-8 of the Amplify ELA Program 9-1-2018 – 8-31-2019

**6.11** Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Cengage Learning for On-Site Instructional Coaching Services for the Period 12-20-2018 - 8-31-2019

**6.12** Approval of Contract for Professional Development Services for the Go Math! Grades 6-8 Program Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company for January 1, 2019 – August 31, 2019

**6.13** Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Amystarck Consulting & Events Planning, Inc. for Professional Services in Securing Sponsorships and/or Gifts for Benefit of the District 1/1/2019 – 12/31/19

**Ayes** – Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, and Mr. Restaino

**Nays** – **None**

**Motion Carried**

#### **ITEM 6.14**

The following resolution was **approved** unanimously on the motion made by Mr. Barstys, seconded by Mr. Vilardo:

**6.14** Approval of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) in Response to the District's Internal Information Technology General Controls Assessment Report

**Ayes** – Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, and Mr. Restaino

**Nays** – **None**

**Motion Carried**

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS – SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTION (cont'd.)**

#### **ITEM 6.15**

The following resolution was **approved** unanimously on the motion made by Mr. Paretto, seconded by Mr. Vilardo:

**6.15** Approval of a Special Meeting (January 10, 2018) of the Board of Education

**Ayes** – Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, and Mr. Restaino

**Nays** – **None**

**Motion Carried**

#### **7. REVIEW OF PROPOSED POLICY(IES) – None**

#### **8. INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

Mr. Laurrie congratulated the NFHS bowling team on being undefeated so far this year. David Shelton, a senior, bowled a perfect 300 game. Mr. Laurrie expressed congratulations to the new coaches and students.

Congratulations to Mr. Jocoy for organizing the Cataract Classic Hockey and Basketball tournaments. *Great job!*

Mr. Laurrie again wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Barstys – Congrats to Mrs. Jacklin, who is now officially “stuck” with us. Congrats also to Mrs. Murray, who also taught Mr. Barstys’s sisters in the past. He noted that Mrs. Murray just became a grandmother for the first time. Mrs. Dumas will be missed and may God continue to bless her. He and Mrs. Barstys attended the Holiday Concert at Abate for many years. This year, they went to LPS concert and he feels it was amazing. Students did a great job. Kudos to Angela Frommert and Nicole Bilson. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.*

Mr. Bass – Congrats to Mrs. Dumas. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

Mr. Cancemi – *Merry Christmas* – Sorry to Mrs. Dumas for all of the times he called her at the last minute to make requests. He complimented students and staff at last night’s performance at NFHS. It was nothing less than outstanding. He can’t believe the talent he saw last night. The teachers have it together. The students loved what they were doing. He thanked the teachers. This is a very strong positive in the District. Collectively they were fantastic. *Happy and safe holidays to everyone.* He stated that He hopes Mr. Laurrie gets his new car soon.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Bishop Dobbs – Congratulated Mrs. Dumas for all of her hard work and dedication over the years. Mrs. Dumas has been a jewel for a long time. He has served on the Board for 20 years and Mrs. Dumas’s service has been outstanding. Thank you. He stated that he appreciates all she has done for him and all of the help provided. He would like to address very briefly the comments that were made by the NFT president about the Lexington High School matter. All individuals, regardless of who they are, are created equal. Never think that they can’t be successful. People can’t be judged based on ethnicity. He feels our kids are second to none. He expressed that it doesn’t matter where you come from or what color your skin is. If you have the will and desire, and have faith in yourself, anything can happen. *I will never accept the fact that our district can’t achieve. I want Mr. Latham to know we can accomplish anything. Merry Christmas. Blessed New Year.*

Mr. Jocoy – *Merry Christmas and a happy, safe holiday season.* Thanks to Mr. Laurrie for his kind comments on the Cataract Classic tournaments. With the funds raised, scholarships will be given to students.

Mr. Paretto – *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.* Will miss Mrs. Dumas. He knows the lord has blessed her. He hopes Mrs. Dumas will have a fulfilling future. He is glad to have served the District along with her. *Happy holidays and happy retirement.*



Mr. Vilardo – All the best to Mrs. Dumas. May she be blessed with good health and good retirement. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.*

Mr. Petrozzi – Thanks to Mrs. Dumas for her help over the past 18 years. He apologized for losing things and he thanked her for always providing what was needed. Thank you for all you have done. *Great holiday season to everyone.*

Mr. Restaino – *Administration, staff, attorneys, teachers, Merry Christmas to all and Happy Holidays.* Much has been said about Mrs. Dumas. He stated that he will miss her and that she makes his job much easier. He wished her well. *Please come to visit.* He further stated that we have much work to do in the coming year. There will be a number of topics that we will have to tackle. He asked fellow board members to come to table to be ready to work in January. There will be serious topics that will confront us. *Very Merry Christmas to all families.* He looks forward to working with you all.

## 9. ADVANCED PLANNING

<b>BRS/Special Meeting</b> <b>Thursday, Jan 10, '19</b>	<b>ARS/Regular Mtg.</b> <b>Thursday, Jan 24, '19</b>
1. Capital Projects Update – <i>Mr. Laurrie</i>	1. Reading Recovery - <i>Mr. Carella</i>
2. <b>TBD</b>	2. Sister Schools - <i>Mr. Carella</i>
3. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – January 24th Regular Board Meeting – <i>Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro</i>	3. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – January 24th Regular Board Meeting – <i>Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro</i>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration</i></b>  <b>January 17, 2019</b>  <b>Regular Board Meeting</b>  <b>January 24, 2019</b></p>	

## ADJOURNMENT

The December 20, 2018 Regular meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm on the motion made by Mr. Jocoy, seconded by Mr. Barstys in memory of the following; no objections, carried unanimously.

\*Ms. Stella M. Wrobel, retired teacher

\*Mr. Philip Cafarella, retired maintenance worker and father of Christopher Cafarella (Custodian @ Niagara Street) and brother-in-law of Maria T. Taylor (Special Ed teacher @ NFHS)

\*Mrs. Cora Schulte, mother-in-law of Venessa Schulte (Account Clerk in Central Office)

\*Mr. Curtis Wilson, brother-in-law of Venessa Schulte (Account Clerk in Central Office)

\*Mr. Donato “Danny” Giancola, father of Sam Giancola (retired TSA), father-in-law of Maralynn Giancola (retired Special Ed. teacher), and grandfather of Daniel DJ Giancola (teacher at Hyde Park)

\*Mr. Wayne Edwards, husband of Linda Edward (retired Acct Clerk), father of Deborah Gardner (Sr. Acct Clerk), and grandfather of Christina Magnuson (Special Ed. teacher @NSS)

\*Dr. Henry P. Merletti, father of Lynne Tompkins (Principal @ Abate)

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

**BOARD REVIEW SESSION**

January 10, 2019

PRESENT: Mr. Restaino, Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Barstys, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Paretto, Bishop Dobbs

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Laurrie, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Giarrizzo, Mrs. Holody, Mr. Ventry, Mr. Rotella, Mrs. Glaser, Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Smeal, Ms. Doerr, Mr. Granieri, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Massaro

GUESTS: Mr. Miceli, Mr. Deckert, Mr. Trott, Mrs. Dafchik, Miss Lewis, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Shavers, Miss Jackson

Youth City Council

Miss Mahogani Lewis, Miss Jasiah Jackson, Mr. Romello Kemp and Mr. Curtis Shavers, members of the Niagara Collaborative's Youth City Council, addressed the Board regarding the current conditions of the NFHS water fountains and student and staff access to water. They provided statistics on the physiological importance of water to the human body.

Miss Agee, President of the Youth City Council and Miss Jackson, Vice President of the Youth City Council offered ideas regarding substitutions for the drinking fountains at the school. One being water fountain and bottle filling station made by Elkay costing \$1,000. They feel these stations would help increase the consumption of water in the building and alleviate the cost of purchasing purified water for \$1.25; some students cannot afford bottled water. They offered supplying reusable bottles to students in need. Potential locations for the stations were offered: first floor two water dispensers in cafeteria, two on each side of hallway and one in gym areas. Total cost would be approximately \$4,000-\$5,000. If the placing of stations in these areas makes a noticeable change, an installation price could be negotiated for stations on additional floors.

Mr. Laurrie noted in 1999, when NFHS was being constructed, a committee presented 144 recommendations to the Board and Superintendent, one of which was to make water abundant everywhere. He acknowledged that some fountains are temperamental and not working as they should. The answer is not to have plastic water bottles, as they are not good for the environment. The District can procure some of those ideas mentioned and adjust flows on other fountains. The Youth Council members were commended for the manner in which they are learning to advocate and speak for things in a respectable manner. If approached properly and with conviction they will be taken seriously. We are a big proponent to let the students have a voice and their efforts are applauded.

Mr. Laurrie also remarked about the District's pouring rights with Coca Cola and requirements about water dispensers. This has to be reviewed prior to a decision being made. Your words and approach have been listened to and with some work with Purchasing and Maintenance we can advance your position on this matter.

Mr. Laurrie also noted these students are advocates for the District, and as such, the students are involved with WNED and students from the Buffalo District twice a month to offer students' voices on matters.

Mr. Paretto offered to the students the fact that by drinking water, people can benefit from fluoride's cavity protection; bottled water does not provide such a benefit.

## Capital Projects

Mr. Miceli reported contractors have started getting insurance together. A mandatory kick off meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15. January 28 is the start of construction with floor replacement at Gaskill (4 rooms), a total of 41 are needed to be replaced, and 6-7 rooms at a time at LaSalle. Work will be done second shift during the school year; asbestos will be done during summer, and pipe insulation asbestos will be an abatement. Contractors will post PER New York state code about work occurring in the buildings next week. This past week the faculty were addressed at Gaskill regarding the work; next Monday a meeting will be held with LaSalle faculty.

NFHS work will begin in spring; a user meeting will occur regarding parking lot work in the spring.

Mr. Laurrie and Ms. Massaro met with the CSEA President today regarding the contract coming before the Board for the hiring of Cook Corrigan Systems New York LLC for moving services, thus eliminating any overtime for CSEA staff. He noted because the District was warned the State will not reimburse it one penny for overtime associated with this task, it is not cost effective to give up the reimbursement of 100%, and the District made a commitment to the public that it would not use general funds that would affect programming, etc. for this capital project.

Phase II is currently in design; CPL will deliver 75% of documents to BCC for cost estimate.

There was discussion regarding chilled beam HVAC system planned in the project. A diagram of the system was provided to the Board in explanation.

Ms. Dafchik provided a revised rendering of the vestibule enclosure; it has been modified to blend in like other areas of the high school; additional renderings include removal of the concrete pattern in the courtyard, patterning on classroom windows and mirrored onto the addition, addition of lighting under the new canopies and additional wall mounted lighting.

The deadline insisted by the Superintendent is April 10; we want documents ready to go to SED, in conjunction with an expedited review, to remain in the 36-month window of work.

Five contractors have been vetted: Squires Hennig, JR Swanson, Quakenbush, CIR, and Scott Lawn Yard. Meetings were held with each low bidder to review the scope of work, schedule and expectations of the project. Additional meeting time was held with Scott Lawn Yard due to the affects to the campus, etc. Mr. Laurrie noted although these are the major contractors, they also use subcontractors. It was confirmed that a partial list of subcontractors is in hand and is subject to approval. The Board will be asked tonight to approve the five contracts, which is the last phase before construction.

## Agenda Review

Bids: #15 – Special Testing & Inspection RFP

#16 – Environmental Project Inspection & Sampling Services RFP

The Board was provided with revised information; changes affect the bottom line cost and includes an accompanying schedule. The major change is the schedule or table of values. Mr. Smeal provided the Board with actual pricing information and explained the District is doing the work at unit cost because it is not sure of the units needed; an NTE will be established. Expectation is for more than \$20,000 because of the scope of the project.

### January 24 Agenda:

Special Presentations will be made to three staff members: Mr. Tom Freidhof, Ms. Patricia Buchman, and Mrs. Catherine Touma-D'Angelo.

### Short-term Contracts:

1. Thomas Wilcox - Workshop: The Lion King - April 4-6, 2019; May 2019
2. Shamiel Gary – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Student Presentation on January 17, 2019
3. Modie Cox – Funded through My Brother's Keeper for work with Prep School males.
4. NU – Big Eagle Little Eagle – Costs associated with the NU Center for Racial Justice and NFHS students.
5. Institute on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care - working with Kalfas, NFHS and Gaskill \$6,000 for PD.

### New Business:

6.01 Approval of Receipt of Funds from 2018-19 Family and Community Engagement Grant

6.02 Approval of Acceptance of Funds Mentor Teacher/Internship Program

6.03 Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 Smart Scholars Early College High School (ECHS) Grant – allows first time NFHS student to prepare for college

6.04 Approval of Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 ESEA Title I Grant - \$4.5 million entitlement grant

6.05 Approval of Appointment of Board of Registration, Designation of Day, Hours, and Place of Registration, Authorization for Clerk to Publish Notices of Registration for the Annual School Election/Budget Vote for the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York to be Held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019

6.06 Approval of Appointments of Members to the Committee for Annual Review of the District Code of Conduct Pursuant to New York State Education Law 2801 Subdivision 3

6.07 Approval of Appointments of Members to the District-Wide School Safety Team for Annual Review of the District-Wide Comprehensive School Safety Plan Pursuant to New York State Education Law 2801-a

6.08 Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Principals to Appoint Building-Level School Safety Teams for the Annual Review of Building-Level Emergency Response Plans Pursuant to New York State Education Law 2801-a

6.09 Approval of Contract for Professional Physical and Occupational Services by Independent Contractor for Professional Services— Associated Physical & Occupational Therapists, PLLC. 1/2/19—06/30/19 – For a student who needs OT and PT and is home bound due to a rare disease; the student is unable to be transported to school. NFMHC does not go into the home, so this service is necessary.

6.10 Approval of Agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara County Department of Social Services Creating a Crime Prevention Collaborative – The County provides the District with \$30,000 for this initiative which allows for work with difficult middle school and alternative school students through the Buffalo Federal of Neighborhoods.

6.11 Approval of Agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhoods

6.12 Approval of Contract with AMD Environmental for Environmental Project Inspection & Sampling Services for the District's Stewardship Capital Project – As explained under the Bids discussion, the Special Inspection Bid Form was provided to exhibit the per unit cost.

6.13 Approval of Contract with SJB Services Inc., For Special Testing & Inspections for the District's Stewardship Capital Project – For soil compaction and concrete density etc. testing. A cost per sample list was provided.

6.14 Approval of Contract with Cook Corrigan Systems New York LLC for Moving Services for the District's STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL PROJECT – Mr. Smeal noted this is a NYS contract service; so there is no need to bid the service.

**Mr. Vilardo asked that Ms. Doerr include in the OUR SCHOOLS a schedule for the Wellness Center.** He also expressed concern regarding Google tracking and the possible risk for students participating in computer-based testing to be tracked at such a young age. What is done to protect student's name, age, medical records, etc? Mr. Granieri stated with computer-based testing students information is not of that detail level. Testing is done on a secure browser, there is no awareness of data.

Ms. Massaro reviewed the Personnel Reports. She noted forthcoming is the recommendation of PK-3 associates. Additions will be noted on the Classified Personnel Report.

## Superintendent's Reports:

Future Agenda items for February were reviewed: Sister School concept – Mr. Carella and committee are working on Sister Schools. Future public forums will be scheduled.

Thanks to the Board for approving sponsorship with Mrs. Starck; an initial meeting was held with her. The largest challenge is coming up with a relative value of what each field is worth. A meeting will be held with her every other Thursday at 4 p.m.

Congratulations to Judie for her first foray into Board reports; they were done without incident; she is off to a really great start, and we appreciate it.

Teachers have posed question about the effects on the School District of the partial government shutdown. Mr. Laurrie stated he sent out an email to staff on a matter. There has been no delay as of yet, but there are a few concerns about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). If the shutdown proceeds into the end of February, people will lose SNAP and it will affect the District indirectly. We are also mindful of grant entitlement program federal funds flowing through the state. The longer it goes the more risk we face.

We were pleased to hear about the Seneca decision; we have no details yet.

The District received disappointing news on the Maisto Case. Judge O'Connor has denied funding to all eight districts. There was a brief conference call at 4 p.m. today; information has been sent to counsel, Mr. Giarrizzo and Ms. Massaro. It is a disgusting report and decision.

A Mental Health program booklet has been created as a reference to all the District's programs and initiatives in this area.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS NIAGARA FALLS, NY

5:30 p.m. ARS/7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting (Thursday, January 24, 2019)

### **Members present**

Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

### **Staff present**

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Laurrie, Mr. Carella, Ms. Doerr, Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Giarrizzo, Mrs. Glaser, Mr. Granieri, Mrs. Holody, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Smeal, Mr. Massaro, Mr. Roscetti, Ms. Tedesco

**Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM**

## 1. 5:30 p.m. ARS/7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting

Information: 1.01 ARS Topics

### **1.01 TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:**

The following topics were presented and discussed:

- Reading Recovery – Mr. Carella
- School and District Accountability Status – Mrs. Capone
- 2019-2020 General Fund Budget – Mr. Giarrizzo, Mrs. Holody, Mrs. Jacklin
- Review of Regular Meeting Agenda for January 24 – Mr. Laurrie

Information: 1.02 Agenda - Regular Board Meeting (List of Agenda Items)

## 2. Call to Order

Information: 2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 2.02 Prayer

Information: 2.03 Roll Call

## 3. Letters and Communications

Information: 3.01 Oral Communication

Mr. Ron Aderluh of 151 Buffalo Avenue. Mr. Anderluh would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their concern and telephone calls while he was ill. Thanks to the District, especially Superintendent.Laurrie and Mr. Cancemi who kept him going. He said it was good to see that he has friends in the City, County and State. His work is not done. He will be continuing his work with the Niagara Street Business Association. The Association has adopted Niagara Street School. They are putting on a Chiavetta's chicken dinner fund raiser. Community support is appreciated. He is here to work with the District in any way.

Mr. Robert Touchette, teacher at NFHS. Mr. Touchette spoke to the Board Members about the seriousness of the substitute shortage problem. Change needs to take place sooner rather than later. The teachers need planning time. The burden should not fall on existing classroom teachers. It is very discouraging that a student makes at Wendy's more per hour at a minimum wage job than a non-certified substitute makes to cover his class. He understands there is a shortage of certified subs. If the pay rate for substitutes could be raised, there would be more people who would participate. He also

suggested targeting retirees. Mrs. Sue Rhodenizer is an example of a retiree who works as a substitute. Expanding the District's partnership with NU would also be a good idea in order to target future teachers. Teachers give up one planning period a week, which is 20% of their contractual planning time. All teachers have to fill in, sometimes on short notice. This is not fair to them or to the students. They are falling behind and are getting tired. Mr. Touchette suggesting having teachers give up duties that other staff members could perform in order to free them up to substitute. Mr. Touchette emphasized that he is willing to help come up with solutions.

## **Special Presentations**

### Recognition of Outstanding Staff

Mr. Laurrie extended a special welcome to Mr. Ron Anderluh. Mr. Laurrie said it is great to see him back. Mr. Anderluh is involved with Niagara Street School and the Niagara Street Business Association.

Tonight, the following staff members are being recognized for their hard work and dedication to the NFCSD:

Cathy Touma-D'Angelo, School Counselor at Abate – Mrs. Touma D'Angelo has been with the District for 21 years. Many of her colleagues came to show their support. Mrs. Touma-D'Angelo takes her job to heart and lives it every day, every minute. She always goes above and beyond to support students and is an excellent resource. Mr. Laurrie feels she is very invaluable to the District.

Patricia Buchman, Child Care Associate at Gaskill – Mrs. Buchmann has worked in the NFCSD for 19 years. Started in the District daycare program. Mrs. Buchman comes to work every day and does any outstanding job. She is quiet and humble. Her service is exemplary.

Tom Freidhof, Information Services at Central Office – Mr. Freidhof works in the Information Services Department. He has fixed more problems than anyone will ever know. Mr. Freidhof never asks for any praise, and he does his job very well. He is a true blessing and is irreplaceable. Mr. Granieri also said a few words about Mr. Freidhof. Mr. Granieri has worked side by side with Mr. Freidhof for many years. Mr. Freidhof has good expertise and wonderful customer service. Mr. Friedhof does his job quietly and does whatever he can to help without being asked.

Mr. Laurrie again thanked the honorees and asked them to keep doing what you are doing. Great job.

Information: 3.03 Written Communications

## **4. Recommended Actions - Routine Items**

Action: 4.01 Minutes - December 2018

Approval of Minutes - December 2018

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Earl F Bass.



Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information: 4.02 Budget Transfer - #6

Approval of Budget Transfer - #6

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information: 4.03 Bids - None

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.04 Treasurer's Report - January 2019

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.05 Budget Status Report - January 2019

Action: 4.06 Personnel Report - Certificated Items

Approval of Personnel Report for Certificated Staff

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.07 Personnel Report - Classified Items

Approval of the Personnel Report for Classified Staff

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.08 Committee on Special Education Report

Approval of Committee on Special Education Report

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.09 Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

## Approval of Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information, Discussion, Receive and File: 4.10 Short-Term Contract(s)

Approval of Short-Term Contracts - See Attachment for List

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## 5. Unfinished Business

Information: 5.01 None

## 6. New Business

Action: **6.01** Approval of Receipt of Funds for the 2018-2019 Family and Community Engagement Grant  
Approval of Receipt of Funds for the 2018-2019 Family and Community Engagement Grant

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.02** Approval of Acceptance of Funds Mentor Teacher/Internship Program  
Approval of Acceptance of Funds Mentor Teacher/Internship Program

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.03** Acceptance of Funds For The 2018 - 2019 Smart Scholars Early College High School (ECHS) Grant  
Acceptance of Funds For The 2018 - 2019 Smart Scholars Early College High School (ECHS) Grant

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.04** Approval of Acceptance of Funds for the 2018 - 2019 ESEA Title I Grant  
Approval of Acceptance of Funds for the 2018 - 2019 ESEA Title I Grant

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.05** 05 Approval of Appointment of Board of Registration, Designation of Day, Hours, and Place of Registration, Authorization for Clerk to Publish Notices of Registration for the Annual School Election/Budget Vote for the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York to be Held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.06** Approval of Appointments of Members to the Committee for Annual Review of the District Code of Conduct Pursuant to New York State Education Law 2801 Subdivision 3  
Approval of Appointments of Members to the Committee for Annual Review of the District Code of Conduct Pursuant to New York State Education Law 2801 Subdivision 3

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.07** Approval of Appointments of Members to the District-Wide School Safety Team for Annual Review of the District-Wide Comprehensive School Safety Plan Pursuant to New York State Education Law 2801-a  
Approval of Appointments of Members to the District-Wide School Safety Team for Annual Review of the District-Wide Comprehensive School Safety Plan Pursuant to New York State Education Law 2801-a

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.08** Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Principals to Appoint Building-Level School Safety Teams for the Annual Review of Building-Level Emergency Response Plans Pursuant to New York State Education Law 2801-a

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Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.09** Approval of Contract for Professional Physical and Occupational Services by Independent Contractor for Professional Services— Associated Physical & Occupational Therapists, PLLC. 1/2/19—06/30/19

Approval of Contract for Professional Physical and Occupational Services by Independent Contractor for Professional Services— Associated Physical & Occupational Therapists, PLLC. 1/2/19—06/30/19

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.10** Approval of Agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara County Department of Social Services creating a Crime Prevention Collaborative.

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Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.11** Approval of Agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhoods.

Approval of Agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhoods.

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.12** Approval of Contract with AMD Environmental for Environmental Project Inspection & Sampling Services for the District's Stewardship Capital Project  
Approval of Contract with AMD Environmental for Environmental Project Inspection & Sampling Services for the District's Stewardship Capital Project

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.13** Approval of Contract with SJB Services Inc., For Special Testing & Inspections for the District's Stewardship Capital Project  
Approval of Contract with SJB Services Inc., For Special Testing & Inspections for the District's Stewardship Capital Project

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.14** Approval of Contract with Cook Corrigan Systems New York LLC for Moving Services for the District's STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL PROJECT  
Approval of Contract with Cook Corrigan Systems New York LLC for Moving Services for the District's STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL PROJECT

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

#### 7. Review of Proposed Policy(ies)

Action, Table: 7.01 None

#### 8. Information and Reports

Information: 8.01 Superintendent's Report

At February 14 Board meeting, we will talk about sister schools, capital projects and the newest version of budget. In terms of updates, on Tuesday there were 55 contractors and subcontractors from throughout the county here for Capital Projects bidding. The contractors were happy that there is going to be work for them and their employees. Work begins next week at LPS and GPS. Staff at both schools have been very accommodating. Mr. Laurrie and Ms. Massaro observed Youth Court, which Channel 4 came to cover. The reporter was very impressed with the students. Mr. Laurrie feels this was a fine

example of restorative practices. Some of the reporters questions were a little indignant. Students took great responsibility. Mr. Laurie is very proud of them. Students can opt go in front of the youth court instead of being suspended. The hallmark of the court is that every offender has to participate in the jury at least one time. Example of types of sentences have to do with community service, counseling, and participating in afterschool programs and extracurricular activities. There are sentencing parameters. Jury participation is the hallmark.

Scholastic Bowl – NFHS team beat Williamsville and Clarence. In addition, Mr. Laurie is not concerned about the budget or test scores. We have good safety and security practices in schools. He is worried about the lack of substitutes. Ms. Massaro has been working with Niagara University and Canisius for a residency-type participation. He takes the point very seriously. He knows how taxing and difficult it can be. He is trying to be creative and keep conversations going.

Information: 8.02 Board Members Comments and Reports

Mr. Bass – Thanks to all awardees and congratulations.

Mr. Paretto – He is very glad we are putting local workers to work. It is important to keep local workers in mind for projects. This helps to contribute to the community. Thanks for all of the hard work of the award winners. They do a fantastic job. Coaches and teacher are doing a fantastic job with Reading Recovery.

Mr. Vilardo – Was at the bowling alley and saw the unified sports bowling team. They were well behaved and a credit to our District. Exemplary. He has watched them for three weeks, getting better every week.

Mr. Petrozzi – Mr. Anderluh will be recognized by the NYS Chamber of Commerce for his contributions to community. He understands what Mr. Touchette is saying. Our country is in turmoil as minimum wage goes up. Teaching kids is a big job, substitutes should make more. He feels it will get worse before it gets better. This problem was created by the government.

Mr. Barsyts – BOCES has raised bottom salaries 3 times recently. They are not fully staffed either. Unemployment rate in NYS is 4%, but Niagara County is under 4%. It is a very difficult situation. Mr. Barsyts likes the idea about changing teacher duties. It is great to see Mr. Anderluh back in the audience. Thank you. Good job to finance team. To be a district of high poverty, but yet have and lack of fiscal stress and hold a good bond rating, is unprecedented.

Bishop Dobbs – Thanks to the Reading Recovery team for all their hard work. Looking forward to seeing progress. There is a big need in the primary grades. Kudos to them.

Mr. Cancemi – Mr. Smeal and Mr. Massaro - thanks for hard work with contractors. Great to have local people employed. Thank you to fellow board members for all they do for community.

## 9. Advanced Planning

Information: 9.01 Future Agenda Items; Information: 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

<b>BRS</b> <b>Thursday, Feb 14,</b> <b>'19</b>	<b>ARS/Regular</b> <b>Mtg.</b> <b>Thursday, Feb 28nd</b> <b>'19</b>
1. Sister Schools	1. Topic TBD
2. Capital Projects	2. 2019-2020 General Fund Budget – <i>Mr. Laurie,</i> <i>Mr. Giarrizzo/Mrs. Holody</i>
3. 2019-2020 General Fund Budget – <i>Mr.</i> <i>Laurie/ Mr. Giarrizzo/Mrs.</i> <i>Holody</i>	3. TBD
4. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – February 28nd Regular Board Meeting – <i>Mr. Laurie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms.</i> <i>Massaro</i>	4. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – February 28nd Regular Board Meeting – <i>Mr. Laurie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms.</i> <i>Massaro</i>

Mr. Laurie expressed the need to have an executive session for reasons #1 and #2.

Motion for Executive session made by Mr. Jocoy, seconded by Mr. Paretto. Those in favor:

Mr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Restaino.

Those opposed:

Mr, Jocoy,

Executive Session convened at 7:34 p.m..

Executive Session concluded at 8:16 p.m. on the motion made by Mr. Jocoy; seconded by Mr. Cancemi.  
The motion was approved unanimously by those present.

10. Adjournment

Action: 10.01 Meeting Adjourned

Adjourn meeting in honor of memory of the following who recently passed away:

- Harvey Albond – Board member 1981- 1985
- Rena Willis – mother-in law of Juliette Willis (Central Office) and grandmother of Romel Griggs (gym teacher, Maple)
- David Rendina - husband of Robin Rendina, (Secretary, NFHS) father of Tiffany Bradberry (School Counselor, Hyde Park), Sarah Cummings (Classroom Associate, Cataract Elementary)
- Dorothy Rolling – mother of Karyn Morrison, (teacher, NFHS).
- Anthony J. Quarantillo, retired teacher, LaSalle Senior High School.

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

**BOARD REVIEW SESSION**

February 14, 2019

PRESENT: Mr. Restaino, Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Barstys, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Bass, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy (6:06 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Laurrie, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Giarrizzo, Mrs. Holody, Mr. Rotella, Mrs. Glaser, Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Smeal, Ms. Doerr, Mr. Carella, Mr. Granieri, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Massaro, Mr. Spanbauer

GUESTS: Chef Bobby Anderson, Ms. Jamie Evan

F Bites Expansion

Mr. Laurrie introduced the presentation by noting last summer F Bites was introduced to the District. In the first 20 weeks of this school year at LaSalle Prep., alone, suspensions of five days or less are down 60% from this time last school year; Superintendent Suspensions are down 16 from last year. The attendance rate is over 90% and the school has been removed from the Focus School list. Tonight, there will be discussion regarding expansion of the program in multiple ways to Gaskill and after school to both prep schools and future plans for expansion to NFHS.

Mr. Spanbauer thanked the Board for its support of the program. He commented on how beneficial the program is to the students; it is positive and fun, that's where the impact is made on attendance. This is the first time attendance has been at 90% in that block over the past years.

Chef Bobby noted F Bites is an evidenced-based program; the District is now seeing that evidence. After just two weeks at Gaskill there is evidence of the impact of the program. A short video was presented to the Board of the 45-minute session students experience every day. Photos were provided, as well. He discussed his work with at-risk students and the importance of the breaking the barrier of trust with students and working with students on overcoming barriers with which they will be confronted in their lives. The objective is to provide students with a real-life experience and show them the opportunity available to them by focusing on the right way to conduct themselves in relating with the public, their clients.

At next week's Parent Teacher Conference, a few students are going to prepare a meal and serve their parents. It is of interest to know from parents the effect the program has had on the



student's interactions in the home, as well. It is also an opportunity for other parents to see the program live.

There is an upcoming field trip for students to the Statler to see the banquet facilities and take a kitchen tour, followed by preparing a meal.

In regard to sponsorship of students and getting jobs, there are students employed by F Bites to come and assist with the afterschool program. They cannot get in trouble in school (suspension, detention) and are paid \$15 per hour. They are provided with a uniform and sign a contract with parent approval.

Chef Bobby discussed his recent visit to Seattle to investigate a relationship with Starbucks through its Youth Barista 8-week training program, Catalyst Kitchen, which is under the umbrella of Starbucks. It is the intent to bring the Youth Barista program to the District and pipeline students to Tim Horton's and/or Starbucks. During the visit Chef Bobby saw the operation and was shared the graduates' testimony of the experience. The program is four 8-10 week blocks. All equipment is offered at a 10% discount and consumable products are 50% off for not-for-profit organizations.

Mr. Restaino questioned the cost of equipment. Chef Bobby stated the cappuccino and espresso machines are \$4,800; cups, \$28; case of Starbucks coffee, \$113. Equipment would be an initial cost only.

In regard to expansion to NFHS, it is already scheduling in the first 40 students. A supervisory teacher is not yet selected.

Mr. Laurrie expressed full support of expansion of the program. Next year we hope to double the amount of students in the program. By semester, students who do well will be used as mentors in the next semester. In addition, the afterschool program will allow the program to reach more students. The high school program will be upgraded in that it will have job placement. We will work with BOCES to have a pipeline to jobs.

Ms. Evan noted F Bites will be sponsoring one student at LPS to go on the Washington DC trip.

## Sister Schools

Mr. Carella and Mr. Rotella presented to the Board information regarding Sister Schools. A sister school is one school on two campuses. There are different grade levels at each site. There is a shared vision, shared families and one school community. Targeted and specialized programming will be created by grade level and will be:

- Developmentally age appropriate
- Special programs
- Theme-based instruction
- Additional customized enrichment and intervention opportunities.

The reason for the Sister School concept:

- Fewer grade levels = more focused instruction.

- More efficient use of resources and personnel
- More focused Professional Development for staff
- Transient nature of students in the area
- Potential ability to bus more students and decrease tardiness while increasing attendance
- Works well when two campuses are comparable in size

The sites selected: Harry F. Abate and Niagara Street Elementary Schools because

- Fewer than 2 miles apart.
- Two largest elementary schools
- Ample physical space for extracurricular and thematic activities.
- Large auditoriums, cafeterias, Physical Education space, pools and multi-purpose areas
- Extra classrooms to support additional services and innovative programming
- Room to grow - space to attract new students and families

Advantages of one school, two campuses:

- Character education
- Nurturing Culture & School Spirit
- Each campus caters to age-appropriate interests of the child
- Specialized Curriculum and Instruction
- For Students: Thematic Instruction, Special Projects, Focused Support Services and Interventions, Enrichment activities targeted to specific age groups
- For Teachers and Staff: Grade Level Collaboration and Planning, Team Teaching, specialized training, efficient scheduling and delivery of services such as those for Students with Disabilities
- Family Resources
- Opportunities to enhance student Social Emotional Learning and well being

Mr. Rotella discussed the following:

Barriers:

- Transportation for all
- Before and after school child care
- Siblings on two campuses
- Complimentary Scheduling
- Transition of existing programming
- Coordinated parent involvement
- Reallocating resources and right fitting all physical space

Needs:

Transition Planning – Workgroups would be established to manage:

- Building space and set up
- Customized curriculum/program

- Intervention services
- Special Programming
- Scheduling and coordination
- Before and After School Programming
- School and Event Scheduling
- Staff and Team Scheduling
- Family and community involvement
- Resource Accessibility/Proximity
- Outreach-Resources and Supports
- Comprehensive transportation plan
- Culture and Theme Planning

#### Next Steps:

- Consideration of Stakeholder input
- Decision making
- Planning committees
- Continued family and community input and updates

The Board felt it was important that staff have as much information as possible, so parents are at ease with the program and they have as few question marks as possible when the program starts.

Mr. Carella discussed his visit to North Tonawanda before meeting with the Advisory Committee; it had just finished this process, however, it added a layer with closing schools and then added this program districtwide. We were provided with materials it made available to the community, focus groups with parents and educators, and program plans and how long it took it so we have an idea of upfront planning needed.

Mr. Laurrie stated the rationale behind this was, is the District getting the most of its educational program and is it possible, smart and efficient and successful to have that wide of range of brain development and learning in eight places, or is there educational benefit to lessen the gaps for critical times for learning to read K-2 and 3-6. Secondly, as you noticed it revolves around bussing, when looking at grade-by-grade attendance. Abate has 100 kindergarten students and 86 students missed 18 days or more, and Kalfas has the second best attendance rate; transportation is a barrier and hurdle – can we do something creatively with transportation? It may cost more but may be worth the return.

The Board asked for refinement of the presentation, publicizing calendar dates to the public and obtaining feedback from teachers, parents, students and community. Mr. Carella noted discussion with the DPC and seeking its involvement. The concept intent was made clear--to improve student outcomes not to save money so that is why there is not financial focus in this presentation.

Teacher response? Very interested, and we have asked for primary and intermediate teacher involvement and encouraged them to bring information back to their schools and obtain feedback.

## 2019-20 General Fund Budget

There is no changes on the revenue side until the State adjusts the Governor's proposal.

Additions/subtractions were noted that were appropriated from savings to balance the budget. BAN borrowing will be delayed until July. The GAP is down to \$4.3 million; a 2.75% increase in budget at this point. The public will be voting on a \$148,176,297 budget.

Mr. Laurie noted it is a routine Board question to ask how the District is doing this year with respect to carry over; it is still premature to answer but the Finance Team is questioned every Wednesday on the budget status. We are optimistic but not ready with a figure. Finally, the District is trying to actively do things like rent rooms to BOCES, to keep kids in the District and gain funds. In the meantime, it is pursuing an aggressive sponsorship Field Naming Project, which may be revenue brought in next year. The District is always looking for ways to bring in revenue.

## Agenda Review

Youth Court will present in a month to the Board.

### Short-term Contracts:

1. TELL Consulting – Saturday workshops for ELL (English Language Learners) at Kalfas, Mann and NFHS; in particular, Kalfas staff has not had much training. Ms. Anthony is a Buffalo teacher who also conducts training. Four full days and extra consulting hours, \$6,500.

**The number of days for all short term contracts will be added to grid.**

2. Jack Colocousis - presentation dates of 2/13/19, 2/16/19, 3/5/19, 3/13/19, 3/20/19. Emotional Intelligence \$1,500

No additional short-term contracts will be added to the grid unless there is an emergency to approve.

### New Business:

6.01 Approval of Receipt of Gift from Sirius Computer Solutions (SG 3, 4, 5) – donated two mobile laptops and one for Abate Technology Night. The second laptop is for Technology Night partnership with Hyde Park Family Fun Night on March 15.

6.02 Approval of Receipt of Gift Trinity United Methodist Women (SG 3, 4) – Gift to Focus on Family Program.

6.03 Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 ESEA Title IV – Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) Program Grant (SG 3) – New grant received to pay for technology integrator and social workers.

6.04 Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 ESEA Title II-A Grant (SG 1, 2, 3) – For all instructional coaches in the budget, \$553,000.

6.05 Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 Expanded Full Day Pre- Kindergarten (SG 1, 3) – This week the 140<sup>th</sup> three-year old student started in the Pre-K3 program.

6.06 Approval of School Election Procedures, Polling Sites, and Designation of Day and Time of Public Hearing on School Budget For the City School District Of the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York (SG 4) – Mr. Petrozzi asked if there were a conflict with the new primary date and voting machine availability. Mr. Laurrie stated he spoke with counsel on this matter and will follow up. The new voting regulations will not affect the District's annual election; the question is whether or not the District can get voting machines because of the timing.

6.07 Approval of a Contract for Professional Evaluation Services by Independent Contractor for Grant Evaluation – Community Connections of New York, Inc. (CCNY) 3/1/19 – 2/28/20 (SG 1, 3) – This group has been working with the District for a full year; the Board will receive a comprehensive report at the February 28 meeting. This resolution seeks approval of extension of contract at less than half the amount of the original.

6.08 Approval of Agreement Between The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and The Mental Health Advocates of Western New York For the 2018-19 Too Good For Violence Program (SG 1, 3) – The Board will be honored with an award at this agency's dinner on March 13 for taking the lead in this area.

6.09 Approval of Contract for Drug Counseling Services between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Beacon Center for March 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019 (SG 1) This contract is forthcoming. It is for drug consulting services and is sought due to the increase in suspensions at NFHS for students with possession of marijuana or coming to school with the thought of being high. The District will be working with this group to get counseling after students are identified.

6.10 Approval of Additional Contract or Professional Consulting Services Between The City School District of The City of Niagara Falls and F Bites Culinary 2/4/2019 – 6/30/2019. (SG 1) – As presented this evening, this contract is for expansion of F Bites to Gaskill and Niagara Falls High School.

6.11 Approval of Amendment to the Contract for Professional Development Services and Instructional Coaching for Go Math! (SG 1, 2),

6.12 Approval of Contract for Professional Development Services for the Go Math! Grades 6-8 Program Between The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, NY and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company for March 1, 2019 – August 31, 2019. (SG 1, 2)

6.13 Approval of Amendment to the contract for Professional Services between the City School District of The City of Niagara Falls, and PLC Associates, Inc., for Professional Development Services From January 2, 2019 – March 1, 2019 (SG 1, 2)

Approval is sought for amendments to a previously approved contract and one new contract. The new contract is for a 2-day course for middle school math teachers on a Superintendent Conference Day and a second day for those who elect to attend on a Saturday. The amendment is for middle school math, this was an approved contract in December, but the District could not get the consultants it wanted, so the PO was liquidated and the contract amended from August resulting in a savings of \$12,000. The other amendment is for NFHS. Mrs. Jones requested the addition of two presenters for upcoming PD,

6.14 Approval of a Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor for Truancy Prevention Programs – R. Cunningham Consultants, Inc. 3/1/19 – 2/28/20 (SG 1) – The Board asked if there were an increase in the contract amount. Mr. Laurie answered, yes. Mr. Vilardo commended Mr. Cunningham for a job well done. This is well deserved.

6.15 Approval of Emergency Resolution For The Replacement of The Uninterruptable Power Supply For Niagara Falls High School Resulting from a Public Emergency Created by High Winds Causing a Power Surge That Damaged The District's Uninterruptable Power Supply For The District's Information Technology Network (SG 1, 2, 3, 5) – The District's UPS was damaged during the October 29 wind storm. The storm knocked out a server at NFHS, the hub of the District's IT activity. The UPS is meant to take over in the interim of power loss; this did not happen. In the interim the District's network is at risk; if it were to have a failure during another wind storm, the District would be at risk of losing surveillance, internet IP, phones. Work is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 17. Cost: UPS, \$25,000; subsequent installation: \$4,900.

Future Meeting topics were reviewed.

Personnel Reports were reviewed by Ms. Massaro.

#### Superintendent's Report

Six drinking fountains were installed at NFHS; one will be installed at Gaskill in the gym area.

Mr. Smeal was acknowledged for addressing the sign structure at NFHS that blew over in the windstorm. **The Board asked that consideration be given to replacing the sign.**

One of the promises made to Mrs. Glaser in preparation for election season was to call in Mrs. Dumas to assist this year. Between now and the next meeting I, Ms. Massaro and Mrs. Glaser will meet to see what help is necessary.

Congratulations to the bowling team, it competed in the Sectionals and placed 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Today, I watched the final Unified Bowling match with Ms. Doerr; we are glad to see teachers supporting the team.

Correspondence was received from the City Council's secretary regarding a vote this Wednesday by the Council on the \$10,000 budget for the OSC. I couldn't have been more disappointed at the cut of \$10,000 for the OSC station from its budget after the District had agreed to take on

responsibility of running the Public Access Channel; of that amount \$3,186 went back into City Hall for upgrades to lighting and equipment. Additionally, the District has hosted the Council's Saturday meetings with the public, Easter egg hunt, IT staff's assistance with cameras, etc. without charge. I let the City know of my dismay and the Council know of my disappointment by formal letter. They receive \$577,186 from Cable Tax that is used for City work, and all the District sought was help with equipment. In regard to shared services with the City, nothing has happened, but I am proud of the services the District does offer. Also important to note is that the Cable Commission has not met in over three years.

This afternoon Mr. Giarrizzo, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Massaro and I listened in on a phone call regarding the Maisto case and an appeal going forward. Only four of the eight participating districts partook. One district is out already. It is recommended that the District file an appeal before the February 24, 2019 deadline; this is without cost right now. An estimated cost will be given going forward. District expense since 2008 is \$500,000-\$700,000 from Niagara Falls alone for attorney fees. This is the third attorney group that has been paid in this case. How much has been spent to date, anticipated cost going forward and the other districts participating going forward will be brought back to the Board for a final decision to be made on the direction to take. The Superintendent noted he will insist if Niagara Falls is in, it is only in if its school district attorneys are part of the process.

#### Board Members Comments:

Mr. Jocoy - If the Council vote doesn't pass to fund the TV station, the District doesn't have to film its meetings anymore?

Mr. Vilardo – Congratulations to the Bowling Team and to those inducted into the Honor Society.

Mr. Barstys - Congratulations to the Bowling Team

Bishop Dobbs – Regarding the budget presentation and measures taken to close the Gap; the District is in pretty good shape, it hasn't been like that for years. Thanks to the staff who work to keep the budget in line.

Mr. Cancemi – Congratulations to both Bowling Teams.

At 7:46 p.m. Mr. Barstys motioned for Executive Session to discuss personnel. Mr. Vilardo seconded the motion.

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Mr. Micelli showed the Board Members pictures of the work being done on the floors at both LPS and Gaskill. The existing floors were in bad shape. At Gaskill they had to do some significant floor demo. The floors have to be grinded down to concrete. They then put down a VCT self-leveling topping. After that, the flooring is installed and polished. They are doing 5 floors at a time. While the classroom floor is being worked on, they have a moving company that relocates the furnishings into a swing classroom, and then back again when work is complete. It is a 3 to 4 week process. Mr. Laurrie explained that they are checking the quality of the work as they go along. If the work is not quality, it will be redone at no cost to the District. It is loud and dusty process. Mr. Laurrie met with Manning Squires as he was not satisfied with level of cleaning during the process. They have addressed cleaning issues and have put down tarps during demo so footprints don't get everywhere. Secondly, Mr. Laurrie requested that the air quality be tested due to the amount of dust in the air. A preliminary test

PM10 test was performed. The results came back fine and showed no issues with the air quality and was well within the acceptable range. The work crews are using HEPA filters and sealing off rooms to take extra precautions. Everyone has agreed to have the air quality retested regularly to ensure there are no issues.

Mr. Barstys was impressed with the quality checking for imperfect tiles. He asked how they replace one single tile without affecting the tiles around it. Mr. Smeal explained they have tiles ready to go if one needs to be replaced. The extra tiles have already been sealed and waxed with the same lot of materials used on the other tiles so it matches. When the floors are re-waxed over the summer, they will look even better.

Mr. Micelli said when weather breaks work will begin on the NFHS parking lots and the 79th Street School kitchen. Materials are being ordered to get ready and they hope to get a lot of work done during spring break. GJ Mann's windows have been ordered and will hopefully be delivered at the end of May. As soon as they come in, that work will start. The roofs at NFHS, Cataract, and Maple will be worked on over summer.

#### 2019-20 General Fund Budget

Mr. Giarrizzo explained that there has been very little change to the budget sheet since the last meeting. Only one change was made down at bottom of the sheet which was an increase in the tax levy. The deadline to submit the tax cap to NYSED is Friday, March 1. Mrs. Holody has already sent it out. The District is still awaiting word from Legislators regarding any change in foundation aid. Mr. Giarrizzo is hoping the amount of aid will go up. Mr. Giarrizzo explained that the Appropriations are still the same. The same future considerations are still listed on the sheet. The district is awaiting word about the possibility of any casino funds, hopefully before April 1st. Mr. Laurie explained that the public will be voting on the budget amount of \$148,176,297. That number is pretty rock solid. Voting takes place on May 21. A year ago, we had a presentation on workers comp. Mr. Giarrizzo said it is unlikely that the District would have to use any of the reserves in this fund.

Mr. Giarrizzo mentioned that an RFP will be done through O/N BOCES for a new internal auditor. There are at least a half dozen districts that are also looking for an internal auditor. We provided our financial demographics to BOCES. BOCES received all RFP responses today. There were 5 accounting firms that responded to the RFP.

Mrs. Jacklin, Mrs. Holody and Mr. Giarrizzo will vet the firms and bring their findings before the Audit Committee first, and then to the Board to vote on in March. It was a big help for BOCES to provide this service to us. All but two respondents are local firms.

Mr. Petrozzi asked if we have to change auditors. Mr. Giarrizzo explained that we could continue with the same auditor, but it never hurts to take a fresh look in order to compare prices and determine which firm is the best fit.

#### Review of Agenda

Mrs. Glaser facilitated a review of the agenda. The NFCSD is being honored in Buffalo for the District's mental health program by Mental Health Advocates of WNY on Wednesday, March 13 at Rich's Atrium. Mrs. Glaser will provide further details.

Mr. Barstys suggested that regarding F Bites, the District should purchase the equipment needed for the student Barista program, that way the District would own the equipment. Mr. Laurie agreed that it is an amazing program which he hopes to expand to NFHS.

Prior to installation of the new UPS's, Mr. Smeal and other staff members went to each school in order to check all generators in the District. They found that a speed sensor on Cataract's generator was ramping up too high and shutting the motor down. Mr. Smeal said they had an emergency generator set up as a backup. UPS's were installed and are working. Everything went smoothly.

Ms. Massaro explained that the resolution to adopt procedures for Policy 5413 is regarding the spending of grant money. The resolution will not be tabled for 30 days as is usually done since the policy has been adopted, but the procedures need to be put in place.

Mr. Laurie said there will be two Board meetings in March. The first meeting will be regarding the budget. The students who are members of the Youth Court will be attending the Board meeting in March as well. Channel 4 did a piece on the Youth Court yesterday with Ms. Massaro and Mr. Laurie.

Ms. Massaro went over the classified and certificated reports. She noted that there were very few changes. All changes were marked by an asterisk.

Mr. Laurie wanted to publicly extend his thanks to Mr. Smeal for his hard work and exemplary leadership, especially during the wind storm. From Friday through Tuesday, he continuously checked on the generators at the schools to make sure there weren't any issues.

Mr. Laurie commented on the newest edition of the District newsletter which was created by Ms. Doerr. It was very nicely done. Ms. Doerr is working with a contact at the Buffalo News to assist with the newsletter.

Mr. Laurie does not have the official word yet on whether or not the NYSED will require the snow day on Monday, February 25 to be made up. The NYSED hasn't made a decision yet. Mr. Laurie will share the NYSED's decision as soon as he receives it.

Adjournment

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Mr. Micelli showed the Board Members pictures of the work being done on the floors at both LPS and Gaskill. The existing floors were in bad shape. At Gaskill they had to do some significant floor demo. The floors have to be grinded down to concrete. They then put down a VCT self-leveling topping. After that, the flooring is installed and polished. They are doing 5 floors at a time. While the classroom floor is being worked on, they have a moving company that relocates the furnishings into a swing classroom, and then back again when work is complete. It is a 3 to 4 week process.

Mr. Laurrie explained that they are checking the quality of the work as they go along. If the work is not quality, it will be redone at no cost to the District. It is loud and dusty process. Mr. Laurrie met with Manning Squires as he was not satisfied with level of cleaning during the process. They have addressed cleaning issues and have put down tarps during demo so footprints don't get everywhere. Secondly, Mr. Laurrie requested that the air quality be tested due to the amount of dust in the air. A preliminary test PM10 test was performed. The results came back fine and showed no issues with the air quality and was well within the acceptable range. The work crews are using HEPA filters and sealing off rooms to take

extra precautions. Everyone has agreed to have the air quality retested regularly to ensure there are no issues.

Mr. Barstys was impressed with the quality checking for imperfect tiles. He asked how they replace one single tile without affecting the tiles around it. Mr. Smeal explained they have tiles ready to go if one needs to be replaced. The extra tiles have already been sealed and waxed with the same lot of materials used on the other tiles so it matches. When the floors are re-waxed over the summer, they will look even better.

Mr. Micelli said when weather breaks work will begin on the NFHS parking lots and the 79th Street School kitchen. Materials are being ordered to get ready and they hope to get a lot of work done during spring break. GJ Mann's windows have been ordered and will hopefully be delivered at the end of May. As soon as they come in, that work will start. The roofs at NFHS, Cataract, and Maple will be worked on over summer.

#### 2019-20 General Fund Budget

Mr. Giarrizzo explained that there has been very little change to the budget sheet since the last meeting. Only one change was made down at bottom of the sheet which was an increase in the tax levy. The deadline to submit the tax cap to NYSED is Friday, March 1. Mrs. Holody has already sent it out. The District is still awaiting word from

Legislators regarding any change in foundation aid. Mr. Giarrizzo is hoping the amount of aid will go up. Mr. Giarrizzo explained that the Appropriations are still the same. The same future considerations are still listed on the sheet. The district is awaiting word about the possibility of any casino funds, hopefully before April 1st. Mr. Laurrie explained that the public will be voting on the budget amount of \$148,176,297. That number is pretty rock solid. Voting takes place on May 21. A year ago, we had a presentation on workers comp. Mr. Giarrizzo said it is unlikely that the District would have to use any of the reserves in this fund.

Mr. Giarrizzo mentioned that an RFP will be done through O/N BOCES for a new internal auditor. There are at least a half dozen districts that are also looking for an internal auditor. We provided our financial demographics to BOCES. BOCES received all RFP responses today. There were 5 accounting firms that responded to the RFP.

Mrs. Jacklin, Mrs. Holody and Mr. Giarrizzo will vet the firms and bring their findings before the Audit Committee first, and then to the Board to vote on in March. It was a big help for BOCES to provide this service to us. All but two respondents are local firms.

Mr. Petrozzi asked if we have to change auditors. Mr. Giarrizzo explained that we could continue with the same auditor, but it never hurts to take a fresh look in order to compare prices and determine which firm is the best fit.

#### Review of Agenda

Mrs. Glaser facilitated a review of the agenda. The NFCSD is being honored in Buffalo for the District's mental health program by Mental Health Advocates of WNY on Wednesday, March 13 at Rich's Atrium. Mrs. Glaser will provide further details.

Mr. Barstys suggested that regarding F Bites, the District should purchase the equipment needed for the student Barista program, that way the District would own the equipment. Mr. Laurrie agreed that it is an amazing program which he hopes to expand to NFHS.

Prior to installation of the new UPS's, Mr. Smeal and other staff members went to each school in order to check all generators in the District. They found that a speed sensor on Cataract's generator was ramping up too high and shutting the motor down. Mr.

Smeal said they had an emergency generator set up as a backup. UPS's were installed and are working. Everything went smoothly.

Ms. Massaro explained that the resolution to adopt procedures for Policy 5413 is regarding the spending of grant money. The resolution will not be tabled for 30 days as is usually done since the policy has been adopted, but the procedures need to be put in place.

Mr. Laurrie said there will be two Board meetings in March. The first meeting will be regarding the budget. The students who are members of the Youth Court will be attending the Board meeting in March as well. Channel 4 did a piece on the Youth Court yesterday with Ms. Massaro and Mr. Laurrie.

Ms. Massaro went over the classified and certificated reports. She noted that there were very few changes. All changes were marked by an asterisk.

Mr. Laurrie wanted to publicly extend his thanks to Mr. Smeal for his hard work and exemplary leadership, especially during the wind storm. From Friday through Tuesday, he continuously checked on the generators at the schools to make sure there weren't any issues.

Mr. Laurrie commented on the newest edition of the District newsletter which was created by Ms. Doerr. It was very nicely done. Ms. Doerr is working with a contact at the Buffalo News to assist with the newsletter.

Mr. Laurrie does not have the official word yet on whether or not the NYSED will require the snow day on Monday, February 25 to be made up. The NYSED hasn't made a decision yet. Mr. Laurrie will share the NYSED's decision as soon as he receives it.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

5:30 p.m. ARS/7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting (Thursday, February 28, 2019)

**Members present**

Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

**Meeting called to order at 5:03 PM**

1. 5:30 p.m. ARS/7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting
- 2.

Information: 1.01 ARS Topics (See Library - Review Session)

Information: 1.02 Agenda - Regular Board Meeting (List of Agenda Items)

## 2. Call to Order

Information: 2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 2.02 Prayer

Information: 2.03 Roll Call

## 3. Letters and Communications

Information: 3.01 Special Presentations

Mrs. Jill Wagner and Mr. Karl Wagner, who are the class advisors from NFHS for the Class of 2021, attended the Board meeting along with some of the Class Officers. The students sold area business discount cards for \$10 and were able to make a donation to Niagara Hospice in the amount of \$3,000. A member of the class, Karissa Drake, addressed the Board and explained why the students wanted to make the donation. Hospice gives supportive care and helps to provide quality of life to terminally ill people. The representative from Hospice explained that not only does Hospice serve people with terminal illnesses such as cancer, but they have recently started treating people who suffer from dementia as well. Mr. Laurrie expressed how proud the District is of the students for their sincere efforts and their contribution to a worthy cause.

NFT – Lou Jacklin, Science teacher at Gaskill

Mr. Laurrie recognized Mr. Jacklin for his hard work and dedication. He takes teaching science very seriously. This year, Mr. Jacklin took on the task of coaching the NFHS hockey team which merged with Lockport City School District's hockey team. Mr. Jacklin made sure the students were ready for each game. He went way above and beyond in his role as coach. Mr. Laurrie feels the merger of the two teams went smoothly because of his efforts.

CSEA – Anna Strangio and Anna Z. Strangio, cafeteria staff at NFHS

Both of them have worked at NFHS since it first opened. Mr. Laurrie appreciates the fact that they never take a day off and are always there, ready to do what needs to be done. Each school day, they prepare lunch for over 2,400 students and 200 faculty members. Mr. Laurrie says they deserve this recognition and wanted to thank them on behalf of the Board.

TAUL – Anthony Bass, Physical Education Associate at LaSalle Prep.

Mr. Bass graduated from NFHS in 2011. Mr. Bass does whatever it takes to make sure the students are safe during phys. ed. and is an excellent role model. Mr. Laurrie feels Mr. Bass carries himself like a gentleman, and he would like Mr. Bass to move up higher in this District. Mr. Laurrie expressed his congratulations to Mr. Bass for his exemplary work.

Mrs. Gloria Dolson, Vice President of the LaSalle Educational Club

Mrs. Dolson is honored to be here in front of the Board. The LaSalle Educational Club will be celebrating their 50th anniversary of offering scholarships to students in the Niagara Falls City School District. She cordially invited the Board Members and Mr. Laurrie to



attend the anniversary dinner on Friday, June 14 at 6:00 PM at Antonio's. Mrs. Dolson requested that the Board Members place the date on their calendars. Kristen Martel, a teacher at Abate Elementary School, will be honored at the dinner.

On another matter, Mrs. Dolson expressed the Club's concern about the suspension of early education students. She would like to work with the District to come up with another solution for those students who are at risk and to help redirect their negative energy into something positive. Many times children only do what they are taught. If they are taught better, she believes they will do better.

Information: 3.03 Written Communications

4. Recommended Actions - Routine Items

Action: 4.01 Minutes - January 2019

Approval of Minutes - January 2018

Motion by Kevin Dobbs, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information: 4.02 Budget Transfer - #7

Approval of Budget Transfer - #7

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information: 4.03 Bids - None

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.04 Treasurer's Report - January 2019

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.05 Budget Status Report - February 2019

Action: 4.06 Personnel Report - Certificated Items

Approval of Personnel Report for Certificated Staff

Motion by Earl F Bass, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.07 Personnel Report - Classified Items  
Approval of the Personnel Report for Classified Staff

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.08 Committee on Special Education Report  
Approval of Committee on Special Education Report

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Kevin Dobbs.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.09 Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report  
Action, Information, Discussion, Receive and File: 4.10 Short-Term Contract(s)  
Approval of Short-Term Contracts - See Attachment for List

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Anthony F Paretto.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

5. Unfinished Business  
Information: 5.01 None

## 6. New Business

Action: **6.01** Approval of Receipt of Gift From Sirius Computer Solutions  
Motion to approve receipt of gift From Sirius Computer Solutions

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Vincent Cancemi.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.02** Approval of Receipt of Gift Trinity United Methodist Women  
Motion to approve receipt of gift Trinity United Methodist Women

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.03** Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 ESEA Title IV – Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) Program Grant

Motion to accept funds for the 2018-2019 ESEA Title IV – Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) Program Grant

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.04** Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 ESEA Title II-A Grant

Motion to accept funds for the 2018-2019 ESEA Title II-A Grant

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.05** Acceptance of Funds for the 2018-2019 Expanded Full Day Pre- Kindergarten

Motion to accept funds for the 2018-2019 Expanded Full Day Pre- Kindergarten

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.06** Approval of School Election Procedures, Polling Sites, and Designation of Day and Time of Public Hearing on School Budget For the City School District Of the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York

Motion to approve School Election Procedures, Polling Sites, and Designation of Day and Time of Public Hearing on School Budget For the City School District Of the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.07** Approval of a Contract for Professional Evaluation Services by Independent Contractor for Grant Evaluation – Community Connections of New York, Inc. (CCNY) 3/1/19 – 2/28/20 \$  
Approval of a Contract for Professional Evaluation Services by Independent Contractor for Grant Evaluation – Community Connections of New York, Inc. (CCNY) 3/1/19 – 2/28/20

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.08** Approval of Agreement Between The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and The Mental Health Advocates of Western New York For the 2018-19 Too Good For Violence Program  
Motion to approve agreement between The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and The Mental Health Advocates of Western New York For the 2018-19 Too Good For Violence Program

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.09** Approval of Contract for Drug Counseling Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Beacon Center for March 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019  
(not specified)

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.10** Approval of Additional Contract For Professional Consulting Services Between The City School District of The City of Niagara Falls and F Bites Culinary 2/4/2019 – 6/30/2019  
Motion to approve additional contract for professional consulting services between the City School District of The City of Niagara Falls and F Bites Culinary 2/4/2019 – 6/30/2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.11** Approval of Amendment to the Contract for Professional Development Services and Instructional Coaching for Go Math!  
Motion to approve amendment to the contract for professional development services and instructional coaching for Go Math!

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.12** Approval of Contract For Professional Development Services for the Go Math! Grades 6-8 Program Between The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, NY and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company for March 1, 2019 – August 31, 2019

Motion to approve contract for professional development services for the Go Math! Grades 6-8 Program between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, NY and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company for March 1, 2019 – August 31, 2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.13** Approval of Amendment to the contract for Professional Services between the City School District of The City of Niagara Falls, and PLC Associates, Inc., for Professional Development Services From January 2, 2019 – March 1, 2019

Motion to approve amendment to the contract for Professional Services between the City School District of The City of Niagara Falls, and PLC Associates, Inc., for Professional Development Services From January 2, 2019 – March 1, 2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.14** Approval of a Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor for Truancy Prevention Programs – R. Cunningham Consultants, Inc. 3/1/19 –2/28/20

Motion to approve contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor for Truancy Prevention Programs – R. Cunningham Consultants, Inc. 3/1/19 –2/28/20

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: **6.15** Approval of Emergency Resolution For The Replacement of The Uninterruptable Power Supply For Niagara Falls High School Resulting from a Public Emergency Created by High Winds Causing a

Power Surge That Damaged The District's Uninterruptable Power Supply For The District's Information Technology Network

Motion For Approval of Emergency Resolution For The Replacement of The Uninterruptable Power Supply For Niagara Falls High School Resulting from a Public Emergency Created by High Winds Causing a Power Surge That Damaged The District's Uninterruptible Power Supply For The District's Information Technology Network

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## 7. Review of Proposed Policy(ies)

Action, Table: 7.01 Resolution Adopting Procedures For Policy 5413 of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

(not specified)

Waive the 30 day tabling.

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Motion to adopt:

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Kevin Dobbs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## 8. Information and Reports

Information: 8.01 Superintendent's Report

Mr. Laurrie thanked Mrs. Dolson for raising a good point. Currently the District has over 1,000 students ages 3-5. Mr. Laurrie would like to speak with her and members of the Club about partnering with them to help eliminate suspensions in this age group. Mr. Laurrie would like to collaborate with Ms. Doerr on this matter as well, and possibly put an article in the District newsletter on the matter regarding the June 14, 2019 dinner.

Information: 8.02 Board Members Comments and Reports

Mr. Paretto would like to thank our maintenance staff who worked diligently through this last wind storm. He gives credit to Mr. Smeal and staff who keep the schools running at the top of their game.

Mr. Bass would also like to thank the maintenance staff. Keep up the good work.

Adjourn meeting in honor of memory of the following who recently passed away:

- Clara E Pogorzala, grandmother of Melissa Huffman (grade four teacher, Hyde Park)
- Richard Sims, husband of Ramona Sims (secretary, Kalfas), father of Corey Sims, (maintenance, Abate)
- Jaylana Walker, student at Kalfas School
- Richard DiPasquale (former teacher)
- William Linton (former teacher)
- Laura Herman, (former tutor at Harry F. Abate School)

Action: 10.01 Meeting Adjourned

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Niagara Falls, New York  
 Board Review Session  
**March 14, 2019**  
 Minutes

Present: M. Laurrie, R. Barstys, E. Bass, J. Cancemi, A. Jocoy, A. Paretto, R. Petrozzi, N. Vilardo

Excused: K. Dobbs, R. Restaino

Staff Present: R. Carella, J. Doerr, J. Giarrizzo, J. Glaser, R. Granieri, R. Holody, J. Jacklin, A. Massaro, M. Massaro, E. Smeal, E. Ventry.

### **Youth Court**

The District is extremely proud of the NFHS Youth Court. The goal is to help students to make good choices and avoid future disciplinary actions. The Youth Court has been operating for about a year now. Ms. Massaro had worked on this project with PAL previously in 1999, but it eventually disbanded. With the call for more restorative justice programs, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Coney, Mrs. Conti and the students, have worked very hard to create this program. The program is becoming well-known throughout New York State. Mr. Corsaro and Ms. Everts have also begun to institute their own robust and successful restorative justice program at Niagara Street School. Eventually, Mr. Laurrie is hopeful that all District schools will participate in the program. Mr. Laurrie feels the staff and students have shown great leadership. Mr. Laurrie received a call from Channel 4 News, who wanted to do a story on the program. In order to preserve anonymity of the students, the members of the Youth Court performed a mock trial for the reporter on a Saturday. The students handled themselves very well and made a believer out of the news person. Youth Court takes place every Saturday morning. The program helps to reduce suspensions and change behavior.



Ms. Massaro explained that at the time the Youth Court first started, there was support from the Board of Education, the police department, city court judges, etc. The Youth Court would hear the cases of first-time juvenile offenders. Eventually, without support from outside agencies, the District couldn't continue with Youth Court any longer. When restorative justice came about, it was an opportunity for Youth Court to make a comeback. Previously, students were punished through juvenile court system. Retribution and punishment historically didn't work. Youth Court is helping to restore the community by making the offender part of the solution to the problem. Student offenders are offered counseling services, participate in community service, and also are responsible to pay restitution in some cases. The student offenders then are required to serve on the Youth Court jury. Ms. Massaro hopes that this program will encourage some students to move forward in the legal field in college and make it a career. In order to get the program started again, Mrs. Conti brought the idea to her Street Law students, and it took off from there. Students take part in all courtroom roles (judge, jury, bailiff).

Ms. Massaro and Mrs. Conti felt strongly that the students should be able to use the courthouse on Main Street to get the full effect. When the District reached out to the City, they informed us that the District would have to pay a hefty fee for use of the courtroom. Former Police Chief Dal Porto stepped in and arranged for use of the courtroom at no charge.

Mrs. Conti and the Youth Court members presented a video demonstrating how the program works and the meaning behind it. Mr. Laurie agrees the program will help to make better students, better citizens and change negative behavior. Mr. Laurie asked each of the students what their future plans are. There were a few students who are going to pursue a law career in college. Others are still undecided, while some students are going to college to pursue other majors. Mr. Laurie is proud of these students for their efforts and dedication.

Mrs. Everts, who is a kindergarten teacher at Niagara Street, has begun a restorative justice program with her students each morning, and also with Tier 3 behavior students in Grades 5 and 6 after school. The program with her kindergarten students is based on circles. She oversees the activity, but the students are in charge of their own circles. This activity allows the students to leave emotional baggage at the door so they can enjoy their time at school. The Tier 3 behavior students have endured many struggles in the past. The afterschool program helps them to come up with ways to cope and deal with anger. Students learn that even though it is harder to walk away from a conflict, the result is far better than engaging in the conflict. As a result of Niagara Street's restorative justice program, suspension rates have gone down significantly. None of the students in the afterschool group have been suspended again since they began participating in the program. The students view Mrs. Everts' room is a safe place. Student feel they get support and have a voice.

Mr. Corsaro has noticed students have learned skills to deal with problems, instead of acting out. He reiterated that the suspension rate has noticeably decreased. Mr. Corsaro feels suspensions are not the answer, and that this is a way to change behaviors. Mr. Corsaro attended a conference recently and feels the District is on the right track.

Two Grade 6 students from Niagara Street were present at the meeting. Mr. Laurie asked them how the program has helped them. They told Mr. Laurie that they have learned how to control their anger and not worry about what other people say about them. The elementary students were able to sit in on the Youth Court proceedings. Youth Court members will soon visit Niagara Street School to answer questions, etc. Mr. Laurie feels it is important that all District schools get involved in the restorative justice program. Mrs. Conti said in the near future, NFHS students who have gone through a vetting

process, will mentor Niagara Street students after school. The Youth Court members want to connect with target populations at other grade levels.

Mr. Vilardo congratulated students on their hard work and success. He suggested that the Youth Court students attend the New York State Association of School Business Administrators annual conference to make a presentation. Mr. Vilardo feels it would be a good learning experience. Mr. Laurie also liked the idea. Mr. Barstys recognizes the names of the students who have had Mrs. Barstys as a teacher and will be sure to let her know how well they presented themselves this evening.

There are 25 students who participate in Youth Court so far. They are a diverse group of students. Ms. Jordan Brooks, a senior at NFHS on the Youth Court, explained how lucky they are to have a lot of school clubs that students can join as part of their restorative justice. Students sometimes may also need academic help, which they work together to provide to them. The Youth Court members also give a lot of support daily to students who are struggling. She feels it is important to make sure the students have the tools they need to be successful.

Mr. Matthew Kifer and Mr. Naeshaun Rose said they would like to share the program with other schools and other Districts in Niagara County. They hope the Board Members will support this. They feel that having more than one district involved in the Youth Court would help to make the interaction truly honest and even more effective. They feel there are students in other schools who could benefit from a restorative justice program.

Mr. Laurie thanked the students and teachers involved for all of their work and dedication.

### **2019-20 General Fund Budget**

Mr. Giarrizzo distributed a one-page budget and some materials that New York State has provided. There have been some slight changes to the budget sheet. The NY44 numbers have come in and there will be a 6.5% increase. Mr. Giarrizzo is not sure about United Health Care's rate, but hopes their rate is close to the same. There was also a credit added for the grant carryover of \$275,000. The total budget amount to be voted on is \$147,701,297, which is a 2% increase from last year, which is about the same as the cost of living increase. Mr. Giarrizzo explained that the budget is at a point now where the gap is \$3.874 Million. At next Board meeting, he will have a proposal to cover that gap. Mr. Giarrizzo anticipates a carryover from the general fund of about \$1.5 Million. He is hoping that we will not have to use any of the fund balance.

Mr. Giarrizzo spoke about the other handout he provided. It shows information on the NYS Budget that came out from the Governor and the Senate. There are differences between what the Governor proposed and what the Senate wants. Foundation aid decreases are conflicting between the two budgets. At bottom of the sheet, Mr. Giarrizzo noticed some qualitative issues. The Assembly rejected proposals on equity plans and categorical aid. The Governor wants to go to block grant funding for categorical aid. This process would give districts lumps of money that don't reflect reality because cost increases are not taken into consideration. Hopefully the Legislature will prevent block aid from being implemented. Mr. Giarrizzo is concerned that the District would no longer be permitted to piggy back on transportation contracts.

Mr. Giarrizzo recommends that the Board approve the update of the BOCES salary cap, and give them pay commensurate with their jobs.

Mr. Laurie feels the budget number is pretty rock solid and that the budget is good for taxpayers of Niagara Falls. A 2.4% increase is a good year to year percentage raise considering contracts, benefits,

and salaries and it is aligned with the cost of living. Mr. Laurrie discussed the casino revenue disbursement. Whenever it comes in, it can put into the District's reserve funds.

Mr. Laurrie noted that the District has done very well in obtaining grants and using the funding appropriately. The grant funds help to keep District budget costs down. Mr. Laurrie is hopeful that the actual funding received from NYS will be a half million dollars more than we anticipate. Along with the budget carryover, that would bring the budget gap down to \$1.8 Million, which is not an unreasonable amount to take from the fund balance, ERS and Eblars. If all goes well with the budget, Mr. Laurrie would like to get another bond rating increase.

#### **Review of Agenda**

A review of the agenda was held.

At the next Board meeting, there will be a Capital Projects update and recognition of outstanding staff members. Also, the Vitello family has made a substantial donation to the Niagara Falls Education Foundation for more scholarships. There will be a presentation of the check.

#### **Recommended Actions from the Superintendent of Schools – Routine Matters**

Mr. Smeal discussed the two bids for paper supplies and stereo headsets. The paper supplies was picked up by 19 bidders, only eight responded. The paper market is very uncertain right now as prices are going up. WB Mason was selected as the supplier. Mr. Petrozzi asked how much paper the District purchases. Mr. Smeal answered the District purchases approximately 6,400 cases of paper. WB Mason's price is \$28.59 per case delivered.

Mr. Smeal said the stereo headset bid award went to Today's Classroom. The cost of each headset is \$19.94 per unit delivered. Last year's price was \$19.55 per unit. The microphone is chew proof and there is a maximum volume feature also.

There are three short-term contracts up for approval. Mr. Carella will be working with Art teachers and PreK teachers in conjunction with Dr. Bardsley and Dr. Galuski short-term contracts. Dr. Lempke is giving a presentation on trauma and quality/disparity through the TRC.

#### **New Business**

6.01 – The City has offered to give the NFCSD \$10,000 to run the Our Schools for the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Mr. Latham mentioned that the NFT stood up for District by saying they should receive a larger amount.

6.02 – Board action is needed on this item to nominate a Board Member for this vacancy on the BOCES Board. Mr. Barstys and Mr. Bass would like to nominate Mr. Cancemi. Mr. Laurrie requested that Mrs. Glaser prepare a resolution to be included at the next Board meeting so that it can be voted on.

6.03 – April meetings are to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The Board will vote to have a special meeting on April 23 to begin at 5:30 PM.

6.04 – Resolution with Niagara County Board of Elections for use of ballot marking device. Mr. Massaro is reviewing contract. He feels it should be fine. Mr. Paretto was concerned if the District would get machines due to regular elections. Ms. Glaser said the machines are returned to the County ASAP after the vote. Mr. Massaro confirmed that there shouldn't be an issue.

6.05 – Mr. Granieri explained that the District will receive 10 new high-speed copier/printers to replace those whose cycle is up. Eagle Systems will deliver and set up all Toshiba machines.

6.06 – Mr. Ventry explained this is a mentoring program for both prep schools and NFHS. Funds are provided through the Community Engagement grant.

6.07 – Amendment for Teaching Strategies. Mr. Carella explained that training is provided to the new PreK 3 teachers who started in February. Mr. Laurrie also mentioned that the New York State PreK audit came back and the District did not have one compliance issue. The teachers have done a good job.

6.08 – Additional support for the rest of the year for Melinda Scime for yoga services at LPS, GPS, NFHS, Abate and Hyde Park. This is funded by My Brothers Keeper grant. Students are also provided with after school counseling services. There are also four other grant funds used during the school year. Ms. Tomasina Cook and Dr. Coleman work under Mrs. Scime and help to provide yoga at elementary schools for half year each, 2 hours each day, 2 days out of the week (Monday-Thursday). Mr. Barstys asked for clarification and whether or not there is an evaluation piece. Mr. Ventry answered that he gets feedback from the student support team at each school. There is an outside evaluator for each grant as well.

6.09 – FBites contract is being amended so that FBites will purchase the food used in the program.

6.10 – Marsha McWilson already provides services to girls groups at Niagara Street. Expanding the program to Kalfas. Mrs. McWilson's services are being paid for out of grants.

6.11-6.14 – Covers work of four Capital Projects contractors. \$780,000 worth of work which includes up-front costs.

#### Advanced Planning

There will be three Board meetings in April (4, 11 and 23). On April 4, the Board Members will use virtual reality goggles. At the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, information will be provided on property tax report card and budget. April 23 is the BOCES budget meeting at 5:30 PM.

#### Personnel Reports

Ms. Massaro went over the classified and certificated reports. Ms. Massaro will be making a few changes to the reports for the next Board meeting which will be indicated by an asterisk. Feel free to reach out to her with any questions.

#### Superintendent's Report

Mr. Laurie showed some picture examples of how the new Barrista Program at NFHS can be designed to look. It will be located in the PAC lobby which will be reformatted to accommodate the program. Mr. Bass inquired if the program would affect concession at events. Mr. Laurie said that students or clubs can run the program for event concessions.

March 5 is the goal date to be prepared for computer-based testing. Last week the District participated in a trial run. There were quite a few technical problems. Mr. Granieri has spent the last two days working to solve these issues along with BOCES and Questar. Most of the issues had to do with the lockdown browser. Mr. Laurie doesn't want to put district students at a disadvantage if the technology isn't ready. A decision will be made by next Wednesday on how to proceed.

The NFHS boys' basketball team is going to the State Championship. Mr. Laurie also mentioned that twelve NFCSD students from the prep schools traveled to Syracuse to compete in a robotics competition. The students did phenomenally. Two students qualified to compete in the world championships in Louisville, Kentucky. One student is 158<sup>th</sup> in the world for robotics.

Mr. Laurie attended an awards dinner at Rich's Atrium held by Mental Health Advocates of Western New York. The NFCSD received an award for taking the most action to address the mental health needs of students.

On Tuesday Ms. Massaro, Mr. Massaro and Mr. Laurie participated in a conference call with other districts with respect to the small city school districts litigation. Two districts have decided not to continue in the litigation. Two districts have already committed (Jamestown and Utica). The NFCSD will need to make a decision. The cost to continue will be \$35,000. Mr. Laurie recommends that we proceed. However, if this appeal is not successful, Mr. Laurie would like to take it up on our own using our own District attorneys (Mr. Massaro, Mr. Roscetti, and Ms. Massaro). Expenses would be absorbed in their regular contract fees. Mr. Massaro wishes they had been involved from the beginning. The next conference call will take place on April 2.

Mr. Smeal received feedback regarding the new drinking fountains at NFHS. The students love them. Mr. Petrozzi asked if the water is filtered. Mr. Smeal answered that yes, it is. The filters cost \$68 per filter.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Laurrie requested an executive session based on matters pertaining to Collective Bargaining negotiations under the Taylor law and also pertaining to Personnel Matters which may lead to the demotion/discipline/suspension/dismissal or removal of a person, persons or corporation. No action will be taken this evening. Motion made at 7 p.m. by Mr. Jocoy, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

In Favor: Mssers. Bass, Barstys, Cancemi, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo.

Opposed: Mr. Jocoy.

Meeting subsequently adjourned.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

**AGENDA REVIEW SESSION**

March 28, 2019

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## Agenda Review

A review of the Regular Meeting agenda was conducted by the Superintendent.

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Stereo Headphones – Today's Classroom

Short-term Contracts – There have been no changes since the Review Meeting; contracts are for training for teachers and young grades for Open-Ended Art and Dr. Lemke for Teacher Center presentation.

**New Business:**

- 6.01 - \$10,000 from the City for the OSC
- 6.02 – Mr. Cancemi for the Vacancy on the BOCES Board
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**Superintendent's Notes**

Mr. Paretto and I visited the Northland Workforce Training Facility where students 18 years old and above attend the program for a number of weeks. At the end of April it will have trained 1,400 individuals to be electricians or obtain jobs in electrical technology and receive a slot to apprenticeship or job and job placement.

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NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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## 5:30 p.m. ARS/7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting (Thursday, March 28, 2019)

### **Members present**

Kevin Dobbs, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

### **Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM**

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1.01 ARS Topics

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### **1.01 Topics**

NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### **Agenda Review Session**

April 11, 2019

Minutes

Present: M. Laurrie, R. Barstys, A. Jocoy, A. Paretto, R. Petrozzi, R. Restaino, N. Vilardo

Excused: E. Bass, Bishop Dobbs, J. Cancemi

Staff Present: R. Carella, J. Doerr, J. Giarrizzo, J. Glaser, R. Granieri, R. Holody, J. Jacklin, A. Massaro, M. Massaro, J. Roscetti, B. Rotella, N. Ruffolo, R. Schwertfager, E. Smeal, E. Ventry.

### **Capital Projects Update**

Mr. Micelli provided an update on Capital Projects. They are gearing up for spring break work, most notably the NFHS parking lot. Mr. Micelli showed before and after pictures of some of the classroom and stage floors. The flooring removed from the LaSalle stage was the original flooring. It has been replaced with engineered maple wood flooring. Mr. Barstys asked about the longevity of the new floor. Mr. Smeal said it should last for at least 70-80 years.

Along with working on floor replacements, the group also removed a large underground fuel tank at LaSalle. The underground tank at Gaskill will have to be removed as well. The Department of Environmental Conservation was on-site for the tank removal and approved everything. Mr. Paretto asked what the tank used to hold. Mr. Micelli answered that the tank held fuel oil and had been installed in 1989. Mr. Barstys asked how the hole will be filled in and Mr. Petrozzi asked how they disposed of the tank itself. Mr. Micelli responded that they will fill the hole with stone they already have and other material as needed. The tank was cut in half and hauled away. Mr. Micelli spoke more about the plans for the parking lots at NFHS. Preliminary work will begin on Monday. The parking lots and bus loop will be shrinking in square footage. The front traffic circle will be revamped. Mr. Laurrie would like to have the access road off of New Road paved as well, even though it is not part of Capital Projects. The legal team would need to look into that in regards to right-of-ways, etc. Mr. Smeal will look into the matter with Niagara Mohawk as well.

Capital Projects work will be going on at nine schools over Spring Break. Some examples of the work being done will be replacing floor in upstairs library of NFHS, replacing step treads in the towers at NFHS, new carpeting in the office at LPS, and cafeteria floor replacement and sanitary main hole installation at 79<sup>th</sup> Street School. Mr. Micelli mentioned that 45 workers went through the required safety orientation already. Mr. Barstys asked if workers would be working double shifts over spring break. Mr. Smeal said that they will be working on Good Friday, but no double shifts.

CPL is currently working on the drawings for Phase 2. The plans will be sent to the NYSED by April 29. Mr. Laurrie explained that in May, he will ask the Board Members to approve paying for expedited review. Mr. Laurrie feels cleanup during the construction work has improved. However, the crews are not permitted to use the elevator at Gaskill. All work is being performed by local union labor. Approximately \$620,000 in payments will be made to contractors.

### **2019-20 General Fund Budget and Tax Report Card**

Mr. Giarrizzo distributed some information. The budget number hasn't changed from last week. Once the Property Tax Report Card is approved, the District has 24 hours to submit it to NYS. Board Members will vote on it tonight. The School District Budget Notice will be published in the school newspaper, which is sent to all households in the District. Information is included as to what the current year's budget is and what the next year's budget looks like. Information is also provided on the contingency budget. STAR program information is also included. If a property owner currently gets the exemption and not a check, it may be worth their while to get the check instead. The amount paid by check could possibly could go up; however, the exemption amount is frozen. If someone's annual income is over \$250,000, switching to a check is the best way to go.

Mr. Giarrizzo presented the slide show that will be shown at the public forums. The presentation includes information on tax levy history and budget history. The presentation also shows what makes up revenue sources and the three parts of the budget (Administrative, Capital and Program). Information is also provided on expenditures. Mr. Giarrizzo mentioned the increase in out-of-district special education placements and costs. A simple majority is required for the budget to pass. If the budget does not pass, a contingency budget goes into effect. Polls are open from Noon to 9 PM on Tuesday, May 21. Citizens are encouraged to contact the District Clerk's office for polling location information.

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Budget Transfer #9 will be up for approval. Short-term contracts did not change since the previous meeting. Also, Mr. Laurrie mentioned the annual Male Summit is taking place tomorrow.

Regarding Item 6.12, the Board Members will receive a monthly report on how many students were serviced. The purpose of Items 6.12-6.14 is to better service children in need who may currently be on a waiting list.

Mr. Massaro explained that he and Mr. Carella would like to amend the dates mentioned in the contract mentioned in Item 6.16 to be changed to May 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019.

The District has selected Hungerford-Vinto as the new internal auditor. Mr. Hungerford will be visiting the schools tomorrow. This firm was highly recommended. Mr. Massaro would like to attach a modified resolution to the contract. Mr. Giarrizzo has agreed with Mr. Massaro's request and has modified the resolution. The resolution would allow modifications to be made to the contract without having to bring it before the Board again.

Mr. Laurrie explained that for Item 6.18, the District will spend \$20,000 for the litigation through July 31, 2019. He recommends that the District spend only an additional \$15,000 beyond that. If nothing comes out of it after that, the District will not pursue it any further.

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- To discuss the demotion/discipline/suspension/dismissal or removal of a person persons or corporation.
- Matter pertaining to the Collective Bargaining negotiations under the Taylor Law.

*Moved by Mr. Petrozzi, seconded by Mr. Paretto. All in favor.*

*Executive Session exited at 7 p.m.*

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned.

## Regular Meeting April 11, 2019

### 2. Call to Order

**2.01** Pledge of Allegiance

**2.02** Prayer

**2.03** Roll Call

Mr. Restaino requested that Item 6.23 will be added to agenda under “New Business” regarding the extension of the Superintendent’s contract. He requested a motion to accept the extension. Moved by Mr. Paretto, seconded by Mr. Bartsys. All in favor.

### 3. Letters and Communications - *Special Presentations*

#### Recognition of Outstanding Staff & Students (SG 2,4)

At each Board meeting, select staff members who have provided exemplary service to the District are recognized.

TAUL- Brenda Wyrosdick – Ms. Wyrosdick has been an associate in the District for almost 20 years. Most recently, she has had the pleasure of working with Dr. Silvaroli. The 23 nurses in the District service over 7,000 students. It is his honor to present Ms. Wyrosdick with this award and to say thank you.

CSEA - Carolyn Felts – Mr. Laurrie received many emails from staff at NFHS about Ms. Felts and the good work that she does. The staff at NFHS are very thankful for her. She is a cleaner at NFHS who pays attention to detail. Ms. Felts does things without having to be asked. Mr. Laurrie graduated with Ms. Felts in 1980. Ms. Felts takes pride in keeping the school in good condition.

NFT - John Weatherston (not present) – Physical Education Teacher at NFHS. During all of the winter months, Mr. Weatherston worked in conjunction with PAL and Mr. Mark Daul in order to run an elementary youth basketball league on Saturdays. Mr. Weatherston organized the league on his own. He was able to get parents involved in this worth-while endeavor, and the students benefitted from it greatly.

#### Student Recognition

Abby Biery, Raniya De'Jesus, Mia Heller, Alaynah Hoy, Vincent Misterkiewicz, Isabella Navaroli, Vincenzo Panepinto, Briana Person, Madison Ralph, David Rigby, Jashanjeet Singh, Timmy Warren, Hailey Weatherston, Carson Zacher

Students from LPS competed under the direction of Mr. McGrath, Mr. Clark and Mr. Wisniewski in the NYS Robotics Championship. Two of those students (Jashanjeet Singh and Carson Zacher) are going to Louisville, Kentucky, at the end of April to compete in the World Robotics Championship. A few of the students gave a speech in order to explain how they have enjoyed this experience and are grateful for the support of Mr. McGrath, Mr. Wisniewski and Mr. Clark. The teachers shared a video they had made during the competition showing the students at work. Over 400 teams competed at the NYS Championship. Niagara Falls is currently the #1 team in NYS.

Mr. Laurrie expressed his congratulations and well wishes for the students competing in the world competition.

### **3.01 Oral Communications - Public Comment**

Mr. Marcus Latham, President of NFT. Congratulations to staff members and students for the great job they did. NFT is appreciative of what the Board does. Having sat through a lot of these meetings, Mr. Latham feels the Board Members may lose their focus at times. He would like to see more students being honored for doing great things. There need to be great teachers behind the students to help them accomplish things. Mr. Latham feels that the District is worried about reading skills and VR, but it would be nice to have librarians to support those kids. We have also had great athletes. Kids need good teachers. Our current Superintendent has a vision. Mr. Latham requested that the Board Members work with him because he knows what needs to be done. What goes on in the classrooms is important. Mr. Latham said since the District is so great at “finding money”, those funds should be used to hire more teachers. Mr. Latham encourages the Board Members to contact the NYS Education Commissioner to discuss the snafu in on-line NYS testing. NYSED did not listen to Mr. Laurrie’s concerns. If they haven’t already, each Board Member should contact a NYS Regent to let them know what happened with testing. Mr. Latham feels the District needs to concentrate on kids before content and shouldn’t follow a planned program all of the time. He feels it is important to keep the human element in teaching. Students need human contact and will benefit from smaller class sizes. Mr. Latham was skeptical about the F Bites program. He went to observe Chef Bobby in action and felt he was fantastic. Chef Bobby is working with a hard core group of students, and is getting results. Mr. Latham extends his praise to Mr. Laurrie for getting this program started, and he is glad the program is getting expanded. Mr. Latham extended his thanks for what the Board Members do.

### **3.02 Written Communications – None.**

## **4. Recommended Actions from the Superintendent of Schools - Routine Matters ([see BoardDocs](#))**

### **4.01 Minutes – March 2019 ([SG4](#))**

*Moved by Mr. Petrozzi, seconded by Mr. Paretto. All in favor.*

### **4.02 Approval of Budget Transfer - #9 ([SG3](#))**



*Moved by Mr. Petrozzi, seconded by Mr. Barstys. All in favor.*

**4.03 Approval of Bids – *None* (SG3)**

**4.04 Treasurer's Report – March 2019 (SG3)**

**4.05 Budget Status Report – April 2019 (SG3)**

**4.06 Personnel Report – Certificated (SG 1,2)**

*Moved by Mr. Petrozzi, seconded by Mr. Barstys.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**4.07 Personnel Report - Classified (SG 1,2)**

*Moved by Mr. Petrozzi, seconded by Mr. Paretto.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**4.08 Report from Committee on Special Education (SG 1)**

*Moved by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Barstys. All in favor.*

**4.09 Report from Committee on Preschool Special Education (SG 1)**

*Moved by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Barstys. All in favor.*

**4.10 Short-Term Contracts (SG 1, 3)**

*Moved by Mr. Paretto, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**5. Unfinished Business**

**5.01 None**

**6. New Business (*see BoardDocs*)**

**6.01 Approval of Acceptance of Funds Title I, School Improvement (SG 1, 4)**

*Moved by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Paretto.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.02 Superintendent's Recommended General Fund Budget For School Year 2019-2020 (SG 1, 2, 3)**

*Moved by Mr. Paretto, seconded by Mr. Barstys.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.03 Acceptance and Approval of the Real Property Tax Report Card for 2019-2020 (SG 3)**

*Moved by Mr. Paretto, seconded by Mr. Barstys.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.04 Approval of Appointment of Election Inspectors for 2019 (SG 4)**

*Moved by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Barstys.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.05 Approval of Appointment of Additional Election Inspectors for 2019 (SG 4)**

*Moved by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Barstys.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.06 Approval of Appointment of Voting Machine Custodians for 2019 (SG 4)**

*Moved by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Barstys.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.07 Approval of Resolution Regarding the Statutory Meeting [\(SG 4\)](#)**

*Moved by Mr. Paretto, seconded by Mr. Barstys. All in favor.*

**6.08 SAVE Plans – Code of Conduct – Public Hearing May 22, 2019 [\(SG 1, 2\)](#)**

*Moved by Mr. Barstys, seconded by Mr. Petrozzi.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.09 SAVE Plans – Comprehensive – District-wide Public Hearing May 22, 2019 [\(SG 1, 2\)](#)**

*Moved by Mr. Barstys, seconded by Mr. Petrozzi.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.10 SAVE Plans – Building Level – Public Hearing May 22, 2019 [\(SG 1, 2\)](#)**

*Moved by Mr. Barstys, seconded by Mr. Petrozzi.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.11 Approval of 2018-2019 Health Service Fees for Non-Resident Private and Parochial Students [\(SG 3\)](#)**

*Moved by Mr. Barstys, seconded by Mr. Paretto..*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.12 Approval of Agreement Providing Speech Therapy Services to Pre-School Aged Children with Handicapping Conditions in Niagara County Pursuant To Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Niagara County Acting By and Through the Niagara County Health Department [\(SG 1\)](#)**

*Moved by Mr. Barstys, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.13** Approval of Agreement Providing Evaluation Services to Pre-School Aged Children With Disabilities In Niagara County Pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law Between the City School District of the City Of Niagara Falls, New York and Niagara County Acting By and Through the Niagara County Health Department ([SG 1](#))

*Moved by Mr. Barstys, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.14** Approval of Agreement Providing Special Education Itinerant Services To Pre-School Aged Children With Handicapping Conditions In Niagara County Pursuant To Section 4410 Of The New York State Education Law Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls, New York And Niagara County Acting By And Through The Niagara County Health Department ([SG 1](#))

*Moved by Mr. Barstys, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.15** Approval of Contract For Professional Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and PLC Associates, Inc., for Outside Educational Support Services For The District And Three Schools Designated as Targeted Support and Improvement Schools (TSI), From May 1, 2019 – August 31, 2019 ([SG 1](#)) **Motion to approve and then separate motion to amend because of date correction.**

**Motion to amend:**

*Moved by Mr. Barstys, seconded by Mr. Petrozzi. All in favor.*

*Motion to approve as amended: .Moved by Mr. Petrozzi, seconded by Mr. Barstys.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.16** Approval Of Contract For Professional Services Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls, And Plc Associates, Inc., For Outside Educational Support

Services For The District And Three Schools Designated As Targeted Support And Improvement Schools (TSI), From May 1, 2019 – August 31, 2019 [\(SG 1, 2\)](#)

*Moved by Mr. Jocoy, seconded by Mr. Paretto.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.17 Approval of agreement with Hungerford-Vinto, LLC for Internal Audit Services [\(SG 3\)](#)**

*Moved by Mr. Jocoy, seconded by Mr. Barstys.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.18 Approval of Payment to NYS Association of Small City School Districts for Shared Cost of Ongoing Legal Fees Involving State Aid for Small City Schools [\(SG 3\)](#) **Motion to amend the total as discussed, to increase the dollar amount from \$20,000 to \$35,000.****

*Motion to amend: Moved by Mr. Barstys, seconded by Mr. Petrozzi. All in favor.*

*Motion to approve as amended: Moved by Mr. Petrozzi, seconded by Mr. Barstys.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.19 Approval of Payment No. 2 to Manning Squires Henning for General Contractor Work, Contract #101, for the Stewardship Capital Project [\(SG 3\)](#)**

*Moved by Mr. Jocoy, seconded by Mr. Paretto.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.20 Approval of Payment No. 2 to Jr Swanson Plumbing Co, Inc. for Plumbing Work, Contract #102, for the Stewardship Capital Project [\(SG 3\)](#)**

*Moved by Mr. Jocoy, seconded by Mr. Paretto.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.21** Approval of Payment No. 1 to Quackenbush Co, Inc. for Mechanical/HVAC Construction Work, Contract #103, for the Stewardship Capital Project ([SG 3](#))

*Moved by Mr. Jocoy, seconded by Mr. Paretto.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.22** Approval of Payment No. 2 to Cir Electric Co. for Electrical Work, Contract #104, for the Stewardship Capital Project ([SG 3](#))

*Moved by Mr. Jocoy, seconded by Mr. Paretto.*

*Voting in favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.*

**6.23** Approval of extension to Superintendent's Contract. Moved by Mr. Paretto, seconded by Mr. Barstys.

In favor: Messrs. Barstys, Bass, Dobbs, Jocoy, Paretto, Petrozzi, Vilardo, Restaino. None opposed.

## **7. Review of the Proposed Policy(ies)**

**7.01** None

## **8. Information and Reports**

## **8.01 Superintendent's Report**

Future meetings – Tuesday, April 23 is the BOCES meeting. Dinner is at 5:00, BOCES presentation at 5:30, and voting at 6:00. May 9<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting, which is the same date as the District Art Show. May have to push the meeting back. 7:00 PM is the official public hearing on May 9. Note that May 22<sup>nd</sup> is a Wednesday. At that meeting, we will have agenda review and certify the election results at 8:00 PM.

Mr. Laurrie would like to remind everyone that the LaSalle Educational Club dinner is on June 14. Mr. Matthew Laurrie will be master of ceremonies. Mr. Laurrie would like to thank Mrs. Dolson for including the past scholarship recipients in the dinner program.

Mr. Laurrie would like to thank the Board Members for their patience in preparing the budget. Mr. Laurrie feels the District has a great financial team. They made sure everything in the budget was accurate. The District has not had to borrow money once this year, and has not paid any interest. Mr. Schwertfager is a new member of the financial team.

Tomorrow is the last day of classes before spring recess. Mr. Laurrie would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Easter, Passover, etc. He noted that Mr. Massaro will be receiving an award on May 2, which is long overdue and well deserved. It is an honor to have an attorney of his stature working for the District. There is never anything out of place in this District with his attention to detail. Mr. Massaro is always three steps ahead and goes above and beyond. Thanks to Board Members for supporting his contract. Mr. Laurrie said that he really enjoys his job. Niagara Falls is a great place to work. The District has great teachers and staff, and even better students. Mr. Laurrie feels blessed that they have confidence in him. Thank you.

## **8.02 Board Members Report and Comments**

Mr. Jocoy

Wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Mr. Paretto

Happy Easter to everyone and Passover. Our staff is second to none. Great job on budget. Appreciates all of the hard work. Mr. Laurrie is bringing this District to a new level. Thank you for his support and he has my support.

Mr. Restaino

Enjoy holiday and time away from work. Thanks for hard work on budget.  
Bishop Dobbs

Thanks to staff who were honored. Congratulations to students and keep up the good work.

Mr. Barstys

Congratulations to Mr. Laurie. If possible, he would have gone beyond the extension. Would like to commend him on increasing needed staff and purchasing new musical instruments. Happy Easter and thanks to everyone for their hard work.

Mr. Petrozzi

Congratulations to all. The District has come a long way with the hard work of everyone, especially in comparison to 20 years ago. Wishes Mark the best and continued success. Have a great holiday. There is more work to do when we come back.

Mr. Vilardo

He agrees with Mr. Latham in that Mr. Laurie is a great Superintendent and he is glad his contract is extended. Mr. Latham insinuated that the Board doesn't have best interest of students at heart. Everything they do is based on what's best for students. Any other teachers needed in the future will be at the suggestion of Mr. Laurie, and they will support it. Happy Easter everyone.

## 9. Advanced Planning

### 9.01 Future Agenda Items

### 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

#### Special Board Meetings

**Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

School District and BOCES Agenda Items

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 pm**

**Board Review Session (BRS)**

**ARS/Public Hearing Safety Plans/  
Regular Meeting/Statutory Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 22<sup>th</sup>**



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Topics</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Summer Camps and programs</li> <li>2. Sponsorships Update Amy Starck</li> <li>3. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items– May 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting – <i>M. Laurie/M. Massaro</i></li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Public Hearing – Budget '19/20</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Administration Office Board Auditorium</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, May 16, 2019</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No Board Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NFCSD All Arts Festival</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>At NFHS</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Agenda Review Session</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(5:30 pm)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Topics</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Capital Projects</li> <li>2. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items– May 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting – <i>M. Laurie/M. Massaro</i></li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:30 pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Public Hearing on Safety Plans</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7:00 pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Regular Board Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Statutory Meeting – Certify Election Results</b></p>
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## 10. Adjournment

*Moved by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Paretto.*

*All in favor.*

**10.01 Meeting Adjourned**

Adjourn meeting in honor of memory of the following who recently passed away:

- Patrick Swift, Retired Teacher (GED and Center for Young Parents Program)

NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Niagara Falls, New York

## **Board Review Session**

May 9, 2019

### **Minutes**

Present: M. Laurrie, R. Barstys, E. Bass, A. Jocoy, A. Paretto, R. Petrozzi, R. Restaino, N. Vilardo

Excused: J. Cancemi, Bishop Dobbs

Staff Present: R. Carella, J. Doerr, J. Giarrizzo, J. Glaser, R. Granieri, R. Holody, J. Jacklin, A. Massaro, M. Massaro, J. Roscetti, N. Ruffolo, R. Schwertfager, E. Ventry.

### **Summer Camps and Programs**

Mr. Laurrie is very prideful about the summer programs offered by NFCSD during the summer, which are academic, recreational and social-emotional in nature. Mr. Restaino and Mr. Laurrie were invited to attend a youth forum at the public library about the lack of summer activities for children in the City of Niagara Falls. They were unable to attend, but sent a list of the programs the District is offering students that are free of charge.

Mr. Carella gave a quick synopsis of what's coming up this summer. The offerings are growing and new programs are being added. One of the new programs being added is a credit recovery program for IEP students at NFHS who are lacking credits for graduation. This will allow them to acquire additional credits over the summer in order to catch up and be on target for graduation. Due to Capital Projects construction and cleaning at NFHS, the summer camp program will look a little different. Also, BOCES summer school will be held at Niagara-Wheatfield this year only. Mr. Restaino asked how many students will be in the credit recovery program. Mr. Laurrie answered that the Administrators at NFHS determined which students would benefit most and will reach out to the families to enroll the students. The credit recovery program has a capacity for up to 30 students. Mr. Barstys wondered if this program will be funded through grants. Mr. Laurrie responded that yes, all summer programs are funded through grants and that District budget funds will not be used. Mr. Barstys said that the District may want to take advantage of the 30-day BOCES summer programs for Special Education students that take place at three different locations.

Mr. Carella gave a summary of the programs available this summer. The Extended Learning Program is in its fourth year. It is a full-day program available to students exiting Grades K-5. In the morning portion of ELP, the students focus on reading, writing and math. In the afternoon, recreational and enrichment activities are offered in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club. This year's program runs from July 8 through August 8, Monday through Thursday. Snacks and lunch are provided. Bussing is provided for those students who qualify. The three sites at which the Program will take place are Cataract, Kalfas and Niagara Street. On-line registration is available via a link on the District website. Also, on paper copies of the application, there is a QR code for use with smart phones. So far, 40 parents have used the on-line registration. Mr. Carella further explained that the students who attend the summer program at Kalfas will receive a differentiation in programming in conjunction with

the international theme. Students from Kalfas as well as ENL students from GJ Mann will attend the Kalfas site. These students will be using a different reading and writing program that is brand new that centers on international literature. Kalfas students will read both informational and literary stories from around the world. Introduction to Spanish will also be offered. Mr. Ventry pointed out that in planning the summer program, they attempted to spice it up a bit to make afternoon activities more attractive to students to increase enrollment and to keep attendance up as well.

Mr. Ventry further explained the many grant programs that are funding the summer activities. Also, the District is partnering with the Boys Scouts and the Boys and Girls Club. Mrs. Marcia McWilson has done an excellent job at Niagara Street and Kalfas. She will also be a part of the summer programs. Mrs. McWilson knows a lot of parents in the community and will reach out to them. Mrs. Ronnie McGrath has partnered with the Buffalo Museum of Science. Buffalo Museum of Science staff members will be at each site on a rotating schedule during the summer. Other partners include EatSmart,

MasterKitchens, Soccer for Success, and a Yoga instructor. A Robotics camp will be offered again this year for one week in the morning at Cataract. As a compliment to this program, there is a Performing Arts Camp that will be offered in the afternoon during that same week at Cataract. Students who wish to participate in both will receive lunch.

Mr. Laurie mentioned that the Robotics Team from the Prep Schools went to compete in Louisville for the World Championship. The team came in 48<sup>th</sup> place out of 3,000 teams. Mr. Laurie would like the NFCSD to hold a mini robotics championship here. Five other local public school districts will be invited to participate. Mr. Laurie will speak to other superintendents about the event at tomorrow's BOCES meeting. All school district who participate will receive a free robot. Mr. Laurie said the NFCSD will send eight teams to the New York State Championship next year.

Mr. Ruffolo worked on the logistics of reorganizing the summer school program and high school sports camps due to the unavailability of the facilities at NFHS because of the Capital Projects work. He thanked Mr. Laurie for allowing him to spearhead this task and for the opportunity to attend the weekly Evolution meetings. Mr. Ruffolo has really enjoyed the exposure he has received. BOCES Summer School will take place from July 8 through August 12. This year, the program was shortened by one day. Therefore, Periods 1 and 2 will be 10 minutes longer. Students are released from Summer School at 11:45 AM. Last year, the NFCSD offered 14 camps, 11 of which were located inside of NFHS. Mr. Ruffolo had to look for alternate sites for those camps. The camps are available to students entering Grades 7–12, and runs for 25 days, Monday through Friday from 11:45 AM – 3:15 PM. This year, there will be two sessions so that students can participate in one camp in Session 1 and a different camp in Session 2. By doing this, hopefully attendance will remain steady throughout the program.

This year, 16 programs are being offered. The two new programs are FBites and Modie Cox who works with students on self-discipline in the classroom and also offers a basketball workshop component in the gym. Modie Cox offers an excellent mentorship program. Sean Todd (Musicality Central), who is a graduate of NU in biology, ran a business in catering, worked for FBites a few years ago, and now has his own dance studio, will offer a hip-hop dance program. This program was piloted for a week at LPS already and was very successful. The program was offered to students in the morning and was a good way to start the day. This program will be a great addition to the summer camp.

Mr. Ruffolo explained that at the present time, there will 42 employees for the summer programs. There is one camp director, two deans due to separate locations at the Field House and at

Kalfas. There will also be a nurse and clerical staff at each site. There will be 17 head coaches and 14 assistants, along with aids. BOCES Summer School students will be bussed to the Field House. Lunch will be served outside of the Field House underneath a tent. Student will then be shuttled to the different sites (Bowl-O-Drome, Kalfas, etc.). The shuttle picks the students back up at the end of the day and brings them back to the Field House. Mr. Restaino asked what type of transportation will be used. Mr. Ruffolo said Niagara Falls Coach Lines will bus the students.

Mr. Ruffolo presented a budget sheet for the cost of the entire camp. The total cost will be \$147,218, which is all funded by grants. The sheet lists all activities, staff members and cost per activity. Mr. Ruffolo will provide a copy of the informational sheet if anyone would like it. Mr. Laurrie is very proud that the District was able to offer the summer programs, even in spite of Capital Projects and was able to fund everything through grants. He would like Ms. Doerr to put the information in the newspaper so that the public is made aware. Mr. Laurrie rejects the notion that there is nothing for kids to do in the summer. There is a lot to choose from. According to the director of social services and the police chief, crime increases if kids aren't involved in something positive. Mr. Laurrie appreciates the Board's support and the hard work of the District staff. Mr. Paretto and Mr. Barstys agreed that these programs are beneficial to students. Students are involved in great activities, receive lunch and are provided with transportation. Mr. Vilardo extended his congratulations to the District staff for putting this together. Mr. Laurrie will provide the Board Members with updates over the summer regarding attendance in the summer programs.

### **Unified Sports**

Mr. Contento, Athletic Director, has been instrumental in the Unified Sports Program. Mr. Laurrie feels unified sports is very important. There will be a celebration on Monday, May 20 for the program. Mr. Laurrie invited everyone to attend this wonderful celebration. Unified sports includes basketball, bowling and also cheerleading. On Saturday, May 18, Dr. Leone, who is a chiropractor in Niagara Falls, is donating all the proceeds from his business that day to the Unified Sports Program. Mr. Laurrie thanked Mr. Contento for his hard work and feels Mr. Contento has been a fantastic athletic director.

Mrs. Karyn Morrison, Life Skills teacher at NFHS and Mr. Matt Leo, Health and Physical Education Teacher at NFHS, and have also been very involved in unified sports. Mr. Laurrie extended his sincere thanks to Mrs. Morrison for her dedication to the Unified Sports Program. The District will be applying for national certification for the program and will hopefully receive that designation this summer. Mrs. Morrison has been working with Special Olympics to include additional sports such as swimming and track. Mr. Laurrie offered his thanks to Ms. Roz Bailey for working with the cheerleading team as part of the Unified Sports Program. Ms. Bailey is the JV cheerleading coach and a substitute social studies teacher. Spectrum News will be recognizing student partners and athletes who participate in unified sports on their news program. Members of the Buffalo Bills will also be calling the students to thank them for their dedication.

Mrs. Morrison will be retiring at the end of June. She thanked Mr. Laurrie and the Board Members for all of the opportunities she has within the District over the years. Mr. Laurrie said that Mrs. Morrison always took good care of students and thanked her for what she has accomplished over the years. Mrs. Morrison has set a good course for the program, and it will continue to grow. Mr. Laurrie asked Ms. Doerr to reach out to other news channels in Buffalo to nominate unified sports athletes for recognition awards. Mr. Leo will take over the program next year. He has learned a lot from Mrs. Morrison. Mr. Laurrie thanked Mr. Leo for stepping in to take Mrs. Morrison's place.

Mrs. Borzynski and her son Noah, who is a student at NFHS who participates in the Unified Sports Program, attended tonight's Board Meeting. Noah spoke to the Board Members. He played both bowling and basketball and has made a lot of new friends. He thanked the Board Members for giving him this opportunity. Mrs. Borzynski spoke and also expressed that she is grateful for this opportunity for her son. The program got him to try something new and he looked forward to playing. Mrs. Borzynski is glad that he interacted with regular education students and feels it will help him to prepare for the future. Playing sports gave him a new type of exposure to the world. Mrs. Borzynski hopes that activities like this will make the world a gentler, more understanding place for people with special needs. Mr. Laurrie thanked her for sending her children to NFCSD and for being a great parent. Mrs. Borzynski said she has a great relationship with the District's CSE Office and Mrs. Morrison. Mrs. Morrison was a fantastic teacher.

A regular education student at NFHS who participates in the Unified Sports Program, Mr. Zachary Meranto, also spoke to the Board Members. He has loved being on this team and it has been the best experience of his high school career. He has learned to appreciate things a lot more, and he now has a better understanding of students with disabilities. This program gives them the ability to express themselves and to build great relationships. Mr. Meranto is pursuing a career in sports management and hopes to carry this experience through to his future.

Mr. Richard Meranto, Zachary's father and also a teacher at NFHS, has seen growth in his son as a result of his participation in the Unified Sports Program. The Program has made him a better person and a better leader. The Program shows what a person can do with their gifts. As a parent, watching the students interact makes you emotional at times because it is a special experience. He encourages everyone to come out and watch the games. Mr. Meranto feels this is one of the best programs he has ever witnessed. It's life changing. Mrs. Morrison has worked so hard to be an advocate for the students. She is a very special person.

Mrs. Morrison invited the life skills students from the prep schools to a bowling game so they can see what they have to look forward to in high school. Mr. Vilardo said he was fortunate enough to watch the kids bowl for last two years and has seen a lot of improvement. He encourages people to support it. Mr. Laurrie asked Mr. Contento to work to convince the Section VI organization to make changes in their policies to include special education students. Mr. Laurrie would like the NFCSD to be a leader in this area.

### **Review of Agenda**

A review of the agenda was held.

On May 22, the Agenda Review Session starts at 5:30, the Public Hearing on Safety Plans is at 6:30, the Regular Board Meeting starts at 7:00, and the Statutory Meeting begins at 8:00. A Capital Projects update will also be provided, as well as recognition of Outstanding Staff Members (includes painters from Maintenance Department). Mr. Barstys said his wife said the painting that has been completed at NFHS looks great.

Mrs. Holody indicated that Budget Transfer #10 is just for the end-of-year cleanup.

The Board will accept receipt of a gift of \$2000 from Covanta, which is a donation for Kalfas to purchase uniform shirts for those students who can't afford them.

Enrollment Projections – Mr. Giarrizzo refers to a New York State website that tracks live births. This information is used to project kindergarten enrollments. The information is showing an increase in enrollment for the 2019-20 School Year. Mr. Giarrizzo said that in some grades, enrollment may go down, but overall, there is a slight increase. Mr. Barstys asked if Mr. Giarrizzo could provide the data from the last 3 years so they can see the trend.

New York State Small City School District Association dues (not related to the litigation). The District receives a discount for paying early.

Learn Well is the company that provides educational services for students that are in the hospital. Mrs. Massaro indicated that the cost is \$55/hour for maximum of 10 hours per week per student.

Approve use of pesticides for tick prevention, especially for sports fields at NFHS.

Mr. Granieri explained that the new HP printers are being purchased to replace old ones, and also a few backups to keep on hand just in case.

Item 7.07 is for the purchase of a Ford truck with a plow for Mr. Smeal, which is part of the \$650,000 vehicle allocation.

Items 7.04-7.12 are approval of payments for contracts under Capital Projects. Mr. Laurie said that Mr. Schwertfager has done a great job in keeping track of these payments, along with other duties such as overseeing grant budgets. Mr. Schwertfager indicated that there have been \$2.2 Million in contract payments through the end of April.

At the June 6 meeting, topics being presented are Bald for Bucks, as well as a Wellness Presentation.

The annual Reorganization meeting will be held during the first week of July. The Board Members will need to determine when the meeting will take place.

Ms. Massaro went over the Certificated Report. There are some additional teacher retirements. In order to fill these spots for the 2019-20 School year, Mr. Laurie said that Ms. Massaro has been calling in candidates for pre-screening. Mr. Laurie indicated that there are many applicants. Mr. Laurie appreciates Ms. Massaro's hard work. Ms. Massaro said that she is pleased with the candidates so far. Earlier today, Ms. Massaro and Mrs. Savino went to Niagara University to speak to 40 potential teachers about the NFCSD initiatives. Lockport and Lew-Port School Districts also attended. After the presentations, the Niagara University professor said he would work at Niagara Falls if he were a new teacher looking for employment, which was a great compliment. Ms. Massaro explained that the residency requirement exists because the District wants to employ people that want to be a part of the community. There are currently 32 openings, and there may be a few more before the year ends. Mr. Petrozzi inquired as to what is the breakage amount for a typical retiree. Mr. Giarrizzo said it is \$10,000-\$20,000 approximately, depending on the Step.

Ms. Massaro noted that on the Schedule B listing, if it is acceptable to the Board members, from this point forward, only the employee's name will be listed in order to save time and effort in preparation of the report.

Ms. Massaro presented the Classified Report. She indicated that there were some retirements and probationary appointments, along with additional leaves of absence.

Ms. Massaro provided the Board Members with a copy of the Contracts Sheet. There were eight different contracts that were settled. Mr. Laurrie pointed out that Ms. Massaro did a lot of work on the 8 contracts, for which he is thankful and pleased. Mr. Laurrie thanked the Board Members for their support. All unions were good and fair, and had an understanding of the big picture. Everyone in the District works hard. During the next five years, with the contracts in place, the District can focus on other things.

Mr. Laurrie wants to talk about two points: He and Mr. Restaino, along with Legislators, were included in a great press conference regarding artwork for bus benches that was created by two students in Mr. Lynch's art class to support a drug rehabilitation program. Congratulations to Ms. Doerr for the media coverage that attended.

Mr. Jocoy was contacted by a parochial school parent who would like to have their child take advantage of the summer programs offered by the NFCSD. Mr. Laurrie asked that if anyone is approached by a parochial school parent about attending the summer programs, to please have the parent contact him directly to discuss.

Mr. Laurrie mentioned again that the Unified Sports Program basketball game starts at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 20.

Mr. Vilardo asked if the District is in compliance with safety plans. Mr. Laurrie replied that, yes, we are in compliance.

Mr. Laurrie requested an executive session for the following reasons:

- To discuss the demotion/discipline/suspension/dismissal or removal of two employees in a collective bargaining unit persons or corporation.
- Matter pertaining to the Collective Bargaining negotiations under the Taylor Law regarding two Administrative employees, NIAS and ASC contracts.

The Board entered Executive session at 7:40 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Paretto seconded by Mr. Petrozzi. All in favor except Mr. Jocoy, who opposed.

Executive session was concluded at 8:30 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Paretto, seconded by Mr. Bass. All in favor.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

**AGENDA REVIEW**

May 22, 2019

PRESENT: Mr. Restaino, Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Bass, Mr. Barstys, Mr. Jocoy (6:45 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Laurrie, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Giarrizzo, Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Massaro, Mr. Smeal, Mrs. Glaser, Mr. Granieri, Mr. Schwertfager, Ms. Doerr, Mr. Ventry, Mr. Ruffolo, Mr. Rotella

GUESTS: Ms. Bradley, Mr. Tillman, Mr. Dechert, Mrs. Dafchik, Mr. Trott

Capital Projects Update

Mr. Dechert reported during spring break Phase 1 work valued at one million dollars a week was accomplished. This was a good dress rehearsal for this summer; it was the same organization and planning that will occur in the summer. It was a great team effort.

Progress photos were presented and reviewed by Ms. Bradley:

LaSalle Prep - stage floor. Mr. Dechert explained Change Order 1 (\$6,879) was for preparation of the floor for installation of stage floor. This was an unknown condition discovered when the old floor was removed. It is the right thing to do to prep the floor and get the best quality installation. Condition was unknown without floor removal.

Gaskill – masonry brick repointing was started at the main entrance, stairs, ramps and railings. Repointing sandstone at the entrance. During the summer the entrance will be closed for a good portion of time to allow work to occur.

Girls' gym demolition, floor sanding and refinishing. Three coats of sealer is down and will stripe and give final coat on Friday. Old girls and boys gym photos shown for comparison, as was the boys' gym final product. The Superintendent noted there was an Owner Requested Change Order for replacement of wooden backboards; 8 will be replaced at Gaskill (6 in the boys' gym and 2 in the girls' gym).

79<sup>th</sup> St. – Renovation of cafeteria floor. The Superintendent noted 14 new cafeteria tables are being purchased from the General Fund; this is not part of the capital project. Mr. Dechert presented Change Order 2 (\$8,738) for trim being added above cabinets and behind the sink wall face laminated with FRP panels.

Stage refinish

Sanitary system – Mr. Dechert presented Change Order 3 (\$3,018) to install line and get the right pitch had to break through existing concrete foundation. Sewage ejector pump training has occurred.



Cataract – Masonry restoration, window calking and roof work. On the roof work wet insulation was removed and a new roofing membrane installed. This work will resume June 17 and crews will continue to clean roof for fluid application.

Main Office – carpeting replaced

Pool Area - drop ceiling replaced and new speakers installed.

Walk off mats replaced with the exception of main entrance.

Maple Ave. – fuel tank removal, soil samples taken. Mr. Laurie noted every tank has been removed with the exception of 79<sup>th</sup> St. to avoid property disarray; this will occur in the summer. Hyde Park's tank has been certified.

Masonry restoration on the second story and to the rear; this will continue this summer, as well.

Backboards were replaced throughout the schools.

Hyde Park – stage refinishing and reinforcement work. Backboards replaced.

Abate stage – Mr. Dechert presented Change Order 4 (\$2,540) for installation of black threshold and base at the wall to eliminate a tripping hazard and improve the aesthetics.

NFHS – Library carpet tiles, stair tread replacement first to second floor. The product is safer and easier to maintain from a cleaning standpoint. Upstairs weight room – mat flooring replaced.

Parking lot (Phase 1) – underground work was performed without incident. Curb and sidewalk replacement done and hydroseeding already done in areas. We are on schedule to turn this over after Memorial Day. A photo was shown outlining phases of this work. The schedule was revamped with Scott Lawn Yard to give us a better jump on it. New Road will be addressed in Phase 3.

Mr. Schwertfager presented a spreadsheet of Phase 1 expenditures to date. CITI BOCES is expedited review and is flowing for Phase 2. This spreadsheet will be updated monthly and new change orders will be tracked.

#### Miscellaneous Updates

Mr. Laurie stated one year ago the Board approved the purchase of new vehicles. Mr. Smeal reviewed a spreadsheet identifying vehicles slated for replacement and those that can be repaired.

New vehicles are as follows: Three (3) New Holland tractors, Transit 250, F250 Reg. cab 8' bed, E150 A/V van replaced with Cargo Van Transit Connect Van, F250 Mechanics truck on order,

F750 Dump to be replaced by F250 crew cab with plow, Focus on Families E150 Van removed from service last spring; this can be auctioned and inspected as passenger vehicle but will not pass DOT inspection. The van was replaced with a Ford Transit Connect passenger van to share with other District staff.

To date spent \$521,000 of \$650,000. One truck was removed from tonight's agenda; cost was \$37,200. If we have it built, there will be a savings of \$4,000, reducing the expenditure total to \$517,000. Only two F250 crew cab with plows remain, then the lift, and EZ-GO for use at the sports fields. Three Box trucks are on order; we will receive them in July.

The Superintendent shared his conversation with Finance staff regarding rules, regulations and thoughts about the creation of a TRS Reserve. As of April 1, the District is allowed to establish contribution TRS reserve, a sub fund of ERS, which has rules different from others. Mr. Giarrizzo explained the regulations and shared the positives and negatives of creating the Reserve. The Fund would have to be established before a surplus is declared.

Mr. Laurie stated his goal is to improve the District's bond rating from A- to A+ over the next 18 months.

The Board asked if the fund can be created but not funded. Mr. Giarrizzo stated yes and there would be no effect on the District's Property Tax Report Card.

Mr. Barstys was in favor of creating the fund and funding it with any amount within the limits, and it would have no effect on the District's bond rating.

Question was raised regarding the flexibility of moving funds from TRS to ERS. Mr. Giarrizzo was unsure and will investigate the question further.

Mr. Restaino asked if a vote of the Board was necessary to deposit money into the Fund. Staff answered no, the Board can designate where funds will go if there is a surplus. The Fund can be set up with a zero balance.

A resolution will be prepared for the Board's approval to establish the Fund.

## Agenda Review

A review of the Regular Meeting agenda was conducted by Mrs. Glaser.

New Business Item 7.07 (NYS Office of General Services Vehicle Marketplace Award – 2019 F-150 EL Crew Cab Pickup) is being removed from the agenda, as explained earlier by Mr. Smeal.

Future Agenda items and events were noted by the Superintendent.

Ms. Massaro reviewed additions to the Personnel Reports since the May 9 meeting. Mr. Laurie commented on the Playworks training that will occur. This program comes to the District through the Ralph Wilson Jr. Foundation. Free materials and training for schools that have recess (purposeful play) are received.

Personnel Addendum contains the seven contract amendments and MOAs. Only one ratification remains, the Substitute Union. It must ratify by mail.

**Members present**

Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## May 22 Regular & Statutory Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

### 1. 5:30 pm - Agenda Review Session

Information: 1.01 ARS Agenda

### 2. 6:30 pm - Public Hearing - District Safety Plans

Information: 2.01 Call To Order: Public Hearing

Action, Information: 2.02 Roll Call

Information: 2.03 Overview: Code of Conduct, Comprehensive District-Wide School Plan, and Building-Level School Safety Plan

Discussion: 2.04 Public Comment

Information: 2.05 Adjournment

### 3. 7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting

Information: 3.01 Call To Order: Regular Board Meeting

Information: 3.02 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 3.03 Prayer

Action, Information: 3.04 Roll Call

### 4. Letters and Communications

Information: 4.01 Oral Communications

Information: 4.02 Written Communications

## 5. Recommended Actions - Routine Items

Action: 5.01 Minutes - April 2019 Meetings

Motion to approve of minutes for April 2019 meetings

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 5.02 Budget Transfer #10

Approval of Budget Transfer #10

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 5.03 Bids - none

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 5.04 Treasurer's Report - April 2019

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 5.05 Budget Status Report - May 2019

Action: 5.06 Personnel Report - Certificated

Approval of Personnel Report for Certificated Staff

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 5.07 Personnel Report - Classified

Approval of Personnel Report - Classified - Items #I Through #

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 5.08 Committee on Special Education Report

## Approval of Committee on Special Education Report

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## Action: 5.09 Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

### Approval of Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## Action, Information, Discussion, Receive and File: 5.10 Short-Term Contracts

Short-Term Contracts - None

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

## 6. Unfinished Business

Information: 6.01 None

## 7. New Business

Action: 7.01 APPROVAL OF RECEIPT OF GIFT FROM COVANTA NIAGARA, L.P.

MOTION TO APPROVE RECEIPT OF GIFT FROM COVANTA NIAGARA, L.P.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information, Discussion: 7.02 APPROVAL OF ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS FOR 2019-2020

MOTION TO APPROVE ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS FOR 2019-2020

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information, Discussion: 7.03 APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO NYS ASSOCIATION OF SMALL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR 2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATION  
MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO NYS ASSOCIATION OF SMALL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR 2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATION

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information, Discussion: 7.04 APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND EI US, LLC dba LEARNWELL, FOR PERIOD COVERING APRIL 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019.  
MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND EI US, LLC dba LEARNWELL, FOR PERIOD COVERING APRIL 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019.

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information, Discussion: 7.05 APPROVAL OF USE OF PESTICIDE ON THE GROUNDS OF NIAGARA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE CONTROL OF TICKS  
MOTION TO APPROVE USE OF PESTICIDE ON THE GROUNDS OF NIAGARA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE CONTROL OF TICKS

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 7.06 APPROVAL OF BID - HP PRINTERS - BID NO. RFQ 19 NYS OGS CONTRACT PM20860 LOT#2 ALL-IN-ONE-PRINTERS  
MOTION TO APPROVE BID - HP PRINTERS - BID NO. RFQ 19 NYS OGS CONTRACT PM20860 LOT#2 ALL-IN-ONE-PRINTERS

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 7.07 NYS Office of General Services Vehicle Marketplace – Award 22898 Mini-Bid #( # not yet assigned) 2019 FORD F-150 XL CREW CAB PICKUP PULLED

Action (Consent): 7.08 APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 3 TO MANNING SQUIRES HENNING FOR GENERAL CONTRACTOR WORK, CONTRACT #101, FOR THE STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL PROJECT

Resolution: MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT NO. 3 TO MANNING SQUIRES HENNING FOR GENERAL CONTRACTOR WORK, CONTRACT #101, FOR THE STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL PROJECT

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT NO. 3 TO MANNING SQUIRES HENNING FOR GENERAL CONTRACTOR WORK, CONTRACT #101, FOR THE STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL PROJECT

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 7.09 APPROVAL OF PAYMENT No. 3 To JR Swanson Plumbing Co, Inc. FOR PLUMBING WORK, CONTRACT #102, FOR THE STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL PROJECT

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT No. 3 To JR Swanson Plumbing Co, Inc. FOR PLUMBING WORK, CONTRACT #102, FOR THE STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL PROJECT

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 7.10 No. 2 To Quackenbush Co, Inc. FOR MECHANICAL/HVAC CONSTRUCTION WORK, CONTRACT #103, FOR THE STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL PROJECT

MOTION TO APPROVE No. 2 To Quackenbush Co, Inc. FOR MECHANICAL/HVAC CONSTRUCTION WORK, CONTRACT #103, FOR THE STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL PROJECT

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 7.11 APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO 3 TO CIR ELECTRIC CO. FOR ELECTRICAL WORK, CONTRACT #104, FOR THE STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL PROJECT

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT NO 3 TO CIR ELECTRIC CO. FOR ELECTRICAL WORK, CONTRACT #104, FOR THE STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL PROJECT

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 7.12 APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 2 TO SCOTT LAWN YARD FOR SITE WORK, CONTRACT #105, FOR THE STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL PROJECT  
MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT NO. 2 TO SCOTT LAWN YARD FOR SITE WORK, CONTRACT #105, FOR THE STEWARDSHIP CAPITAL PROJECT

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## 8. Review of Proposed Policies

Table: 8.01 None

## 9. Information and Reports

Information: 9.01 Superintendent's Report

Information: 9.02 Board Members Comments and Reports

## 10. Advanced Planning

Information: 10.01 Future Agenda Items

Information: 10.02 Future Meeting Dates

Action: 10.03 Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session at p.m. for personnel matters which may lead to the appointment/employment/promotion/assignment and transfer of a person, persons, or corporation.

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Executive Session ended at 8 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Paretto.

## 11. Adjournment

Information: 11.01 Meeting Adjourned

## 12. Statutory Meeting 8 p.m.

Information: 12.01 Call to Order



Information: 12.02 Purpose of Statutory Meeting

Information: 12.03 Tabulation of Results

Action: 12.04 Certification of Election/Budget Vote Results

Adoption of Resolution Certifying the School Election/Budget Vote Results

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 12.06 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

In memory of Dorothy Gara, mother of NFHS secretary Susan Petrozzi; fether in law of Board member Russ Petrozzi; Dr. Karl Havens, brother of employee Claudia Wade.

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

**BOARD REVIEW SESSION**

June 6, 2019

PRESENT: Mr. Restaino, Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Petrozzi, Dr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Bishop Dobbs, Mr. Jocoy, Mr. Paretto

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Laurie, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Giarrizzo, Mrs. Holody, Mrs. Glaser, Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Smeal, Ms. Doerr, Mr. Carella, Mr. Granieri, Mr. Massaro, Mr. Schwertfager, Mr. St. Onge, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Ventry, Mr. Ruffolo

Guests: Ms. Bradley, Mrs. Dafchick, Mr. Tillman

Tenure Reception/Golden Apple Award

Ms. Massaro introduced tenure recipients. Mr. Laurie commended the tenure recipients and introduced the 2019 Golden Apple Awards. Mr. Giarrizzo presented the award to Mr. James Mauck. Mrs. Marcia Capone presented the award to Mrs. Denise Gonez-Santos.

Bald for Bucks

Mr. St. Onge provided background on the Bald for Bucks fundraising program in which the District started participating five years ago. The program began at 79<sup>th</sup> St. School. At that time it was the sole school the first year and raised \$400. In its fifth year there are 70 participants that raised close to \$9,000. Money raised will be given to Roswell Park. Students were introduced who have been active in the program since its initiation: Sal Constantino, Abie Hoy (raised \$1,300), Mason Rotella, Thomas Wrobel, Benjamin Dutton, Camryn DePadre, Emily Trosky, Ramon Berrious.

Teachers who coordinate the program in their respective schools were also recognized.

#### Wellness Presentation

The Superintendent prefaced Mr. Wojton's presentation by noting every two years it is a requirement that the District update the District Wellness Policy. Mr. Wojton, although promoted to vice principal, was committed to the task and continues work on the policy. On June 20 the Board will be asked to table and then approve the policy or waive the 30-day tabling and vote on the item.

Mr. Wojton recognized Mr. Merino, as well, for his work on the program.

Mr. Wojton reviewed the policy requirements:

- In 2004 Congress passed Legislation that all school districts participating in the National School Lunch program are required to have a Health and Wellness Committee or Council. Committee's must be established by 2006
- Wellness Committee members should include all stakeholder groups (Teachers, Students, Parents, Health Professionals, Administrators)
- Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 requires administrative review on a three year cycle. 2018-19 is a review year.
- For School Year 2018-2019, LEAs are encouraged to continue reviewing and assessing their local wellness policies and implementing the new requirements.

Policy Changes are as follows:

Guidance from Center for Disease Control

- Whole Child Model

Policy layout

- Language used was general and vague.
- Re-structured format to align with Whole Child Model

Physical Environment in Schools

- Classroom and school maintenance

#### Wellness Promotion and Marketing

- F-Bites
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program
- Breakfast After the Bell Program
- District Wellness Event

#### Implementation, Evaluation and Communication

- Information regarding Healthy Behaviors and Mental Health
- Community outreach brochure

#### Next Steps:

- Continued professional development (Erie 1BOCES is working with staff)
- Enhanced building level wellness programming (emphasis on key components – Niagara St. does an excellent job)
- Enhanced marketing, promotion and alignment of wellness programs (Cornell Cooperative Extension relationship formed)
- Expansion of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program – although only five schools qualified, however, through use of cafeteria funds, provided to the other three elementary schools. This will be expanded to the Prep level and then the high school in the following year. In some schools actual carts were purchased to help with distribution. Many schools have after-school clubs designing/creating carts for these items.

Next step with the Policy is to make sure that there is continued alignment with state guidelines. This year was ensuring alignment with USDA guidelines, with which Mr. Edwards helped. Nothing was taken out of the policy; most parts were enhanced and put into a more centralized focus.

#### Capital Projects

Progress photos of Stewardship Project Phase 1 were provided:

LPS – Music Room – before photos of floor and sound absorbing panels (were cork); after photo; new instrument cases will be bought with District funds.

Staff Lounge - flooring

Gym – upstairs – cost was in removing black mastic material; ground to bare concrete by Cerrone; Floors to bare concrete ready for sealer then a special underlayment because it is the floor above the pool to keep moisture from penetrating.

Home and Careers – Demo just began. New cabinets, countertops and sinks (where FBites work occurs).

GPS – recap of gym (girls before, during and finished project and new drinking fountain). Mr. Laurrie noted not included was Owner's Request to replace eight backboards and nets. This will be a change order down the line. Backboards will be fixed at 10'.

Cataract – Change Order to be presented for unforeseen condition. Sound panels above stage area. There needs to be a secure area to which panels will adhere, so installed plywood. Plywood will be put on top of struts to keep panels from being damaged again.

The third Change Order was reviewed last meeting for walk off mats. Photo of front entrance showed need to replace due to salt marks and cracking of tile. This was an Owner Request to change.

GJ Mann – Window replacement throughout. Difference in quality? The new windows are more energy efficient. Community complaint received regarding warning beeper sound on lift. Per OSHA code a warning beeper is mandatory.

79<sup>th</sup> St. – Kitchen demo – serving line – temporary wall erected.

NFHS – Well into Phase 2 of parking lot. Fire hydrant will be moved 10' from its previous location. Laying down conduit drainage. Redoing feeders to light polls through new conduit and wire.

Parking lot diagram – photo of current condition. New Road entrance island to be removed at the end of project. The Superintendent will ask for more work in this area. Options will also be studied to redo speed table.

Getting ready to start cleaning roof. A temporary roof access is established; current condition of roof shows dirt and water pooling. Taking roof scan tonight with drone to give us information. Roof starts on Monday.

Change Order – NFHS Sign – Structural steel on Porter and Pine Ave. Structurally reinforced on both signs. Reprice changing sign board that applies to both sign boards. Purchase more structural steel on both signs (change order) and painting; after that the message board will go out to bid. Prices are being obtained for all options the Board requested. This is not capital projects aidable, so the Board will have to make a decision how much it wants to spend on this project.

An updated Change Order Matrix was presented. Manning Squires approved for \$80,000 and Scott Lawn yard for \$3,000 for a total of 8 change orders. Phase 1 – 40% through with these change orders – minus the damage to sign submitted to insurance. An updated breakdown by contractor was also provided.

Mrs. Dafchick noted Phase 2 was submitted; requesting 3<sup>rd</sup> party review. Picked up and comments received back on mechanical, electrical, and plumbing, waiting for architectural. Addendum narrative and work showing drawings given clarification for concerns noted. Targeting 2-3 weeks for sending back, and then more clarification requested. On schedule with Phase 2 to do bidding in the fall.

## 2019-20 School Calendar

Ms. Massaro reviewed the 2019-20 proposed School Calendar. She thanked Mr. Glahe and NFT Calendar Committee for making this an easy task.

Highlights: Added 2 days, (185 to 187 days), one day for teachers and one day for students. The first day is September 3 for teachers (union meeting a.m., in schools in p.m.). September 4 is a full day districtwide or building-level PD (SAVE information and annual Sexual Harassment training; p.m.). September 5 is the first day for students; September 9 – Superintendent's Conference Day.

October 4 - .5 PD NFHS and Prep (to accommodate Homecoming)

November 5 – Elementary/Prep Superintendent's Conference Day to accommodate the new Voting Law which allows voters up to 3 hours off to go to the polls. Superintendent's Conference Days and Parent/Teacher Conferences. No students and teachers the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (#1 Emergency Closure Payback Day).

December 23 - Winter recess begins; all staff/students return on January 2.

February – Pick up the extra student day. In the past the day after President's Day was non-attendance day; there will be school on that day. Also, Parent/Teacher conference in the evening.

March 20 - No student; teacher's payback day

April 6-17 - Spring Break (Emergency Closure Payback Days listed in reverse order).

May – Friday before Memorial Day (Emergency Closure Payback Day #3)

June – Trying to accommodate the new Voting Law with a half-day on June 23; we are not sure that is the Primary but are being proactive). PD will be in the afternoon. The last day for students is June 25. June 26 is Rating Day for teachers.

Student days are 183; 3 snow days built in emergency payback day. There are 11 BOCES Conflict Days.

## Agenda Review

The June 20 Agenda Review Session and Special presentations were noted.

Bids: Electrical Supplies – Only one vendor responded, City Electric. Seven vendors were direct solicited and a public notice placed, as well.

Short-term Contracts: (most for summer camp except for #1)

1. ABC Rentals of WNY For rental and staffing of inflatable obstacle course \$999 – May 2, 2019
2. Marsha McWilson Mentoring and lunch groups for Summer ELP at Niagara St and Kalfas \$6,000, July 8 – August 8, 2019 Monday-Thursday
3. Master Khechens Martial Arts Mentoring and Tae Kwon \$3,500 July 8 – August 8, 2019 Monday-Thursday

4. Tami Rowh Wellness Yoga sessions \$1,000 July 8 – August 8, 2019 Two days/week
5. Bowl-O-Drome \$5,000 July 9 – August 9, 2019
6. Musicality Central Hip Hop \$3,960 F2110 July 9 – August 9, 2019
7. Competitive Edge NFMMC \$9,000 F2110 July 9 – August 9, 2019
8. Niagara Sports Tournaments- Hockey \$5400 July 9 – August 9, 2019
9. Boy Scouts of America \$1,625 July 8 – August 8, 2019 (Urban Scouting one day at Kalfas and one day at Niagara St.) 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades attempting to get more minority males involved in scouting,
10. Pastor James E. Giles \$1,000 - Presentation May 28 – June 25, 2019 – Peacekeepers who are visible in yellow shirts in neighborhood helping with the community around Gaskill; they extend themselves to the Gill Creek area.

New Business:

6.01 Approval of District Code of Conduct as Amended, and Filing with the New York State Commissioner of Education (SG 1, 2)

6.02 Approval of Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan as Amended and Filing with The New York State Commissioner of Education (SG 1, 2)

6.03 Approval of Agreement Between The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Mental Health Advocates of WNY for the *2018-19 Too Good For Violence Program* (SG 1, 2) – This program is PreK-2 during the second semester of school. Eight weeks in classrooms.

6.04 NYS Office of General Services Vehicle Marketplace – Award 22898 Mini-Bid #19040097 2019 FORD F-150 XL CREW CAB PICKUP (SG 3) – This item was pulled last month due to determination by OGS marketplace that the District can award to one build to spec. vehicle. This saved \$4,000.

6.05 Extension of Planned Service Agreements Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls And Johnson Controls, Inc. for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year (SG 3) – For Facilities Management System additions for only one year: mechanical equipment repair over technical scope of in house and fire alarm inspection/service, sprinkler inspection and fire suppression system of kitchens now under this PSA. All pricing is NYS OGS or better.

6.06 Approval to Establish a Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund for NYS Teachers Retirement Contributions (SG 3) – The fund will be established and after the annual audit, the Board can direct staff to/not fill it but in the interim the fund is established.

6.07 Approval to Bind Property and Equipment, General Liability, Automobile, Umbrella, Inland Marine And Crime Insurance with the New York State Insurance Reciprocal (“NYSIR”), as Proposed for the Dollar Amount off Xxxxx; to Bind Crime Coverage Through Travelers Casualty And Surety Company of America for The Dollar Amount of Xxxxx; To Bind Excess Workers Compensation Insurance With the State National Insurance Company Through Fnrm As Broker, as Proposed For the Dollar Amount of Xxxxxx And To Bind Student Accident Insurance with Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. (“Pupil Benefits”), As Proposed for the Dollar Amount Of \$13,500, for the

Period July 1, 2019 To June 30, 2020 (SG 3) – This is a placeholder for now. NYSIR rates increased; crime is up \$39. Staff are waiting on excess worker's compensation insurance. The Superintendent commended NYSIR for its service and minimal increases.

6.08 Approval of Contract for Professional Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Community Missions Inc. for 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020 (SG 1, 4) – This is for Girls' Circle programming through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools grant. Service is provided every day after school and a couple of days before school on a rotating basis. The contractor will also help with some young men's support next year.

6.09 Approval Of Contract With George Tasevski to Provide District-Wide Chess Instruction for After-School Programs and Summer Programs 7 / 1 / 2019 – 6 / 30 / 2020 (SG 1, 4) – Service is provided on a rotating schedule; he is in District Monday-Thursday five weeks in the summer and during spring recess, except at NFHS and LaSalle Prep.

6.10 Approval of Contract For Consulting Services Between the City School District of the City Of Niagara Falls And Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc for Student Support Services for Summer Program (7-1-2019 - 8-31-2019). (SG 1, 4) - Modie Cox service during the summer.

6.11 Approval of Contract With Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club to Provide Services for the Elementary Summer Extended Learning Program 7/1/19 - 8/31/19 (SG 1, 4) – The Club will provide afternoon activities for the summer program.

6.12 Approval of Contract For Professional Consulting Services Between the City School District of The City of Niagara Falls and Hoghol (Formerly Fbites) For Summer Program (7-1-2019 - 8-31-2019). (SG 1, 4) – Chef Bobby's program has been renamed, Heart of Gold Head of Lettuce, as it is now certified as a Women and Minority Owned Business.

6.13 Approval of Change Order No. 101-001 for Manning Squires Hennig for General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0005.014) (SG 3)

6.14 Approval of Change Order No. 101-002 for Manning Squires Hennig for General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0020.016) (SG 3)

6.15 Approval of Change Order No. 101-003 for Manning Squires Hennig For General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0038.018) (SG 3)

6.16 Approval of Change Order No. 105-001 for Scott Lawn Yard For Site Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0005.014) (SG 3)

6.17 Approval Of Change Order No. 101-004 For Manning Squires Hennig For General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0039.011) (SG 3)

6.18 Approval of Change Order No. 101-005 for Manning Squires Hennig for General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0001.018) (SG 3)

6.19 Approval of Change Order No. 101-006 for Manning Squires Hennig for General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0039.011) (SG 3)

6.20 Approval of Change Order No. 101-007 for Manning Squires Hennig for General Construction Work On the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0043.007) (SG 3)

The eight change orders are outlined on the matrix totaling \$83,000.

6.21 Approval of Payment No. 4 to Manning Squires Henning for General Contractor Work, Contract #101, for the Stewardship Capital Project (SG 3)

6.22 Approval of Payment No. 4 to Jr Swanson Plumbing Co, Inc. for Plumbing Work, Contract #102, for the Stewardship Capital Project (SG 3)

6.23 Approval of Payment No. 4 to Cir Electric Co. for Electrical Work, Contract #104, for the Stewardship Capital Project (SG 3)

6.24 Approval of Payment No. 3 to Scott Lawn Yard, Inc. For Site Development Work, Contract #105, for the Stewardship Capital Project (SG 3)

Proposed Policies: Wellness Policy and the changes discussed this evening by Mr. Wojton.

Future Meetings: Reorganization Meeting in July – The Superintendent asked the Board to consider for summer, in place of a Retreat, scheduling one meeting in July to discuss capital projects, change orders, contracts and a few Executive Session items (appointment of administrators).

One new resolution on the reorganization agenda will be for 14 classrooms at NFHS and LPS for BOCES.

In regard to the Substitute Union contract, conversation has occurred with the Labor Relations Specialist. There is agreement on the MOA; a mail ratification is needed from its membership. The MOA will be presented for approval on June 20.

#### Superintendent's Updates

1. NU put together a one year transition to teaching program; to date there are eight candidates ready to substitute.
2. Ms. Massaro sent nine new substitutes to NFHS.
3. As involuntary transfers occur, you will note special ed. staff moving out of Kalfas and Mann, the two schools housing the District's ENL population. We are trying to move to



an integrated co-teaching model, giving better service to special ed. students.  
Transportation is set.

4. Work has been occurring on a final instructional move; moving Living Environment and Algebra from 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We are trying to open more space in high school schedule for CTE offerings. We would rather have our students taking Living Environment and Algebra in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The NYSEMA is given in May; we have no results until July or August, and students are gone by then. We would rather teach Algebra at 8<sup>th</sup> grade and give teachers a full year to teach. It is important for Prep. students to enter high school with as many credits as possible.

At 8 p.m. a motion for Executive Session was made by Mr. Jocoy to discuss the demotion/discipline/suspension/dismissal or removal of a person persons and collective bargaining under Taylor Law (contract for District Clerk). Dr. Barstys seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Niagara Falls, New York

### **Agenda Review Session**

June 20, 2019

### **Minutes**

Present: M. Laurrie, R. Barstys, E. Bass, J. Cancemi, A. Jocoy, A. Paretto, R. Restaino, N. Vilardo

Excused: Bishop Dobbs, R. Petrozzi

Staff Present: R. Carella, J. Doerr, J. Giarrizzo, J. Glaser, R. Granieri, J. Jacklin, A. Massaro, M. Massaro, J. Roscetti, B. Rotella, N. Ruffolo, R. Schwertfager, E.Smeal.

Mr. Laurrie welcomed Mr. Cancemi back. Also, welcome to Ms. Kyle Mackey from WBFO 88.7 FM radio station.

Mr. Laurrie reminded the Board Members that there is a great number of retirees and Reading Recovery teachers who will be honored at tonight's meeting. Also, this is the last meeting for one of our Board Members.

## **Sponsor Update**

Ms. Amy Starck has been working very hard on the sponsorship presentation. She is going to provide an update. Mr. Laurrie explained this has been a fluid process. By listening to input from the community and potential stakeholders, we had to stop to think and add a few things before we are ready to present the finished product. Mr. Laurrie feels strongly that the District picked the right person for this project. Ms. Starck totally understands the scope of the project and provides a monthly report to the Superintendent. Mr. Laurrie thanked Ms. Starck for being a member of our team.

Ms. Starck said for past few months, she has been working behind the scenes before moving forward with the finished project. The name of project is "For Our Kids and Yours". The objective of the project is to secure sponsorship for NFCSD athletics. Ms. Starck has been researching other markets for pricing structures (cities and school districts) so that we can be fair with what we go to market with and will hopefully be successful. She has researched the WNY market and beyond. Ms. Starck has been making a lot of calls to potential sponsors and is gauging their interest levels. Perspective sponsors are alumni and stakeholders that are friends of the school district, as well as large corporations in Niagara Falls and WNY. Ms. Starck is working on the "Case for Support" to introduce this to the public. The "Case for Support" explains why the District is doing this project and what it is about. Ms. Starck created a timeline that is fluid and ever-changing, but it helps to keep her organized and focused. The timeline goes through the end of December/January. Ms. Starck has been working on building sponsor relationships.

Mr. Laurrie feels the Case for Support presentation is very important. Ms. Starck will be approaching sponsors, so the presentation needs to be very professional and to the point as a leave behind document. The District is in no position to be naming potential sponsors, but Ms. Starck has put together a very robust list of top officials. We have one of the nicest sports fields at LPS, but it was not originally included as a part of the project. Mr. Laurrie feels that we may go ahead and include it down the road. In conversations with stakeholders, the District may also want sponsorship for the Performing Arts Center. It is just as important as sports. Mr. Laurrie explained that in October, the District will start a theater arts hall of fame. Ms. Starck toured the PAC and LPS field and thinks they may be potential opportunities. Mr. Laurrie would like to get everything ready by the fall, but there is still a lot of work to be done. There is no existing model in NYS, all references used so far have all been from outside New York State. You only get one chance to make a good first impression.

Mr. Barstys asked if Ms. Starck will provide a copy of the portfolio to be approved by the Board Members before she presents it to anyone. Mr. Laurrie answered that the Board Members will have a few weeks to look at it and approve it. It will be a multi-media product. Mr. Barstys asked if there would be drone videos and photos. Yes, Ms. Starck said these things are included. Mr. Bass asked about the conceptual design for the PAC from Capital Projects. Mark said, yes, those designs will be included also.

Mr. Laurrie said Ms. Starck has been a pleasure to work with. Ms. Starck expressed that she has been impressed with what she has seen in Niagara Falls. She is very excited for this project.

The next steps will be to come back with a final Case for Support that the Board Members will be asked to formally accept. Once accepted, Ms. Starck will start pursuing sponsors. There will be a legal review before any sponsors are accepted.

## **Graduation Update**

Mr. Laurie thanked Mrs. Jones and her administrative team at NFHS for all of their hard work this year. Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Zimmerman and Mrs. Jones from NFHS provided a graduation update. Graduation will take place on Friday, June 28 at the Niagara Falls Conference Center. Graduation rehearsal will be held earlier in the day. The ceremony starts at 6:30 PM. Regents exams will be completed soon, and local exams need to be scored. Teachers will enter grades by next Wednesday. Therefore, the final number of students graduating won't be available until then. On BEDS day this year, there were 436 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at NFHS. Between then and now, there are 31 students who have exited, as well as seven new students. Right now, there are 406 potential graduates. Mrs. Jones estimated that there may be approximately 40 students who are "on the fence" and may not graduate. The administrators meet with the guidance counselors every 10 weeks to get an overview of student status. Counselors have continued to work with these students to help them stay on track to graduate. Right now, Mrs. Jones anticipates the graduation rate will be at about 98 percent. Mr. Vilardo asked why sometimes the graduation rate released on the NYS Report Card is lower. Mrs. Jones says it has to do with ESSA, which is a different calculation than what we use, which is based on the Grade 9 cohort. Mrs. Jones indicated that the administrators have collectively looked at accountability status, and have worked on those areas. If a student drops out and does not re-enroll in another district, it affects our accountability. Mr. Laurie feels it is unfair for the State to penalize the District if it takes a student longer than 4 years to graduate. Counselors still continue to work with students beyond June so that they may graduate in August. The PRIDE success rate went up. Mrs. Jones noted that 87 percent of those students will graduate. The PRIDE program is sanctioned by the State. Mrs. Jones is hoping to exceed last year's graduation rate. Mr. Laurie asked if there were any students who won't graduate due to physical education. Mrs. Jones will find the information and get back to Mr. Laurie. However, this year, there was a senior Phys Ed PRIDE program to alleviate that issue.

Mr. Laurie would like to reevaluate the alternative program at CEC. Mr. Laurie feels the students would do better if they were able to remain at NFHS, which may increase their chances of staying in school and graduating. He feels the current model is outdated. Mrs. Jones agrees that something different needs to be done. Placing students at CEC is not working.

Mrs. Jones indicated that in order to create more room in high school's schedule for more CTE offerings, it is time to move Algebra I and Living Environment to Grade 8 for all students. Mr. Laurie feels the NYS Grade 8 Tests provide no meaningful results. If the Algebra and Living Environment Regents are taken in Grade 8, students can receive remediation as needed at the high school level. This will also enable students to begin accumulating credits towards graduation. Eventually, students may be able to finish college early because of the college credits they earn in high school. Mr. Laurie thanked Mrs. Jones again for her hard work. Mr. Slaiman has been working hard to prepare for post-prom. Heartfelt prayers to those districts who have lost students recently. We must make it a priority to keep our students safe. Mrs. Jones is very thankful for her team. They are a great support and team and she appreciates their work.

## **Review of Agenda**

A review of the June 20, 2019 agenda was held. Mrs. Glaser presented the agenda. Reading Recovery teachers have graduated from their program which will be expanded next year. There will be 8-12 retirees joining us this evening to be recognized. Two Board members are receiving certificates for

meeting their continuing education requirements. This will be the last Board Meeting for one Board Member. Board Members will be voting to accept minutes and budget transfer #11, bid on electrical supplies, Treasurer's, budget status report, personnel reports, etc. Most of the Short-Term contracts, except for #10, are related to Summer Camp. Mr. Laurrie noted that The Peace Keepers have done a marvelous job in helping with community safety around Gaskill and Hyde Park. Mr. Laurrie has received three telephone calls from parents thanking them for this service. Mr. Laurrie noted that 35 percent of Phase I has passed with only eight change orders. Most of the change orders were for things that the District requested. 40 percent of the parking lot at NFHS has been completed without issue. The District Wellness Policy was presented at the last Board meeting. Ms. Massaro recommends waiving the tabling. Mr. Laurrie is hoping for the Board's support on that policy.

Ms. Massaro presented the personnel reports. There were a few changes made since the last meeting, all of which are marked with an asterisk. Ms. Massaro would like to thank Mrs. Hohmann for her hard work on the reports. There were some new probationary appointments. All people listed who are not residents will be moving into the City in adherence to the Residency Policy. Mr. Vilardo asked if the Board Members will be notified when non-residents move into the districts. Ms. Massaro said the Board Members would be informed. The voluntary transfers were reviewed by Mr. Laurrie and approved. The next certificated personnel report for the July 2 meeting will be large because of regular subs and probationary appointments. Ms. Massaro noted that all six collective bargaining unit agreements were settled by June 30 of this year and all contracts have been ratified. The 2019-20 District Calendar has been finalized thanks to a lot of hard work in conjunction with the teachers union.

Mr. Laurrie explained that back on February 24, there was a wind storm which damaged the sign on Porter Road at NFHS. Mr. Laurrie said in order to repair and reinforce the sign, it would cost about \$4,000 after insurance money is applied. If the Board Members would like to have the sign updated to be similar to the Keller Insurance sign, it would cost at least \$50,000 more. For a sign similar to Frank's Vacuum, the cost would be over \$200,000. The work for the signs is not BOCES aidable because it is not a shared service, and it cannot be made a part of Capital Projects. Mr. Restaino asked his fellow Board Members which option they would like to choose. Everyone agreed to go with repair and reinforcement of both signs for \$4,000. Mr. Smeal noted that a new cloud-based management system would be implemented to control the signs as well.

Mr. Laurrie has two items to discuss in executive session. Reasons for executive session: 1) Collective bargaining negotiations under the Taylor Law for the District Clerk; and 2) the demotion/discipline/suspension/dismissal or removal of a person, persons or corporation.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned.

## **June 20 ARS/7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting (Thursday, June 20, 2019)**

### **2. Call to Order**

Information: 2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 2.02 Prayer

Information: 2.03 Roll Call

### 3. Letters and Communications

Information: 3.01 Special Presentations

Mr. Laurrie is proud to present diplomas to Reading Recovery program teachers. The Reading Recovery program pushes 1<sup>st</sup> grade students who are struggling readers to a new level of learning. Mr. Laurrie would like to expand the program to help more students next year. The Reading Recovery teachers went through very rigorous coursework to become Reading Recovery teachers. The teachers are: Deanna Cudahy (Kalfas and a Nationally Board Certified Teacher); Laura Collier (ENL Teacher); Maria D'Antonoli (Kalfas, but moving to NSS next year); Lyndie Grant (79<sup>th</sup> Street, but moving to NSS next year); Lisa Graff (Kalfas); Antionette DeBellonia (O/N BOCES).

Mr. Laurrie also presented awards to two Board of Education Members. Board members are required to take continuing education hours. Mr. Russell Petrozzi received a certificate for 150 points worth of work and Mr. Earl Bass received a certificate for completing 75 points.

Mr. Laurrie is happy to recognize the retirees and also to express the fact that we are losing a great deal of experience, skill, institutional knowledge and friendship. Mr. Laurrie truly appreciates what they have done for this District. These retirees will not be forgotten. Joan Donahue (Associate - Cataract); Ruthel Dumas (District Clerk); Jametta Felts (Teacher – Hyde Park); Dorothy Gianucci (29 years as a cleaner); Jean Kennedy (secretary); Karyn Morrison (Spec Ed teacher NFHS); Veronica Murray (Art Teacher - NFHS); Michelle O'Connor (Art Teacher - NFHS); Frank Scibilia (Art Teacher - NFHS); John Robins (Phys Ed Teacher and Coach - NFHS); Diana Guerrucci (PreK teacher - Kalfas); Greg Rizzo (Maintenance); Tony Gelose (Social Studies Teacher - NFHS); and Marcus Latham (Social Studies Teacher - Gaskill).

The job of a Board Members is very demanding. Thank you to Mr. Jocoy for his service as a Board Member on behalf of students, staff and District. There is a special resolution that recognizes his distinguished service of 10 years. Mr. Jocoy had two children in the District. It is important to him to make sure all District students were taken care of. Mr. Laurrie presented a plaque to Mr. Jocoy thanking him for his service on the Board of Education.

Information: 3.03 Written Communications

### 4. Recommended Actions - Routine Items

Action: 4.01 Minutes - May 2019

Approval of Minutes - May 2019

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information: 4.02 Budget Transfer - #11  
Approval of Budget Transfer - #11

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information: 4.03 Bids Electrical Supplies

Motion to approve of bid listed

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.04 Treasurer's Report - May 2019

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.05 Budget Status Report - June 2019

Action: 4.06 Personnel Report - Certificated Items

Motion to approve the Personnel Report for Certificated Staff Note: Dr. Barstys abstained from all portions of the report relating to Christine Bartsys.

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.07 Personnel Report - Classified Items

Motion to approve the Personnel Report for Classified Staff

Motion by Arthur Jocoy, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.08 Committee on Special Education Report

Approval of Committee on Special Education Report

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 4.09 Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

Approval of Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action, Information, Discussion, Receive and File: 4.10 Short-Term Contract(s)

## 5. Unfinished Business

Information: 5.01 None

## 6. New Business

Action: 6.01 Approval of District Code of Conduct as Amended, and Filing with the New York State Commissioner of Education

Motion to approve District Code of Conduct as Amended, and Filing with the New York State Commissioner of Education

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.02 Approval of Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan as Amended and Filing with The New York State Commissioner of Education

Motion to approve Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan as Amended and Filing with The New York State Commissioner of Education

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.03 Approval of Agreement Between The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Mental Health Advocates of WNY for the 2018-19 Too Good For Violence Program

Motion to approve Agreement Between The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Mental Health Advocates of WNY for the 2018-19 Too Good For Violence Program

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.04 NYS Office of General Services Vehicle Marketplace – Award 22898 Mini-Bid #19040097  
2019 FORD F-150 XL CREW CAB PICKUP

Motion to approve NYS Office of General Services Vehicle Marketplace – Award 22898 Mini-Bid  
#19040097 2019 FORD F-150 XL CREW CAB PICKUP

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo,  
Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.05 Extension of Planned Service Agreements Between the City School District of the City of  
Niagara Falls And Johnson Controls, Inc. for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year

Motion to approve Extension of Planned Service Agreements Between the City School District of the City  
of Niagara Falls And Johnson Controls, Inc. for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo,  
Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.06 Approval to Establish a Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund for NYS Teachers  
Retirement Contributions

Motion to Establish a Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund for NYS Teachers Retirement  
Contributions

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo,  
Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.07 Approval To Bind Property And Equipment, General Liability, Automobile, Umbrella, Inland  
Marine, Cyber And Crime Insurance With The New York State Insurance Reciprocal (“NYSIR”), As  
Proposed For The Dollar Amount Of \$507,021; To Bind Crime Coverage Through Travelers Casualty And  
Surety Company Of America For The Dollar Amount Of \$3,918; To Bind Excess Workers Compensation  
Insurance With The State National Insurance Company Through Fnrm As Broker, As Proposed For The  
Dollar Amount Of \$137,789 And To Bind Student Accident Insurance With Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc.  
(“Pupil Benefits”), As Proposed For The Dollar Amount OF \$13,500, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 TO  
JUNE 30, 2020

Motion to approve - To Bind Property And Equipment, General Liability,  
Automobile, Umbrella, Inland Marine, Cyber And Crime Insurance With The New York State Insurance  
Reciprocal (“NYSIR”), As Proposed For The Dollar Amount Of \$507,021; To Bind Crime Coverage Through  
Travelers Casualty And Surety Company Of America For The Dollar Amount Of \$3,918; To Bind Excess  
Workers Compensation Insurance With The State National Insurance Company Through Fnrm As Broker,  
As Proposed For The Dollar Amount Of \$137,789 And To Bind Student Accident Insurance With Pupil  
Benefits Plan, Inc. (“Pupil Benefits”), As Proposed For The Dollar Amount OF \$13,500, FOR THE PERIOD  
JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Arthur Jocoy.



Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.08 Approval of Contract for Professional Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Community Missions Inc. for 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020

Motion to approve Approval of Contract for Professional Services Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Community Missions Inc. for 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.09 09 Approval Of Contract With George Tasevski to Provide District-Wide Chess Instruction for After-School Programs and Summer Programs 7 / 1 / 2019 – 6 / 30 / 2020

Motion to approve contract With George Tasevski to Provide District-Wide Chess Instruction for After-School Programs and Summer Programs 7 / 1 / 2019 – 6 / 30 / 2020

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.10 10 Approval of Contract For Consulting Services Between the City School District of the City Of Niagara Falls And Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc for Student Support Services for Summer Program (7-1-2019 - 8-31-2019).

Motion to approve contract For Consulting Services Between the City School District of the City Of Niagara Falls And Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc for Student Support Services for Summer Program (7-1-2019 - 8-31-2019).

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.11 Approval of Contract With Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club to Provide Services for the Elementary Summer Extended Learning Program 7/1/19 - 8/31/19

Motion to approve contract With Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club to Provide Services for the Elementary Summer Extended Learning Program 7/1/19 - 8/31/19

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.12 Approval of Contract For Professional Consulting Services Between the City School District of The City of Niagara Falls and Hoghol (Formerly Fbites) For Summer Program (7-1-2019 - 8-31-2019).

Motion to approve contract For Professional Consulting Services Between the City School District of The City of Niagara Falls and Hoghol (Formerly Fbites) For Summer Program (7-1-2019 - 8-31-2019).

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.13 Approval of Change Order No. 101-001 for Manning Squires Hennig for General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (Sed 40.08.00.01.0.0005.014)

Motion to approve Change Order No. 101-001 for Manning Squires Hennig for General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (Sed 40.08.00.01.0.0005.014)

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.14 Approval of Change Order No. 101-002 for Manning Squires Hennig for General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0020.016)

Motion to approve Change Order No. 101-002 for Manning Squires Hennig for General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0020.016)

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.15 Approval of Change Order No. 101-003 for Manning Squires Hennig For General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0038.018)

Motion to approve Change Order No. 101-003 for Manning Squires Hennig For General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0038.018)

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.16 Approval of Change Order No. 105-001 for Scott Lawn Yard For Site Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0005.014)

Motion to approve Change Order No. 105-001 for Scott Lawn Yard For Site Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0005.014)

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.17 Approval Of Change Order No. 101-004 For Manning Squires Hennig For General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0039.011)

Motion to approve Change Order No. 101-004 For Manning Squires Hennig For General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0039.011)

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.18 Approval of Change Order No. 101-005 for Manning Squires Hennig for General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0001.018)

Motion to approve Change Order No. 101-005 for Manning Squires Hennig for General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0001.018)

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.19 Approval of Change Order No. 101-006 for Manning Squires Hennig for General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0039.011)

Motion to approve Change Order No. 101-006 for Manning Squires Hennig for General Construction Work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0039.011)

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.20 Approval of Change Order No. 101-007 for Manning Squires Hennig for General Construction Work On the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0043.007)

Motion to approve Change Order No. 101-007 for Manning Squires Hennig for General Construction Work On the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction (SED 40.08.00.01.0.0043.007)

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.21 Approval of Payment No. 4 to Manning Squires Henning for General Contractor Work, Contract #101, for the Stewardship Capital Project  
Motion to approve Payment No. 4 to Manning Squires Henning for General Contractor Work, Contract #101, for the Stewardship Capital Project

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.22 Approval of Payment No. 4 to Jr Swanson Plumbing Co, Inc. for Plumbing Work, Contract #102, for the Stewardship Capital Project

Motion to approve Payment No. 4 to Jr Swanson Plumbing Co, Inc. for Plumbing Work, Contract #102, for the Stewardship Capital Project

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.23 Approval of Payment No. 4 to Cir Electric Co. for Electrical Work, Contract #104, for the Stewardship Capital Project

Motion to approve Payment No. 4 to Cir Electric Co. for Electrical Work, Contract #104, for the Stewardship Capital Project

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.24 Approval of Payment No. 3 to Scott Lawn Yard, Inc. For Site Development Work, Contract #105, for the Stewardship Capital Project

Motion to approve Payment No. 3 to Scott Lawn Yard, Inc. For Site Development Work, Contract #105, for the Stewardship Capital Project

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 6.25 Approval of Resolution Officially Recognizing the Service of Art Jocoy, Jr. to the Board of Education.

Motion to approve Resolution Officially Recognizing the Service of Art Jocoy, Jr. to the Board of Education.

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Abstain: Arthur Jocoy

## 7. Review of Proposed Policy(ies)

Action: 7.01 Wellness Policy

Motion to waive tabling

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

Action: 7.02 Motion to approve Wellness Policy

Motion to waive tabling

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino

## 8. Information and Reports

Information: 8.01 Superintendent's Report

Thank you for supporting the resolutions this evening. The annual Reorganization meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2. Mr. Laurrie will ask the Board Members to approve approximately 60-70 resolutions for 2019-20 school year. There are no resolutions that are significantly new or different, except one resolution on the lease of classrooms to BOCES. Mr. Barstys will abstain from voting on this resolution. Mrs. Glaser will get a copy of all the resolutions to you prior to the meeting for your review. Staff is available to answer any questions you may have on the resolutions before you are asked to vote on them. The annual District appointments will also need to be approved (purchasing agent, district clerk, etc.). Dinner will be at 5 PM, and the meeting will begin at 5:30 PM. There will be no presentations that evening. Due to Capital Projects, the large number of retirements and personnel issues, the Board has decided to pass on a retreat this year and will have a formal meeting instead on Thursday, July 25. Dinner will be served at 5 PM, presentations will take place at 5:30 PM, and voting at 7 PM.

Mr. Laurrie acknowledged Mr. Dan Weiss who is present at tonight's meeting and is the new NFT President. Mr. Laurrie recently met with the new NFT members for the first time last week, and he was very impressed with their professional approach. Mr. Laurrie hopes to work well together for the betterment of students. Mr. Laurrie extended his thanks for Mr. Weiss's leadership and congratulated him on his appointment.

Mr. Laurrie also congratulated Mr. Smeal on his official appointment to the Facilities Directors, and also appointment as the Official Director of Maintenance and Operations. Mr. Smeal is one of the hardest workers in the District. He scored #1 on the NYS civil service exam in the State. Mr. Laurrie is proud to have him as a leader on the team.

Mr. Laurrie welcomed back Mr. Cancemi and wishes him the best of health.

Mr. Laurrie sent our condolences to other area school districts who have suffered the tragic loss of a student recently. Mr. Laurrie stressed the importance of making the prom/graduation season safe for students. The NFHS prom is tomorrow at the Conference Center. Post prom will take place at NFHS. Mr. Slaiman is in charge of planning for the post prom event again this year. The goal is to keep kids safe and have fun. The event goes until 3:00 AM. Next Friday, June 28, is graduation at 6:30 PM at the Niagara Conference Center.

Mr. Laurrie feels we are prepared for the 2019-20 school year and have hit the ground running already. Today Mr. Laurrie met with special education teachers regarding co-teaching. The meeting went very well.

Thank you to the Board Members and to WBFO for attending tonight's meeting.  
Information: 8.02 Board Members Comments and Reports

Mr. Jocoy

Thank you to everyone for the kind words. Good to see Mr. Cancemi back with us. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with my fellow Board Members. He will miss everyone.

Mr. Bass

Great to see Mr. Cancemi back. Thanks to Mr. Jocoy for being his chair mate for the last few years. Mr. Jocoy has made his time as a Board Member very meaningful to him. Thanks for his dedication. Thanks to the staff as well.

Mr. Paretto

Glad to have Mr. Cancemi back. God bless you and keep fighting. As for Mr. Jocoy, it has been a pleasure to work with you for almost seven years. I have learned a lot from him. Mr. Jocoy gave him a lot of guidance through the years. Thanks to all staff for their hard work, especially Ms. Massaro. Have a great summer everyone.

Mr. Restaino

Good to have Mr. Cancemi back. Glad that we will have him for the beginning of the new term. Congratulations to Mr. Jocoy on his 10 years of service. It has been great to work with him. Also, thank you to District staff. Each time a challenge comes along, the staff handles it in a smooth and organized manner. It is good to have such qualified people working for the District. Thanks for the hard work. Looking forward to working with Teacher's Union new members. He appreciates their attendance at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Cancemi

Congratulations to Dr. Barstys. It has been a pleasure working with Mr. Jocoy. He has been a real asset. We will miss you. To all those who sent cards, emails to him, thank you. Glad to be back.

Mr. Barstys

Thank you to Mr. Jocoy for volunteering his time for the last 10 years. Thrilled to see Mr. Cancemi. See everyone in a few weeks. Thanks to Ms. Massaro for the personnel report.

Mr. Vilardo

At reorganization meeting, Mr. Vilardo wants to mention that the Audit Committee still needs a couple of members. They are in need of a Board and a community member. There needs to be enough members for a quorum by law.

## 9. Advanced Planning

Information: 9.01 Future Agenda Items

Information: 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

## 10. Adjournment

Action: 10.01 Meeting Adjourned

Adjourn meeting in honor of memory of the following who recently passed away:

- In memory Susanna Mills, teaching assistant at Hyde Park School,
- Richard Silvaroli, father-in-law of Distrct Nurse Practitioner Jo Silvaroli, father of former District employee Richard Silvaroli.
- Gary Clarke, father of Senior School Monitor at LPS Elizabeth York.
- Richard Aloian, father of Peter Aloian, Teacher of Special Education at Gaskill Preparatory

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Arthur Jocoy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Arthur Jocoy, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Robert M Restaino