

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: July 7, 2020

KIND OF MEETING: RE-ORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETINGS

LOCATION: Administration Central Office Board Room

630 66<sup>th</sup> Street

Niagara Falls, NY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. R. Barstys, E. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Kudela, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

1. *Call to Order by Mrs. Glaser.*
2. *Motion to approve temporary chair.*

Motion to appoint Angelo Massaro temporary chair.

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

3. Appointment of District Clerk/Oath of Office to Judith Glaser administered by Mr. Massaro.

On a motion made by Mr. Petrozzi and seconded by Mr. Cancemi. All in favor.

RESOLVED, That Judith Glaser be reappointed District Clerk at the salary in the budget subject to any salary adjustments as approved by the Board of Education.

**3.01** *Administration of Oath to Re-Elected or Newly Elected Board Member(s)*

Oath of Office (Re-Elected or Newly Elected Board Member and Superintendent) administered to Mr. Petrozzi, Mrs. Dunn, and Mr. Bilson by Mrs. Glaser.

### *Election of Officers*

#### **3.02** President of the Board

President of the Board Mr. Petrozzi nominated Mr. Cancemi to serve as President. With no other nominations, Mr. Bilson motioned, and Mr. Petrozzi seconded that the Clerk cast one ballot for Mr. Cancemi. Eight in favor with Mr. Vilardo opposed. Mrs. Glaser swore in Mr. Cancemi.

#### **3.03** Vice President of the Board

Mr. Paretto nominated Dr. Barstys to serve as Vice President. With no other nominations, Mr. Petrozzi motioned, and Mr. Bass seconded that the Clerk cast one ballot for Dr. Barstys. All in favor. Mrs. Glaser swore in Dr. Barstys.

On a motion made by Mr. Petrozzi and seconded by Mr. Kudela, Items 4.01- 4.08 were approved:  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

## **4. *Appointments***

### **4.01** *Internal Claims Auditor*

RESOLVED, That Denise Kolber, Consultant, be appointed to the position of Internal Claims Auditor for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021 at a rate of \$36.05 per hour not to exceed \$32,500 and subject to further terms and conditions of Contract concluded with District.

### **4.02** *Third Party Administrator for the District's Unemployment Insurance Program*

RESOLVED, That N.E.C. be appointed as Third-Party Administrator for the District's Unemployment Insurance Program for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

#### ***4.03 Employees Having Access to Records of Handicapped Children***

RESOLVED, That Cheryl Meteer, Teacher on Special Assignment, shall assume responsibility for ensuring the confidentiality of such information for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021; and

RESOLVED, That instructional employees of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls may examine and inspect the records of individual handicapped students with whom they are working to the extent necessary for the due performance of their instructional duties with respect to such students, subject to the approval and permission of the building administrator; and

RESOLVED, That, likewise subject to the approval and permission of the building administrator, members of the nursing and clerical staff designated by the building administrator may also have access to such records as necessary to the due performance of their duties.

#### ***4.04 Public Records Access Officer***

RESOLVED, That the Administrator for Human Resources, Maria Massaro be appointed Public Records Access Officer for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, with no additional compensation.

#### ***4.05 Records Management Officer***

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk, Judith Glaser, be appointed Records Management Officer for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, without additional compensation.

#### ***4.06 School District Treasurer***

RESOLVED, That Rebecca A. Holody be appointed School District Treasurer for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

#### ***4.07 Tax Collector***

RESOLVED, That Administrator for School Business Services, Joseph A. Giarrizzo, be appointed as School District Tax Collector with no additional compensation.

#### ***4.09 Medicaid Compliance Officer***

RESOLVED, That Maria Massaro, Administrator for Human Resources is designated the Medicaid Compliance Officer for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

*Items 5.01 – 5.07 were approved on a motion made by Anthony F Paretto, 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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson*

#### ***5. Designations***

##### **5.01 Official Bank Depositories**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education designate, Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Wilmington Trust, Evans Bank, and J.P. Morgan Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., as Official Bank Depositories for all school funds for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the maximum amount which may be deposited in any Official Bank Depository shall not exceed \$100 million dollars; and be it further

RESOLVED That Rebecca Holody, School District Treasurer and the Administrator for School Business Services are hereby jointly and/or separately authorized to sign checks and/or execute other documents which may be required for the transaction of Niagara Falls City School District business with the depositories herein named.

##### ***5.02 Transfer Agent for Debt Service***

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education designate Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Wilmington Trust, Dormitory Authority of State of New York, Bank of New York Mellon, and Depository Trust Company of New York, New York as Transfer Agents for Debt Service for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

### ***5.03 Municipal Bond Consultant***

RESOLVED That designation herein is subject to conclusion of an appropriate agreement for payment of fee when required which shall contain terms and conditions acceptable to the Superintendent and School District Attorney.

### ***5.04 Bonding Attorneys***

RESOLVED, That the Board designate the law firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP as bonding attorneys with no annual retainer fee for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

### ***5.05 Official Newspaper***

RESOLVED, That the *Niagara Gazette* be designated as the Board of Education Official Newspaper for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021; and

RESOLVED, That, any official notices required by law be published in the Niagara Gazette in accordance with legal requirements.

### ***5.06 Regular Monthly Meetings***

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education will hold its regular meetings for the 2020-2021 school year at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month; and

RESOLVED, That the only exceptions to the stated schedule are July 7, November 19, 2020, December 17, 2020, and April 27, 2021 (full schedule to be posted on District website at [www.nfschools.net](http://www.nfschools.net))

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#### ***7. Board Representative – Selection of Impartial Hearing***

*Officers*                      A                      RESOLVED, That, in order to expedite the appointment process, the Board of Education designates the Board President to appoint the IHO on behalf of the Board.

#### ***5. Authorizations***

*Items 6.01 and 6.02 were adopted on a motion by Paul Kudela, 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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson*

**6.01** *Purchasing Agent*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorize Collis Earl Smeal to perform the duties of Purchasing Agent for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, with no additional compensation provided.

**6.02** *Certification of Payrolls*

RESOLVED, That this Board of Education authorize the Administrator for Human Resources and the Administrator for School Business Services to certify payrolls for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, with no additional compensation provided.

**7.** *Purchasing Procedures Policy*

Item 7.01 was adopted on a motion made by Ronald J Barstys, 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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

RESOLVED, That the District will use the Purchasing Procedures Policy for the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, as approved on June 24, 2010, and described as Policy 2010-5410.

**8.** *Adjournment*

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Paul Kudela, 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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

6 pm - Regular Board Meeting (Tuesday, July 7, 2020)

Generated by Judie Glaser on Tuesday, July 21, 2020

#### Members present

Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m.

#### 1. Agenda Review Session

Information: 1.01 ARS Topics - None

Information: 1.02 Agenda - Regular Board Meeting

## 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 - June

Motion to approve the minutes of June 2020.

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 4.02 None.

Action, Information: 4.03 Bid - Approval of Bid No. 2 of School Year 20/21– Maintenance Barn Selective Demolition: Mark Cerrone

Motion to approve Bid No. 2 of School Year 20/21–

Maintenance Barn Selective Demolition: Mark Cerrone

Motion by Paul Kudela, 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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

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 with addendum.

Motion to approve Certificated Report with addendum.

Approval of Personnel Report for Certificated Staff

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, 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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 4.07 Personnel Report - Classified

Approval of the Personnel Report for Classified Staff

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 4.08 Committee on Special Education Report - None

Action: 4.09 Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

Approval of Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action, Information, Discussion, Receive and File: 4.10 Short-Term Contract(s) 1. Niagara University Virtual College; 15 days; \$4500; F2110 404 098 1921; F2110 404 098 6621

Motion to approve Short-Term Contracts

1. Niagara University Virtual College; 15 days; \$4500; F2110 404 098 1921; F2110 404 098 6621

Motion by Earl F Bass, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

## 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, New York's Audit Committee 2020-2021, as amended.

Motion to approve Members of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York's Audit Committee 2020-2021

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, 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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.02 Approval of School Lunch Budget 2020-2021

Motion to approve School Lunch Budget 2020-2021

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, 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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.03 Approval of Calendar of Board Activities for the Preparation of the General Fund Budget—2020-2021

Approval of Approval of Calendar of Board Activities for the Preparation of the General Fund Budget—2020-2021

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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.04 Approval of Resolution to Confirm Tax Rolls, Authorize Tax Levy, and Issuance of Tax Warrant—2020-2021

Approval of Approval of Resolution to Confirm Tax Rolls, Authorize Tax Levy, and Issuance of Tax Warrant—2020-2021

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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.05 Approval of Fee Schedule for the Community Use of School Facilities – 2020 - 2021

Approval of Fee Schedule for the Community Use of School Facilities – 2020 - 2021

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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

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 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 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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.07 Approval of List of Impartial Hearing Officers for Students With Disabilities for the 2020/2021 School Year

Approval of List of Impartial Hearing Officers for Students With Disabilities for the 2020/2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.08 Approval of Surrogate Parent(s) for Disabled Children for 2020/2021 School Year

Approval of Surrogate Parent(s) for Disabled Children for 2020/2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.09 Approval of Appointments to the Committee on Preschool Special Education for 2020/2021 School Year

Approval of Appointments to the Committee on Preschool Special Education for 2020/2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.10 Approval of Appointments to the Committee on Special Education for 2020-2021 School Year

Approval of Appointments to the Committee on Special Education for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

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

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 Paul Kudela, 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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.12 Approval of Renewal of Retainer Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, and Angelo Massaro DBA Hovey & Massaro as School District Attorney 2020-2021

Approval of Approval of Renewal of Retainer Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, and Angelo Massaro DBA Hovey & Massaro as School District Attorney 2020-2021

Motion by Paul Kudela, 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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.13 Approval of Renewal of Retainer Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, and James C. Roscetti of Roscetti & Decastro, PC as Deputy School District Attorney 2020-2021

Motion to approve 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 2019-2020

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Paul Kudela.



Action: 6.14 Renewal of Appointment of Dr. Jo A Silvaroli as Director of School Health Services—2020-2021

Approval of Renewal of Appointment of Dr. Jo A Silvaroli as Director of School Health Services—2020-2021

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Paul Kudela.

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 -- 2020-2021

Motion to approve 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 -- 2020-2021

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.16 Approval of Amendment to the Renewed Agreement Between the Board of Education and Western New York Occupational Health, LLC 2020-2021

Approval of Amendment to the Renewed Agreement Between the Board of Education and Western New York Occupational Health, LLC 2020-2021

Motion by Paul Kudela, 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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.17 Approval of Renewal of Agreement Between the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for Physical Rehabilitation Services for Students Participating in Athletic Programs—2020-2021

Approval of Renewal of Agreement Between the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for Physical Rehabilitation Services for Students Participating in Athletic Programs—2020-2021

Motion by Paul Kudela, 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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

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, 2019 To June 30, 2020

Motion to approve Renewal of Agreement With NCA Comp to Act as Service Agent for the Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Program—July 1, 2019 To June 30, 2020

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, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

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 Ronald J Barstys, 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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.20 Approval of Agreement 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 to approve Agreement 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 Ronald J Barstys, 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, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.21 Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor for Grant Preparation—Battaglia & Associates Resource Development Consultants, Inc. 2020-2021

Approval of Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor for Grant Preparation—Battaglia & Associates Resource Development Consultants, Inc. 2020-2021

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, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.22 Approval Of Contract For Professional Services By Independent Contractor Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls, And Buffalo Special Investigations, LLC (BSI) For July 3, 2020 – June 30, 2020

Motion to approve Contract For Professional Services By Independent Contractor Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls, And Buffalo Special Investigations, LLC (BSI) For July 3, 2020 – June 30, 2020

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, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.23 Approval of Extension of Planned Service Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Johnson Controls, Inc. For the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Motion to approve Extension of Planned Service Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Johnson Controls, Inc. For the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

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, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.24 Approval for Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor for Professional Development Services for the Integration of Technology in the Classroom. – T.E.M.P., LLC from 2020-2021

Motion to approve Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor for Professional Development Services for the Integration of Technology in the Classroom. – T.E.M.P., LLC from 2020-2021

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, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.25 Approval of Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and MHS Services Inc., d/b/a MAXIM Staffing Solutions, for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and MHS Services Inc., d/b/a MAXIM Staffing Solutions, for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.26 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 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve 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 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.27 Approval for Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Aries Transportation Services, Inc., for 2020-2021 School Year.

Approval of Agreement for Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Aries Transportation Services, Inc., for 2020-2021 School Year.

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.28 Approval of Agreement with the Aspire of Western New York, Inc. for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve Agreement with the Aspire of Western New York, Inc. for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.29 Approval of Agreement With Autism Services, Inc. for 2019-2020 School Year

Approval of Agreement With Autism Services, Inc. for 2019-2020 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.30 Approval of Agreement With Baker Victory Services Schools for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve Agreement With Baker Victory Services Schools for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.31 Approval of Amending Agreement With BHSC Support Services, Inc. for On-Site Speech Therapy for 2020 – 2021 School Year

Motion to approve Amending Agreement With BHSC Support Services, Inc. for On-Site Speech Therapy for 2020 – 2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.32 Approval of Agreement With Buffalo City School District - School 84 for 2020-2021 School Year

Approval of Agreement With Buffalo City School District - School 84 for 2020 -2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.33 Approval of Agreement With Buffalo Hearing And Speech Center for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve Agreement With Buffalo Hearing And Speech Center for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.34 Approval of Agreement With the Cantalician Center for Learning for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve Agreement With the Cantalician Center for Learning for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries



Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.35 Approval of Agreement With Center for Handicapped Children for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve Agreement With Center for Handicapped Children for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.36 Approval of Agreement with Community Based Therapies for On-Site Occupational Therapy and/or Physical Therapy for 2020-2021

Motion to approve Agreement with Community Based Therapies for On-Site Occupational Therapy and/or Physical Therapy for 2020-2021

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.37 Approval of Agreement With Gateway-Longview for 2020-2021 School Year

Approval of Agreement With Gateway-Longview for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.38 Approval of Agreement With the Arc of the Erie County Chapter New York State Association for Intellectually Disabled Children, Inc. For 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve Agreement With the Arc of the Erie County Chapter New York State Association for Intellectually Disabled Children, Inc. For 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.39 Approval of Agreement With the Randolph Academy UFSD-Hamburg Campus for 2020-2021 School Year

Approval of Agreement With the Randolph Academy UFSD-Hamburg Campus for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.40 Approval of Agreement with the New Directions Family & Youth Services for 2020-2021 School Year

Approval of Agreement with the New Directions Family & Youth Services for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.41 Approval of Agreement with Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for On-Site Occupational Therapy for 2020-2021 School Year

Approval of Agreement with Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for On-Site Occupational Therapy for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.42 Approval of Agreement with the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for On-Site Physical Therapy for 2020-2021 School Year

Approval of Agreement with the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for On-Site Physical Therapy for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.43 Approval of Agreement With the Stanley G. Falk School for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve Agreement With the Stanley G. Falk School for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.44 Approval of Agreement With the Summit Center, Inc. for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve Agreement With the Summit Center, Inc. for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.45 Approval of Contract for Behavioral Consultation Services by Independent Contractor for Professional Consultation Services—the Summit Center, Inc. 7/3/19—06/30/20

Motion to approve Contract for Behavioral Consultation Services by Independent Contractor for Professional Consultation Services—the Summit Center, Inc. 7/3/19—06/30/20

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.46 Approval of Contract For Professional Physical and Occupational Services By Independent Contractor for Professional Services— Associated Physical & Occupational Therapists, PLLC.. 7/1/19— 06/30/20

Motion to approve Contract For Professional Physical and Occupational Services By Independent Contractor for Professional Services— Associated Physical & Occupational Therapists, PLLC.. 7/1/19— 06/30/20

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.47 Approval of Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Deaf Service Bridges Inc for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Motion to approve Approval of Contract for Professional Services by Independent Contractor Between the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Deaf Service Bridges Inc for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.48 Approval of Agreement 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 2020-June 2021

Motion to approve Agreement 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 2020-June 2021

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.49 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 2020-2021

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 2020-2021

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Kevin Dobbs, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson

Action: 6.50 Approval of Contract for Claims Auditor Services by an Independent Contractor – Denise Kolber

Motion to approve Contract for Claims Auditor Services by an Independent Contractor – Denise Kolber

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.51 Approval of Agreement for Copy Room Space Between the Board of Education and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Orleans/Niagara

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

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Abstain: Ronald J Barstys

Action: 6.52 Motion to approve 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 Paul Kudela, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Abstain: Ronald J Barstys

Action: 6.53 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 Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.54 Approval of Capital Markets Advisors, LLC as Bond Consultant for Assistance in the Sale of Bonds and Notes by the District in its Normal Course of Business and Cash Flow Operations for 2020-2021

Motion to approve Approval of Capital Markets Advisors, LLC as Bond Consultant for Assistance in the Sale of Bonds and Notes by the District in its Normal Course of Business and Cash Flow Operations for 2020-2021

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.55 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 Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries



Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.56 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 Ronald J Barstys, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.57 Approval of Agreement for Professional Services By DBA Learn Well, for period covering July 3, 2019- June 30, 2020.

Motion to approve Agreement for Professional Services By DBA Learn Well, for period covering July 3, 2019- June 30, 2020.

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Action: 6.58 Approval of Contract For Professional Consultant Services By Independent Contractor Between The School District of The City of Niagara Falls, New York And Language Intelligence, Ltd July 2, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Motion to approve Contract For Professional Consultant Services By Independent Contractor Between The School District of The City of Niagara Falls, New York And Language Intelligence, Ltd July 2, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.59 Approval of Agreement with Mark Cerrone for Selective Demolition of the Maintenance Barn

Motion to approve Approval of Agreement with Mark Cerrone for Selective Demolition of the Maintenance Barn

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.60 State Environmental Quality Review Resolution Of The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls, New York School District Replacement Of District Maintenance Barn Project

Motion to approve State Environmental Quality Review Resolution Of The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls, New York School District Replacement Of District Maintenance Barn Project

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.61 Extension of Planned Service Agreements Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls And Johnson Controls, Inc. For The 2020 - 2021 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 2020 - 2021 Fiscal Year

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

## 7. Adoption of Proposed Policy(ies)

Action: 7.01 Niagara Falls City School District Concussion Management Policy For Athletic Training Contracts With Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center 2020-2021

Motion to approve Niagara Falls City School District Concussion Management Policy For Athletic Training Contracts With Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center 2020-2021

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

## 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 OF NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: July 30, 2020

KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR MEETINGS

LOCATION: Administration Central Office Board Room

630 66<sup>th</sup> Street

Niagara Falls, NY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. R. Bastys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Kudela, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

**Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.**

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

Information: 1.01 ARS Topics –

Return from COVID 19 Information:

Mr. Laurie provided an overview of Return To School Protocols.

Highlights include: safety of students is a primary concern. The plan is fluid and transitional; it will be adjusted as necessary based on evidence. The plan was created in conjunction with the union leadership.

Supervisors and staff returned July 6 at 50% capacity; no ill effects have been realized.

Face coverings are mandatory; there will be no shared refrigerators or congregating in any location;

Students will return to school at 50% capacity, with some students attending physically on Mondays and Tuesdays; others on Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesdays will be “deep cleaning days.” Families will be scheduled together.

The 1.5 mile bussing limit will be strictly enforced, as transportation presents a particular challenge with regard to social distancing.

With respect to Special Education students and ELL students, these students will follow the same protocol as the general population.

Single Entrance/Exit Door have been established; no outside groups permitted.

Administrators/Supervisors will establish work schedules, however, faculty and staff will work all five days upon school reopening.

A questionnaire and temperature check must be completed daily

The plan will be reevaluated after three weeks and has been submitted to the Department of Health and SEO portal for review, as mandated.

The Superintendent expressed that his preference is to start cautiously and hope to expand, rather than start liberally and have to contract.

Lunch will continue to be served at Cataract, Abate, Niagara Street, NFHS, Kalfas, and Hyde Park on Monday, Wednesday, Friday throughout the summer.

Action, Information: 1.02 Agenda Regular Meeting

An Agenda Review was held.

2. Call to Order

Information: 2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 2.02 Prayer offered by Dr. Barstys

Information: 2.03 Roll Call –

All present.

3. Letters and Communications - Mr. Cancemi shared a note of thanks from

4. Recommended Actions - Routine Items

Action: 4.01 Minutes - July 7, 2020

Motion to approve minutes - July 7, 2020

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action, Information: 4.02 Budget Transfer #12

Approval of Budget Transfer - #12

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action, Information: 4.03 Bids -

Motion to approve of bid: Bid 3 - Supplemental Classroom Books; Bid 4 Stereo Headsets

4.03 STEREO HEADSETS - BID NO. 4

RECOMMENDATION:

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution on Stereo Headsets- Bid No.4, for the 2020-2021 School Year.

WHEREAS, Funds were appropriated for Stereo Headsets in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, public bidding procedures were observed for Bid No. 4 – Stereo Headsets; and

WHEREAS, Legal notice was published July 14, 2020 and bid documents were mailed to or secured by 13 potential bidders; and

WHEREAS, Bids were publicly opened and read on July 22, 2020 and three properly executed bids were received; and

WHEREAS, Bids were analyzed by Mr. Joseph Giarrizzo, Administrator

for School Business Services, Mr. Ray Granieri, Administrator for Information Services, and Mr. Earl Smeal, Purchasing Agent; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, award this contract, to the following bidder in accordance with specifications, as follows:

<u>Award No.</u>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
4A	Alternative Information System	\$51,000.00 (maximum)

#### 4.03 SUPPLEMENTAL CLASSROOM BOOKS - BID NO. 3

##### RECOMMENDATION:

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution on Supplemental Classroom Books - Bid No.3, for the 2020-2021 School Year.

WHEREAS, Funds were appropriated for Supplemental Classroom Books in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, public bidding procedures were observed for Bid No. 3 – Supplemental Classroom Books; and

WHEREAS, Legal notice was published July 9, 2020 and bid documents were mailed to or secured by seven potential bidders; and

WHEREAS, Bid was publicly opened and read on July 21, 2020 and four properly executed bids were received; and

WHEREAS, Bid was analyzed by Mr. Joseph Giarrizzo, Administrator for School Business Services and Mr. Earl Smeal, Purchasing Agent; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, award this contract, to the following bidder in accordance with specifications, as follows:

<u>Award No.</u>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Discount Percentage</b>
3A	Book Corner	21%

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, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.04 Treasurer's Report - June 2020

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.05 Budget Status Report - July 2020

Action: 4.06 Personnel Report Certificated Excluding Item VII

Motion to approve items Certificated Report Excluding Item VII

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.07 Personnel Report Certificated Item VII

Motion to approve Certificated report Item VII

Motion by Earl F Bass, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Abstain: Ronald J Barstys

Action: 4.08 Personnel Report - Classified Items

Motion to approve the Personnel Report for Classified Staff

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.09 Committee on Special Education Report None

Action: 4.10 Committee on Pre-School Special Education Report – None

Action, Information, Discussion: 4.11 Short-Term Contract(s)

Approval of Short-Term Contracts –

	Sponsor	Purpose	Compensation	Date of the Event	
1.	NARP 5585 Mapleton Road Lockport, NY 14094	Workshop: Introduction to Restorative Circles, Use of Play to Connect Online, and Educator Self-Care/Compassion Fatigue	\$1,200 F2070.404.045.8121	July 17, 2020 July 17, 2020 July 27, 2020	k
2.	Dr. David Fusani 100 The Paddock Williamsville, NY14221	Workshop: English Grammar Review and Student Participation and Resistance	\$1,200 F2070.404.045.8121	August 1 – 25, 2020	k
3.	Anne Kent-Kwasniewski 1183 Beha Road West Leyden, NY 13489	Workshop: Online Reading Strategy courses	\$1,800 F2070.404.045.8121	July 25, 2020 – August 25, 2020	k

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

## 5. Unfinished Business

Information: 5.01 None

## 6. New Business

Action: 6.01 Motion to approve Municipal Cooperation Agreement With the City of Niagara Falls, New York, for the Services Of Police Officers to Serve As School Resource Officers Period September 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Municipal Cooperation Agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the City of Niagara Falls, New York, for the services of four (4) Police Officers to serve as School Resource Officers for period September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$477,347 together with any cost adjustments incurred by the City pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Municipal Cooperation Agreement is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute such Municipal Cooperation Agreement; and

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.02 Motion to approve Approval of Payment No. 4 to Scrufari Construction Co, LLC. For General Contractor Work, Contract #106, For the Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$1,005,759.40 to Scrufari Construction Co LLC, 3925 Hyde Park Blvd Niagara Falls, NY 14305 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #4; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.03 Motion to approve Payment No. 5 to John W. Danforth Company for Plumbing Work, Contract #107, For the Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$262,867.50 to John W. Danforth Company, 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #5; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.04 Motion to approve Payment No. 5 to John W. Danforth Company for Mechanical / HVAC Work, Contract #108/109, For the Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$2,905,452.50 to John W. Danforth Company, 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #5; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.05 Motion to approve Payment No. 5 to Cir Electric Co. For Electrical Work, Contract #110, For the Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$333,678.77 to CIR Electric Co. 400 Ingham Avenue Buffalo, NY 14218 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #5; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.06 Motion to approve Payment No. 4 to Johnson Controls Inc. For Temperature Control Work, Contract #111, For the Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$254,086.00 to Johnson Controls Inc. 130 John Muir Drive, Suite 100 Amherst, NY 14228 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #4; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

7. Review of Proposed Policy(ies) - None

Action, Information: 7.01 Review of Policies

8. Information and Reports

Information: 8.01 Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent thanked the Board members for their support; advised the Board of the upcoming August graduates; presentation of Golden Apples.

The Maintenance barn demolition/reconstruction is proceeding.

There are 12 District vehicles on Auctions International until August 10.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday food distribution continues; 414,320 meals have been distributed over 97 days. Students will be able to take "grab and go" lunches during reopening, including Wednesdays.

Information: 8.02 Board Members Comments and Reports – None.

9. Advanced Planning

Information: 9.01 Future Agenda Items

Information: 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

10. Adjournment

Action: 10.01 Executive Session

Motion to enter executive session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss the possible demotion or dismissal of a person; collective bargaining under the Taylor Act; the employment history of a person; pending litigation with various entities.

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 10.02 Adjournment in memory of the following who recently passed away:

1. Joseph Daul, father of school counselor Marc Daul.
2. Pauline E. Dempsey, one-time teacher's aide.
3. Celene Scolase, 79th Street School teacher for more than 30 years.
4. Marie A. Filicetti, former lunch monitor at 66th Street and LaSalle Senior High schools.
5. Joseph V. Marra, father in law of retired Purchasing Agent Pattie Marra.
6. Bruce Andrew, 89, father of Beth Fagiani, PSA at LPS and father-in-law of Nick Fagiani, IS Department.
7. Lorraine Weis, mother of retired employee Alexis Stopa Weis.

Motion to exit Executive Session and adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Vincent Cancemi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: August 27, 2020

KIND OF MEETING: REVIEW MEETINGS

LOCATION: Administration Central Office Board Room

630 66<sup>th</sup> Street

Niagara Falls, NY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. R. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Kudela, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Meeting called to order at 5:39 p.m.

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

Information: 1.01 ARS Topics -

**A return from COVID update was provided by the Superintendent:**

*Funding* – The District is already feeling the effect of a 20% reduction in grants and BOCES-related funding.

For example, regarding Universal Pre-Kindergarten funding: a 20% cut results in \$887,000 in lost funding. Reimbursements being held back: e.g. BOCES reimbursement on summer programming, 20%. Federal payments (lunch programs, e.g.) no money forthcoming.

Cuts are being made across the State with no adjustment for the relative poverty of the area. This is reprehensible. Picture is bleak. \$17 million (20%) in Foundation aid is in jeopardy.

*Opening of Schools:* Open Houses- the District may be the first in State to have children in its buildings. Since Monday, students and families have been able to enter schools, to re-introduce families to school, and participate in Open Houses.

Next week, four virtual Professional Development days will take place, including planning and collaboration time for teachers.

*Hybrid teaching:* Return to school begins September 10; preparation includes providing computers to all students; establishing safety/health measures; allowing students and staff appropriate acclimation to school.

*Virtual Learners:* students had the option to choose between half or full year virtual learning or a physical return to school. To date, 2,234 students chose to exercise the virtual option, or 32% of the student body. This effectively creates a virtual school district. The District cannot hire extra teachers for this; the Superintendent is working on an equitable process to identify virtual



teachers. The District cannot lose accountability for students; it must have teachers who own responsibility for students.

The deadline to choose virtual learning was last week. Most learners opted for the whole year.

*NFHS:* not all classes can be readily offered. Advanced Placement, or theater, for example, are problematic. Virtual learning kick-off of these will require a little more time.

*Technology:* Laptops, software, and filtering must be prepped, and provided to any student who is or could become virtual learners. The District purchased 250 mifis through Verizon and BOCES; 220 have already been requested. Information Services is preparing 7500 laptops, with filtering.

*District Tech Plan:* In 2018 the Board approved a Technology Plan and approved software. The District will enforce this plan in order to be in compliance with the approved software to ensure uniformity for instructional fidelity.

*Isolation Room:* symptomatic students stay in isolation rooms until they can be picked up. Such student would remain out until they test out with a clean COVID test and have no symptoms.

*Food Distribution:* almost 500,000 meals have been distributed since March. The District will stop providing meals for 10 days, resuming September 10.

*Program:* Mr. Granieri and Mr. Maynard have offered staff technology training and will continue to do so.

*Trauma Informed Care:* 600 staff members have participated in this professional development.

*Social Justice:* The country is facing pandemics of health AND social justice. There must be action taken. Tomorrow at 1 p.m., and 2:15 p.m., the Superintendent is meeting with minority male and female employees to discuss social justice vis a vis the District, in order to listen, learn, and improve.

*Communications:* The Superintendent makes daily automated telephone broadcast calls, produces daily Youtube videos, and continues to be accessible to the media.

*Athletics:* Athletics are very important. Soft sports will resume at the varsity level: tennis, soccer, etc.

The Unions and the Board have been understanding and supportive.

A review of the agenda was held.

Mr. Laurie clarified that persons or entities with whom the District is entering into contracts will not be paid if they are unable to perform were schools to close again due to COVID 19.

Next meetings September 10; September 24.

KIND OF MEETING:REGULAR MEETING

LOCATION: Administration Central Office Board Room

630 66<sup>th</sup> Street

Niagara Falls, NY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. R. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Kudela, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

2. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Information: 2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 2.02 Prayer

Information: 2.03 Roll Call

All members present.

3. Letters and Communications

Mr. Cancemi read a letter from the Mayor.

The following graduates were presented with their diplomas

Tache Brown, Dawson Coffta, Kirsten Coyle, Jawhan McCain, William Preisch.

or Seal of BiLiteracy

Hamza Ansari (Urdu), **Laila Barnes (Spanish)**, Yu Li (Chinese), Adrianna Parks (American Sign Language).

Mr. Kudela was presented with certificates of completion of mandated NYS School Board Member training.

4. Recommended Actions - Routine Items

#### 4.01 Minutes - July 30, 2020

Motion to approve minutes - July 30, 2020

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### 4.02 Budget Transfer #1

Approval of Budget Transfer - #1

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### 4.03 Bids –

1. Approval of Printing and Distribution of Your Public Schools Bid No.5 School Year 2020-2021
2. Electrical Supplies - Bid No. 6
3. Plumbing Supplies - Bid No. 7

Motion to approve of bids:

Motion by Earl F Bass, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### 4.04 Treasurer's Report - August 2020

#### 4.05 Budget Status Report - August 2020

#### 4.06 Add addendum to Certificated Report

Motion to add addendum to Certificated Report

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### 4.07 Personnel Report Certificated

Motion to approve Certificated Report

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### 4.08 Personnel Report - Classified Items

Motion to approve the Personnel Report for Classified Staff

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### 4.09 Committee on Special Education Report

Motion by Earl F Bass, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### 4.10 Committee on Pre-School Special Education Report - None

Motion by Earl F Bass, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### 4.11 Short-Term Contract(s)

Approval of Short-Term Contracts –

1. Niagara University Niagara University, NY 14109 Submitted by Tom Fisher  
Compensation: \$4,000.00 15 days of presentation for Fall 2020 entitled "Social Work 210 - Diversity College Course"

2. Booker College Planning 151 Buffalo Avenue #1001 Niagara Falls, NY 14303 Submitted by Tom Fisher Compensation: \$2,000 F2010.404.098.6320 5 Days of presentation for entitled: "Seminar on College Planning and Readiness"

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### 5. Unfinished Business - 5.01 None

## 6. New Business

*ITEMS 6.01 through 6.03 approved on a motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Russell Petrozzi.*

6.01 Approval of the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan and School Comprehensive Education Plans Required for Targeted Support And Improvement Districts and Schools For 2020 – 2021

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan and three School Comprehensive Education Plans for 2020-2021, copies of which are on file in the District Clerk's Office and posted on the District and each school's website.

Motion to approve District Comprehensive Improvement Plan and School Comprehensive Education Plans Required for Targeted Support And Improvement Districts and Schools For 2020 – 2021

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Russell Petrozzi.

6.02 Approval of Members of The City School District of The City of Niagara Falls Audit Committee For Period August 28, 2020 Through June 30, 2021

RESOLVED, That the Board does hereby appoint:

Dominique Restaino, Vincent Cancemi, Ranika Jones, Robert Bilson

Ron Anderluh, Nicholas Vilardo, Jerry Petito TBD TBD

as Members of the Audit Committee to serve for a term commencing August 28, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 or until their replacement, whichever shall later occur.

Motion to approve Members of The City School District of The City of Niagara Falls Audit Committee For Period August 28, 2020 Through June 30, 2021

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.03 Approval of The City School District of The City of Niagara Falls Appointment Of The Superintendent Of Schools As The District's Chief Emergency Officer

RESOLVED, That Mark Laurrie, Superintendent of Schools, be appointed the District's Chief Emergency Officer; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board and the District Clerk are hereby directed to do any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

Motion to approve The City School District of The City of Niagara Falls Appointment Of The Superintendent Of Schools As The District's Chief Emergency Officer

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

*ITEMS 6.04 through 6.09 approved on a motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Robert F. Bilson.*

6.04 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 9/1/2020 - 06/30/21

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC., for professional mental health counseling and consultation services at a cost not to exceed \$81,000.00 for period September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 attached hereto, be and hereby is approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

Motion to approve 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 9/1/2020 - 06/30/21

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

6.05 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 & Girls Club 9-1-2020 — 6-30-2021

RESOLVED, That the Contract for professional services associate with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Elementary, Empire State Elementary and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Preparatory Grants between the City School District of City of Niagara Falls and Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club, Inc., at a sum not to exceed \$255,000.00 for period September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 attached hereto, be and is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

Motion to approve Contract For Professional Services Associated With Various Grants Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls, And Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club 9-1-2020 — 6-30-2021

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn



6.06 Approval of Contract For Professional Services Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls And Community Missions Inc., For 9/1/2020 – 6/30/2021

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Community Missions Inc. to provide professional social and emotional services for students at a sum not to exceed \$85,000.00 for period September 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 attached hereto, be and is hereby approved; and further

RESOLVED, That the Contract is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

Motion to approve Contract For Professional Services Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls And Community Missions Inc., For 9/1/2020 – 6/30/2021

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

6.07 Approval of Contract For Professional Consulting Services Between The City School District of The City Of Niagara Falls and HOGHOL For The 2020-2021 School Year (9-1-2020 - 6-30-2021).

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and HOGHOL for services at Niagara Falls High School, LaSalle Preparatory School and Gaskill Preparatory School at a sum not to exceed \$98,000.00 for the period September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, attached hereto, be and is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Contract is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said Contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR  
HOGHOL

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 27th day of August, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and HOGHOL, 1 Symphony Circle, Buffalo, NY, 14201 (hereinafter "HOGHOL").

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1. Engagement of Independent Contractor. The District hereby engages HOGHOL as an independent contractor to render to the District professional social and emotional student support services and HOGHOL hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: HOGHOL shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services for the entire 2020/2021 School Year at LaSalle Preparatory, Gaskill Preparatory, and Niagara Falls High School, including:
  - a. Culinary and mentoring program five days per week at each school
  - b. One period per day at LaSalle, one period per day at Gaskill, and two periods per day at NFHS, five-days per week for the entire school year
  - c. Additional two periods per day at Gaskill Prep , three-days per week for September 2020 – December 2020
  - d. Additional four periods per day at Gaskill Prep, three-days per week for January 2021 – June 2021
  - e. Purchasing of all food to be prepared and served by students for all three schools for entire year
  - f. Additional evening events at Niagara Falls High School TBD throughout the school year
  - g. Working with up to 60 students at LaSalle Prep and NFHS
  - h. Working with up to 260 students at Gaskill Prep
  - a. Ongoing communication with each individual schools' leadership team and Grants Coordinator
3. Relationship Between the Parties. HOGHOL shall not be an employee of the District. HOGHOL is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement and the relationship to the District during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the

services herein before expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of an independent contractor only and in no event as servant or employee. HOGHOL is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns.

4. Compensation to Independent Contractor. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to HOGHOL for services hereunder a sum not to exceed \$98,000.00 to be paid in four installments of \$24,500.00 on October 25, 2020, January 10, 2021, April 10, 2021 and June 10, 2021. Invoices shall be submitted by HOGHOL on the dates herein stated. Payment checks payable to the order of HOGHOL shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by HOGHOL.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, HOGHOL shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its agents, servants, and/or employees from and against any and all costs, losses, and damages arising out of the performance of its services under this Agreement excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the District, its agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. HOGHOL shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. HOGHOL is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Worker's Compensation insurance as required by law.

Certificates of Insurance shall be filed with District prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificates. The certificates shall contain provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty days prior written notice is given to the District.

7. Term of Contract. This contract shall be effective from September 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, provided however, that either party may, at any given time, terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

8. Assignment: The services to be rendered by HOGHOL under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, HOGHOL shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the District and any attempted such transfer, assignment delegation and/or subcontracting without such written consent shall be void.

9. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

HOGHOL                      Jamie Evan

Vincent J. Cancemi                      President, Board of Education

Motion to approve Contract For Professional Consulting Services Between The City School District of The City Of Niagara Falls and HOGHOL For The 2020-2021 School Year (9-1-2020 - 6-30-2021).

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

6.08 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, Family Community Engagement, and Mental Health Professional Demonstration Grants Programming 9/1/20—06/30/21

RESOLVED, That the Contract between City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Via Evaluation, Inc., for independent grant evaluation services at a cost not to exceed \$138,729.00 for period September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 attached hereto, be and the same is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Contract is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR INDEPENDENT GRANT EVALUATION SERVICES BY

BY INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 27th day of August, 2020 by and between the CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 630 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, the first party, and Via Evaluation, Inc., 628 Washington Street, Buffalo, NY 14203, the second party.

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby, MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1. Engagement of Second Party: The first party hereby engages the second party as an independent consultant to render to the first party professional grant evaluation services hereinafter described, and the second party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party: The second party shall provide and render to the first party the usual and customary services of a consultant as they relate to grant evaluation which services shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. In-person and phone-based meetings and consultation
- b. Analysis of all data necessary to meet requirements of the evaluation portion of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Elementary and Prep, Family Community Engagement, and Mental Health Professional Demonstration Grant Initiatives awarded by the New York State Education Department and U.S. Department of Education
- c. Customary Document Preparation and reporting of required data to appropriate parties

All of these functions shall be performed in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools. This consultant should possess a thorough knowledge of grant evaluation.

3. Relationship Between the Parties: The second party shall not be an employee of the first party. The second party is engaged by the first party only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement and the relationship to the first party during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services hereinbefore expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of independent consultant only and in no event as servant or employee. Except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have the power to control the activities and operations of the other and their status at all times will continue to be that of independent contractor.

4. Compensation to Second Party: Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the first party shall pay to the second party for services rendered in sum to exceed \$138,729.00 in four quarterly installments of \$34,682.25 on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 up to the invoice date. The Second Party shall submit invoices quarterly on the dates herein stated.. The second party shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquittance.

5. Taxes and Insurance: As an independent contractor, the second party is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, Worker's Compensation and unemployment insurance. The second party as Independent Contractor shall obtain liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the first party and naming the first party, the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, as additional party insured and shall file certificates evidencing such insurance with the District prior to commencing services under this Agreement.

6. Indemnification: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the second party shall indemnify and hold harmless the first party its, agents servants and/or employees from and against any and all cost, losses and damages arising out of the performance of its services under this Agreement excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the first party its agents servants and/or employees.

7. Term of Contract: This Contract shall commence September 1, 2020 and terminate June 30, 2021, provided, however, that any party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

8. Assignment: The services to be rendered by the second party under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, the second party shall not transfer or assign any of the duties or obligations under this Agreement and any attempted such transfer, assignment or delegation shall be wholly void.

9. Entire Agreement: This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by all of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

CONSULTANT

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE

CITY OF NIAGARA

FALLS

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Jessica Aungst Weitzel

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President Vincent Cancemi

President, Via Evaluation, Inc.

Motion to approve Contract Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls And Via Evaluation, Inc. For Professional Evaluation Services Required For 21st Century, Family Community Engagement, and Mental Health Professional Demonstration Grants Programming 9/1/20—06/30/21

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

6.09 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 9-1-2020 — 8-31-2021

RESOLVED, That the Contract for professional evaluation services by an independent contractor for independent grant evaluation between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and NMG Evaluation, Inc., at fee not to exceed \$42,980.00 for a period of one (1) year, September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021, attached hereto, be and is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR INDEPENDENT GRANT EVALUATION SERVICES BY

BY NMG EVALUATION, INC.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020 by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, the first party, and NMG Evaluation, Inc., 15 Maple Ct. Cortland Manor, NY 10567, the second party.

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby, MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1. Engagement of Second Party: The first party hereby engages the second party as an independent consultant to render to the first party professional independent grant evaluation services hereinafter described, and the second party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party: The second party shall provide and render to the first party the usual and customary services of a consultant as they relate to independent grant evaluation which services shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. In-person and phone-based meetings and consultation as mutually agreed
- b. Site visits for all schools involved in the Empire State and Extended School Day grants, twice per year
- c. Analysis of all data necessary to meet requirements of the evaluation portion of the Empire State and Extended School Day grants
- d. Customary Document Preparation and reporting of required data to appropriate parties for the Empire State and Extended School Day grants

All of these functions shall be performed in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools. This consultant should possess a thorough knowledge of grant evaluation.

3. Relationship Between the Parties: The second party shall not be an employee of the first party. The second party is engaged by the first party only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement and the relationship to the first party during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services hereinbefore expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of independent consultant only and in no event as servant or employee. Except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have the power to control the activities and operations of the other and their status at all times will continue to be that of independent contractor.

5. Compensation to Second Party: Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the first party shall pay to the second party for services rendered up to the invoice date, a sum not to exceed \$42,980.00, in quarterly installments of \$10,745.00 on November 6, 2020, February 12, 2021, May 21, 2021, and a final installment on August 27, 2021. The second party shall submit invoices to the first party for services rendered quarterly on the dates stated herein. The first party shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquittance.



5. Taxes and Insurance: As an independent contractor, the second party is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, Worker's Compensation and unemployment insurance. The second party as Independent Contractor shall obtain liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the first party and naming the first party, the City School District of The City of Niagara Falls, as additional party insured and shall file certificates evidencing such insurance with the District prior to commencing services under this Agreement.
  
6. Indemnification: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the second party shall indemnify and hold harmless the first party its, agents servants and/or employees from and against any and all cost, losses and damages arising out of the performance of its services under this Agreement excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the first party its agents servants and/or employees.
  
7. Term of Contract: This contract shall be effective from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 provided, however, that any party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.
  
8. Assignment: The services to be rendered by the second party under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, the second party shall not transfer or assign any of the duties or obligations under this Agreement and any attempted such transfer, assignment or delegation shall be wholly void.
  
9. Entire Agreement: This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by all of the part

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

Nina M. Gottlieb

President James Cancemi

NMG Evaluation, Inc.

Motion to approve Contract Between The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls And NMG Evaluation, Inc. For Professional Evaluation Services for Grant Evaluation 9-1-2020 — 8-31-2021

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

6.10 Approval of Amendment #2 to Contract Between Buffalo Construction Consultants, Inc. As Construction Manager For The Stewardship Capital Project to Renovate School Buildings and the City School District of The City of Niagara Falls

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves Amendment No. 2 to the Contract for Construction Management Services between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Buffalo Construction Consultant approved on September 28, 2018, attached hereto and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Amendment is subject to such modifications that the Superintendent and the School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board of Education.

Motion to approve Amendment #2 to Contract Between Buffalo Construction Consultants, Inc. As Construction Manager For The Stewardship Capital Project to Renovate School Buildings and the City School District of The City of Niagara Falls

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

6.11 Approval of Amendment #3 to Contract Between Buffalo Construction Consultants, Inc. As Construction Manager for the Maintenance Garage Capital Project To Demolish And Reconstruct the Maintenance Garage

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves Amendment No 3 to the Contract for Construction Management Services between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Buffalo Construction Consultant approved on September 28, 2018, attached hereto and be it further

RESOLVED, that the amendment is subject to such modifications that the Superintendent and the School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board of Education.

Motion to approve Amendment #3 to Contract Between Buffalo Construction Consultants, Inc. As Construction Manager for the Maintenance Garage Capital Project To Demolish And Reconstruct the Maintenance Garage

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

6.12 Approval of Change Order No. 106-001 For Scrufari Construction Co., LLC For General Construction Work On The Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order No. 106-001 consisting of PCI 014, PCI 016, PCI 029, PCI 041, PCI 044, PCI 056, PCI 057, PCI 061 and PCI 064 for \$26,743.03 to Scrufari Construction Co, LLC, 3925 Hyde Park Blvd, Niagara Falls, NY 14305; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized to execute the construction change order on behalf of the District; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

Motion to approve Change Order No. 106-001 For Scrufari Construction Co., LLC For General Construction Work On The Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.13 Approval of Change Order No. 111-001 For Johnson Controls Inc. For Temperature Control Work on The Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order No. 111-001 consisting of PCI 048 for \$28,238.00 to Johnson Controls Inc., 130 John Muir Dr. Amherst, NY 14228; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized to execute the construction change order on behalf of the District; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

Motion to approve Change Order No. 111-001 For Johnson Controls Inc. For Temperature Control Work on The Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.14 Approval of Payment No. 5 to Scrufari Construction Co., LLC. for General Contractor Work, Contract #106, For The Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$1,163,577.26 to Scrufari Construction Co LLC, 3925 Hyde Park Blvd Niagara Falls, NY 14305 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #5; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion to approve Payment No. 5 to Scrufari Construction Co., LLC. for General Contractor Work, Contract #106, For The Stewardship Capital Project

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.15 Approval of Payment No. 6 to John W. Danforth Company for Plumbing Work, Contract #107, For The Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$94,468.07 to John W. Danforth Company, 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #6; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion to approve Payment No. 6 to John W. Danforth Company for Plumbing Work, Contract #107, For The Stewardship Capital Project

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.16 Approval of Payment No. 6 to John W. Danforth Company for Mechanical / HVAC Work, Contract #108/109, for The Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$1,597,912.00 to John W. Danforth Company, 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #6; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion to approve Payment No. 6 to John W. Danforth Company for Mechanical / HVAC Work, Contract #108/109, for The Stewardship Capital Project

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.17 Approval of Payment No. 6 to Cir Electric Co. for Electrical Work, Contract #110, for The Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$357,058.40 to CIR Electric Co. 400 Ingham Avenue Buffalo, NY 14218 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #6; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion to approve Payment No. 6 to Cir Electric Co. for Electrical Work, Contract #110, for The Stewardship Capital Project

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

6.18 Approval of Payment No. 5 to Johnson Controls Inc. For Temperature Control Work, Contract #111, for The Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$160,441.00 to Johnson Controls Inc. 130 John Muir Drive, Suite 100 Amherst, NY 14228 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #5; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion to approve Payment No. 5 to Johnson Controls Inc. For Temperature Control Work, Contract #111, for The Stewardship Capital Project

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

6.19 Approval of Payment No. 1 to Mark Cerrone Inc. for Selective Demolition of Maintenance Garage, Contract #112

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$82,138.00 to Mark Cerrone Inc., 2368 Maryland Ave Niagara Falls, NY 14305 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #1; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the General Fund, wherein the General Fund has received insurance proceeds of \$250,000.00 to mitigate the expense associated with the demolition of the Maintenance Garage.

Motion to approve Payment No. 1 to Mark Cerrone Inc. for Selective Demolition of Maintenance Garage, Contract #112

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

## 7. Review of Proposed Policy(ies)

Action, Information: 7.01 Review of Policies -Resolution Adopting Policy #5676 Entitled "Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data" of The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

Motion to table policy 5676 for 30 days.

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, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

## 8. Information and Reports

Information: 8.01 Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent thanked the Board, Unions, and community for the support the District has received during the pandemic. We will be ready to open, but there is much work left to do.

Mr. Bilson offered that he works with people on other boards overseeing public and private education, and he feels the District is far ahead of both those other organizations in terms of handling the pandemic. He offered congratulations to Mr. Laurie.

Mr. Vilardo echoed that sentiment and offered congratulations to the newly graduated students and those who earned the seals of biliteracy.

Mrs. Dunn offered sought clarification on a matter she heard of in the community: can ill students get a ride home? Mr. Laurie said, yes, from the bus company, as a matter of last resort.



Mr. Paretto congratulated the students honored this evening and thanked staff for its work. He observed that the District is asking a lot from staff and teachers but and they are stepping up, but he wishes the governments would help.

Mr. Bass Earl echoed the aforementioned congratulations and encouraged families to be patient as the school year begins.

Dr. Barstys echoed the aforementioned congratulations to students and Mr. Laurie and added congratulations to Mr. Kudela on completing his Board training.

Mr. Petrozzi congratulated all and cautioned that the road ahead is long; districts, local governments, and communities must work together and be united to survive the pandemic in as fiscally sound a manner as possible.

Mr. Cancemi acknowledged that the District is the largest in the county and the leadership in these times has been exceptional. He then offered his disappointment in the newly-made decision to cease celebrating Columbus Day, a decision aimed at increased cultural sensitivity.

#### 8.02 Board Members Comments and Reports

#### 9. Advanced Planning

##### 9.01 Future Agenda Items

##### 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

September 10, 2020 Board Review Meeting

September 24, 2020 Board Regular Meeting

#### 10. Adjournment

##### 10.02 Adjournment in memory of the following who recently passed away:

Virginia W. " Ginny " McEvoy Retired Special Education teacher at NFHS

Joseph Paduano, one time Niagara Falls Board of Education CETA program security specialist, father of grade two teacher Lisa Valvo and cousin of retired Superintendent Carmen Granto and retired Superintendent Cynthia Bianco.

Daniel O'Leary, uncle of teacher Kevin Gruarin.

Motion to adjourn

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

KIND OF MEETING: REVIEW MEETING

LOCATION: Administration Central Office Board Room

630 66<sup>th</sup> Street

Niagara Falls, NY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Kudela, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mr. Cancemi

Meeting called to order by Dr. Barstys at 5:33 p.m.

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

Information: 1.01 ARS Topics -

**Opening of Schools and Return to School updates were provided by the Superintendent:**

**In Person:** Students in the Blue Group have reported to school. It is going very well; students are abiding by protocol.

Attendance is down, but that is not a concern. Nearly 2,000 students are in school simultaneously – this is a manageable number.

Busing went smoothly; Mr. Dowd provided 30 busses for NFHS.

One parent had an issue with a photo posted of students in a parking lot in close proximity with no masks. NFHS Administration will speak with those students.

Drinking fountains have been closed; water is being provided, nonetheless.

Students in the Gold Group report to school tomorrow, with another 2,000 students or so.

**Total Remote:** Requests for total remote learning are still being received. There have been about 2,200 requests so far.

Each school has its own virtual school for accountability and community.

Class sizes: maybe two classes at NFHS could be over-subscribed, but the District will review and address this issue.

**Remote Academy:** 2,182-2,350 requests have been received. Each school has a Remote Learning Academy. This is moving slowly. The Superintendent has directed that every teacher contact every student in short order. Information Services is processing 7,500 programmed, filtered laptops. By next Wednesday, a process will be in place for a student and parent to sign out a device at the school. There is a shortage of sleeves.

After loaning the devices, two centers will be set up - hardware and software.

The District has approximately 250 mifis. Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club will receive one; St. James will receive one. These serve district students in after-school programs. If other entities that serve students request the same, their requests will be evaluated.

Smart Schools monies still exist in District coffers, which will help abate the impact on the General Fund.

Mr. Granieri has secured a mobile management system.

Dr. Barstys inquired whether the District has policies around this unique time, i.e., can the District require students to attend in person when the pandemic abates. Mr. Laurie replied that that would be difficult.

The NFHS master schedule was scrapped, and re-created to accommodate virtual learning. This was a feat, but it did cause a delay. To undo that will be another feat, but the goal is a return to normalcy at the appropriate time. Kudos to those staff members who worked long hours and weekends and the holiday to accomplish what needed to be done.

Remote Academies Concerns:

1. 12 to 14 combination classes exist;
2. Some classes sizes are a little over contractually agreed upon size. This will be addressed.

**Sports:** Sports- Football volleyball, cheer have been moved to March 21, 2021.

Golf, Cross country, soccer, tennis, girls swim on the table.

Girls swim may move to spring. Other four will start September 28. This will require a compressed schedule for physicals and will be available to Junior Varsity and Varsity teams only. No modified.

#### **Isolation rooms:**

Dash Board: NYS Department of Health has established a virtual dashboard to track positive COVID-19 cases among teachers, staff, administrators, and students, by school and District, across the State. Daily updates are required of the Superintendent.

Today, three students were sent to an isolation room with potential COVID symptoms. These students will be tested and cannot return to school until they receive a negative test and a note from a Primary Care Physician. It can take five to six days for test results. The students mentioned above have siblings in other schools who also were removed to quarantine.

There will be no after school activities at this time.

A discussion took place about whether and how to expedite testing, if possible. The Superintendent is working on it with the County and hospitals.

**Budget:** There has been no movement on the budget. The District is due a major payment of \$11 million at end of September; administration is very concerned to see how much actually comes. Three sums have been withheld from the 19/20 fiscal year:

1. \$1,055,000 in excess cost aide;
2. \$28,000 in food reimbursement;
3. \$502,998 in grant money.

If 20% is cut in State aid, as has been indicated as a possibility, that would a loss of \$22 million to this District.

A review of the next meeting, September 24 Regular Meeting, was held.

AGENDA REVIEW SESSION  
NIAGARA FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Dr. Barstys opened the ARS at 5:36 p.m.

Mr. Laurrie thanked the audit committee, which met prior to the regular meeting.

The Superintendent of Schools is today celebrating 37 years as an employee of the District.

- COVID/School Open Updates:
  - Hybrid model now in use; this is the safest model, but is not ideal.
  - The teachers are now accelerating instruction to increase learning.
- Technology: Information Services has prepared 7,500 laptops for students. Each device is signed out to each individual student. Roll-out has been slow, but correct. A Home Technology Support Help Desk has been established.
- The District has not had any COVID 19 cases; 240 rapid testing will be available Wednesday and Thursday. Those individuals who exhibit symptoms are sent home, as are their siblings, in the case of students. They may return to school with a negative test and 48 hours symptom-free with no medications.
- NYSDOH has established a dash board for the community. The Superintendent of Schools attends to this daily. Dr. Zucker (NYS) sent a threatening letter to Superintendents whom they felt had not updated the dashboard. We have done so.
- Food: Distribution is seeing a low subscription for non-hybrid students. Distribution sites are now five in number.
- Four sports are getting underway at Junior Varsity, Varsity levels.
- Returns: 2,331 students are on total remote learning. No more such situations are being accepted. This number represents 34% of student body.
- Special Education and ESL students: all remote students were called to invite them to come back to school. Frank Coney called 124 parents on Saturday; six of these will return, four days week, starting in October.
- The Superintendent of Schools is concerned about students academically and feels students need to be in school; Primary school students are next to be contacted to encourage them to return to school.
- NWEA testing shows regression already. Students must return physically to school.
- Communication continues.
- Williamsville schools called for help in crafting an opening plan. Cabinet and the NFT Union President spoke with them.
- The threat of 20% budget cut by Albany remains. FEMA reimbursement has so far been unsuccessful.

Mr. Giarrizzo provided a review of NYSSBA proposed resolutions.

An agenda review was held.

BOARD REVIEW SESSION  
NIAGARA FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OCTOBER 8, 2020

PRESENT: Dr. Barstys, Mr. Bilson, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

EXCUSED: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Kudela, Mr. Paretto,

Dr. Barstys opened the BRS at 5:30 p.m.

Capital Project Update: April Bradley, Tony Miceli, Ann Dafchik, and Mr. Smeal provided an update on the capital projects, including:

- GPS: Stage work; window film on historic windows
- CES: duct work
- LPS: Dectron unit
- MAS: boilers; water pipes and insulation; Mr. Laurie asked for a price to replace hallway floor tile between cafeteria and main entrance
- MAS: stage area – acoustic panels; stage curtains. Rooftop unit for gym/locker room area.
- MAS: coming summer 2021, 13 classroom floors, millwork on two floors.
- NFHS: basement eyewash station in boiler room; sump pump, two new hot water storage tanks; Dectron units; coating the clock tower; adding panels; power washing. Spring break: millwork in cafeterias.
- 79<sup>th</sup> Street: Change order- additional soffit demo and buildout -to accommodate ductwork. Also, change order – wall to separate storage unit from girl's locker room; tilework in locker rooms.
- Summer 2021 at 79: demo radiators/boilers, make new connections.
- GJM: Change order expansion tank for chilled water system. The Superintendent requests a new, lit flagpole.
- HP: Change order – basement build wall , reroute some water lines, floor drain moved, pumps for boilers. Roof top unit above stage. Change order: main lobby off Michigan Avenue - piping in ceiling caused portion of ceiling to need removal/replacement.
- Bricks were given to each Board member to commemorate the Hyde Park chimney, now replaced.

The Superintendent added that 90% of the capital project work is done, and an equal percentage of payments have been made. Change Orders account for only two percent. EXCEL funds will be extinguished at the conclusion of The Stewardship Project. About \$1.3 million of the bonded \$55 million will remain. Roofs in need: HJK partial, CEC total. A bid packet will be prepared. Both roofs will be unaided. (HJK not Maximum Cost Allowance eligible for another two or three years; CEC is not a school).

Mr. Petrozzi questioned whether those funds could be put aside and be used later to cover the two percent local contribution; Mr. Giarrizzo offered that funds not used would eventually be lost. The CEC roof is in poor condition; CEC is unaidable in any event. It must be done, especially as records are stored there.

The Board requested further discussion regarding the Community Education Center.

Fire Reports: Mr. Smeal provided the following report:

- All buildings were inspected in June; citations were all small things which were easily corrected - missing ceiling tiles, for example.
- Since construction was underway, this is a nontypical year.
- JCI is checking all fire extinguishers now.
- JCI is verifying all District-owned hydrants. Caps will be painted to indicate flow (Gallons Per Minute).
- Two new BOCES Risk Managers are on board now, since Mr. Czaja moved on to other employment. Leon Szerbinski, one manager, has an extensive fire safety background.

#### COVID/School Open Updates:

- 13 cases of COVID confirmed all related to Maple Avenue. NFMCC helping with testing. The goal is to re-open Maple Avenue School October 19 – this is a very tentative date and dependent upon testing outcomes. Six hundred persons have been tested.
- Maple teachers have acclimated very well to remote teaching.
- The District is looking into buying a rapid COVID 19 testing system ; Dr Silvaroli has made application to the proper authority. This would require an agreement with parents and unions.
- Communication: Daily calls and videos continue; next Tuesday there will be a staff webinar; parent forums will take place next Thursday. Parents will be able to pose questions.
- Technology: Response to the pandemic continues; 33% of students are remote learners. The District has purchased 480 mifi devices at \$100 each plus \$30 monthly fee, which is aidable through BOCES. A Help Desk is running and roaming teams are in place to address issues.
- The November Review Meeting will include a demonstration of remote lesson.
- The District has brought back ENL and Special Education students to class four days a week. Consideration of bringing back primary students is ongoing.
- Grading is reverting to the regular grading system.
- The District is looking at remote attendance/participation levels.
- Funding: The Superintendent met with political leaders, and explained the financial struggle districts are facing. Without aid, the 21/22 academic year will start \$8 million in the red. The Superintendent expressed his dissatisfaction with the budgeting process by the State in cutting 20% across the board, which is inequitable.
- The District has spent \$402,851 dollars in Personal Protective Equipment and technology in response to COVID 19; the State has simultaneously withheld \$1,966,826.
- The District has applied to FEMA for funds, but even if successful, such aid would not cover more than 75% of submitted costs. The City is giving the District \$100, 000 of CARES money.

An agenda review was held.

Dr. Barstys opened the meeting at 5:32.

The Superintendent congratulated community member Mr. Ron Anderluh, who was feted at the City Council meeting for 50 years of volunteer service.

Review of External Audit Dresher & Malecki: As required by the State, an external audit was conducted for the year ending June 30, 2020. The firm of Dresher & Malecki was hired to do this work and produce the required report. The Audit Committee heard the report and accepted it at its 4 p.m. meeting today. Minor adjustments to the report may be made until November 5. The Board will be able to vote November 5 to accept the audit.

The budget of approximately \$150 million, plus \$18 million in grants; \$5million in cafeteria fund; and capital projects of about \$120million, yield a figure of about \$250 million which was to be audited.

Matt Montalbo and Charles Trottier of Dresher & Malecki explained that they provide their professional opinion based on information given by District but that they work independent of the District; they thanked the District financial and business staff for their coordination in giving access to books and records required.

They are recommending an unmodified audit, the best determination possible to achieve.

There is only one finding – the extra classroom activity fund in elementary schools. The Superintendent will not remove school treasurers at the primary level, despite the State’s position on the matter prior to grade seven.

The Superintendent pointed out that some savings were realized due to transportation savings realized March through October, but this will be offset by the corresponding lack of transportation aid. It will be a deficit in the future.

The Fund balance is a slight increase over last year, but funds received from the State are \$1,020,000 less than the State had promised.

Though the books show \$25 million in reserves, \$15 million dollars of that sum are restricted; the unrestricted portion of \$6.1 million is really unassigned fund balance. Further, the cafeteria fund will likely slow down significantly, since only about 20% of last year’s students are taking advantage of the cafeteria this year.

In addition to State aid cuts, the District is not receiving the casino money once promised.

Despite this, the District was a stable condition at the end of the 19/20 academic year.

The Superintendent further pointed out that the number of confirmatories has seen a significant decline, thusly:

2018 – 55; 2019 – 40; 2020-13.

The Audit Committee recommends the Board accept the audit.



#### Update on Schools/COVID-19 -

1. There are or have been only 13 confirmed cases of COVID 19 in the District: No: 8 at Maple, 1 at Gaskill, 3 among Maple staff, 1 among staff at high school.
2. The Centers for Disease Control today issued new guidelines, recommending anyone near a positive case for 15 minutes be required to quarantine. This is significantly less than the 60 minutes previous guidance.
3. Remote Learning system is still improving. This is a new paradigm, with 35% of the student body as remote learners. Regarding technology, 90% of required equipment has been distributed. Before the pandemic is resolved, 600 or 700 mifis will have been distributed.
4. The District is in 90% software compliant with Education Law 2D, which deals with student data privacy.
5. On Wednesday three schools opened for tech support; this will be the new norm.
6. Sports: fall sports are concluded; there has been no guidance yet on winter sports.
7. Testing: Dr. Silvaroli submitted a license request to be a COVID 19 testing site. Entities cannot buy the equipment without this license. The NFCSD is the first district in the area to apply. Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center reports that zip codes 14301 and 14305 are seeing an uptick in cases.
8. Outside Groups: The Superintendent is proceeding very slowly in allowing outside use of facilities. However, the IBEW #237 is teaching two nights per week and the soccer fields have been in use. Perhaps a limited after school program will be forthcoming. If it is safe to do so, the District will pursue this, as students need after school programming and failure to do so could result in the forfeiture of grant money.
9. Self contained, reading recovery, and C.T. students have slowly started to come back to school.
10. Finances: Up to the conclusion of September, approximately \$402,000 has been spent on Personal Protective Equipment and COVID-related technology. Air handlers are also open all the time, resulting in increased costs.

A Review of the Agenda was held.

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Paretto and seconded by Mr. Kudela for the purpose of discussing the possible removal of an individual; litigation in which the District is involved currently; litigation regarding tax challenges; and litigation regarding former employees.

The Board exited Executive Session at 7 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Dunn and seconded by Mr. Kudela.

BOARD REGULAR SESSION  
NIAGARA FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OCTOBER 22, 2020

**1. Agenda Review Session**

**2. Call to Order October 22, 2020 7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting (Thursday, October 22, 2020)**

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

**2.01** Pledge of Allegiance

**2.02** Prayer

**2.03** Roll Call

**Members present**

Ronald J Barstys, \*Earl F Bass, \*Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

\*participated remotely.

**3. Letters and Communications**

**3.01 Oral Communications - Public Comment (SG4)**

**Recognition of Outstanding Staff (SG2)**

The following were recognized for outstanding service to the students of the District:

NFT - Technology Integrator. Throughout the COVID 19 pandemic, Mr. Maynard has coordinated technology to train teachers, students on using the technology. Mr. Maynard has fielded hundreds of questions a day and is largely responsible for our successful remote academy.

CSEA- Marc Barone: Driver. Throughout COVID 19 pandemic, Mr. Barone has worked 71 straight days driving, delivering learning packets, books, PPE, food, etc. to schools, parents, teachers, etc. Commitment to District is obvious and appreciated.

TAUL -. Mr. Kevin Edwards assisted in honoring the staff members; 500,000 meals were produced and delivered to community due to COVID 19. Those recognized were Senior School Monitors and School Monitor Lunch Cooks, Assistant Cooks and Food Service Helpers from Maple, Mann, LPS, GPS, NFHS, for their service during the ongoing COVID – 19 pandemic, as follows:

Safety Officers Wayne Flynn, Warren Gilmore, Ron Green, Sam Scott, Cindy Godlewski  
Cooks Anna Strangio, Anna Z Strangio (Assistant), Lori Franjoine, Kathy Peller (Assistant), Carrie Brazinski, Denise Noworyta, Renee Ziemathis, Juanita Tobias (Assistant);  
Food Service Helpers Anna Aquino, Jill Scott, Patricia Craig, Mary Hosey, Tammy Roscetti, Brenda Crayton, Michelle Leffler, Tina Flynn, Kimberly Jones, Brook Millikin, Debbie Castile, Janine Borowicz, Robin Harvey, Anita Fisher, Lola Brown, Marsha Fabiano, Carla Averhart;  
Senior School Monitors Roberta Rubin, Elizabeth York, Debbie Maj, Denise Claps;  
School Monitor Sharon Thompson

**3.02 Written Communications** - The Board received notes of thanks from Jean Kennedy and from the family of Lewis Jeckovich for adjourning a meeting in memory of their loved ones.

**4. Recommended Actions from the Superintendent of Schools - Routine Matters (see BoardDocs)**

**4.01 Minutes – September 2020**

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### **4.02 Approval of Budget Transfer - # 3**

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### **4.03 Approval of the following Bids:**

1. Bid 11 - Facility Paint Supplies

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### **4.04 Treasurer's Report – September Received & filed.**

#### **4.05 Budget Status Report – October Received & filed.**

#### **4.06 Personnel Report - Certificated**

Motion by Rob Bilson, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

\*Dr. Barstys abstained on Item IX, no. 9.

#### **4.07 Personnel Report - Classified**

Motion by Rob Bilson, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### **4.08 Report from Committee on Special Education**

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### **4.09 Report from Committee on Preschool Special Education**

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### **4.10 Short-Term Contracts**

1. LoMax Barnes Improving attendance and discipline issues targeting young men of color; \$8,000; Fund F 2110 404 098 1920; (\$2,000); F 2110 404 098 9521 (\$6,000)

2. Niagara Falls Peacemakers Back to Basic Ministry Safe Passage Program Gaskill/Hyde Park/Bus Safety 12 weeks \$6800 F2110.404.098.1920

3. Jon Erwin Workshop: Restorative Justice Practices \$750; September 2, 2020; F2070.404.045.8121

4. Laurie Leason; Course: Independent Comprehensive Speech/Language and Central Auditory Processing Evaluation; \$240 per week; Ongoing; F2250.404.098.0721
5. Booker College Planning Seminar for College Planning and Readiness; \$6,000; October 2020 to June 2021, (18 Days); F2010.404.098.6321
6. The Mindful Center, LLC; Workshop: Mindfulness and Trauma; \$500; October 22, 2020  
F2070.404.045.8121

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

## 5. Unfinished Business

### 5.01 None

## 6. New Business

### 6.01 Approval of Receipt of Gift from Voya Financial

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education gratefully accept the donation of 67 books; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to send a letter of appreciation to:

Lewis D. Custode, Jr., CLU, ChFC, CASL  
Voya Financial  
6225 Sheridan Drive, Suite 212  
Williamsville, NY 14221

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

### 6.02 Acceptance of Funds for the 2020-2021 21st Century Community Learning Centers Prep And Elementary (Pre-Prep) Grants

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the acceptance of 2020-2021 funds for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Prep and Elementary (Pre-Prep) Grants; and further

RESOLVED, That the grant award Pre-Prep (Elementary) \$571,616.00 be credited to 2020-2021 Revenue Account code F4289.230.21 and Prep; \$603,231.00 be credited to 2020-2021 Revenue Account code F4289.240.21; and further

RESOLVED, That the money be expended in the following function/object codes.

#### 21st Century PREP Account

Appropriation	Description	Amount
F2110.132.098.2421	Per Diem	\$ 2,650
F2110.140.098.2421	Schedule B	169,990
F2110.150.014.2421	Grants Administrator	7,500
F2110.152.014.2421	Program Director	52,500
F2110.164.014.2421	Secretary	25,000
F2110.167.098.2421	Hourly - Classified	14,400
F2110.404.098.2421	Purchased Services	269,500
F2110.409.098.2421	Travel	9,000
F2110.540.049.2421	Supplies - GPS	2,154
F2110.540.050.2421	Supplies - LPS	2,154
F2110.800.096.2421	ERS	6,383
F2110.802.096.2421	TRS	22,171
F2110.803.096.2421	FICA	19,829

Total Amount: \$603,231

#### 21st Century Pre-Prep Account

Appropriation	Description	Amount
F2110.140.098.2321	Schedule B	\$134,070
F2110.132.098.2321	Per Diem	2,650
F2110.150.014.2321	Grant Administrator	7,500
F2110.152.014.2321	Program Director	52,500
F2110.164.014.2321	Secretary	15,651
F2110.177.098.2321	Classroom Associate	7,059
F2110.404.098.2321	Purchased Services	303,729
F2110.409.098.2321	Travel	3,000
F2110.540.098.2321	Supplies	7,124
F2110.800.096.2321	ERS	3,680
F2110.802.096.2321	TRS	18,749
F2110.803.096.2321	FICA	15,905
Total Amount: \$571,616		

#### ABSTRACT

1. School District: City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York
  2. Title of Projects: 21st Century Community Learning Centers Pre-Prep (Elementary) and Prep Grant Programs
  3. Funding Source: New York State Education Department
  4. Total Budget: Pre-Prep (Elementary) \$571,616.00 yearly and \$2,858,080.00 for five years; PREP \$603,231.00 yearly and \$3,016,155.00 for five years. Grand total of \$5,874,235.00 of funding for five years for the Pre-Prep (Elementary) and Prep 21st Century Grants.
  5. Total Staff:
    - 1 Program Director (1 FTE total)
    - 1 Grants Administrator (.10 FTE total)
    - 6 Site Coordinators (hourly schedule B)
    - 75 Activity Providers (hourly schedule B)
  6. Number of Clients Served: 2,000
  7. Major Objectives/Activities/Evaluation:
    - Increasing Math passing rate and overall ELA Common Core passing rate.
    - Develop within students a sense of personal and social responsibility regarding their work ethic and social behavior within the community, among family, peers and school staff.
    - Maximize the positive effects that school policies, parenting skills, teaching skills, administrative supervision and community partnerships have on developing and managing student behavior and learning.
    - Assist parents in becoming involved with the school and community in a partnership that enhances their children's education.
    - Improving student engagement, connectedness, and mental health through increased student support for targeted students with supportive activities.
- ntary (Pre-Prep) Grants ([SG 1, 3](#))

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

### 6.03 Acceptance of Funds for the 2020-2021 Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention Program ([SG 1, 3](#))

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the Acceptance of Funds for the 2020-2021 Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention Program; and

RESOLVED, That the grant award of \$350,000 be credited to Revenue Account F3289.660.21 Extended School Day/Violence Prevention; and

RESOLVED, That the money be expended in the following function/object codes:

Account Code	Description	Budget
F2110.132.098.6621	PER DIEM	\$ 10,600

F2110.140.045.6621	SCHEDULE B – NFHS	9,680
F2110.140.098.6621	GRANT ADMIN	7,500
F2110.152.045.6621	PROJ DIRECT	13,500
F2110.164.014.6621	SECRETARY	6,800
F2110.167.045.6621	SUPPORT STAFF	1,560
F2110.404.098.6621	PURCHASE SVCS	96,500
F2110.409.098.6621	TRAVEL	750
F2110.540.045.6621	SUPPLIES	11,805
F2110.802.096.6621	TRS	13,305
F2110.803.096.6621	FICA/MEDICARE	9,925
TOTAL		\$350,000

Revenue Code: F3289.660.21

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### 6.04 Acceptance of Funds for the 2020-2021 Niagara Falls Teacher Resource Center Grant [\(SG 1, 3\)](#)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2020-2021 Niagara Falls Teacher Resource Center Grant; and

RESOLVED, That the grant award of \$44,621 be credited to Revenue Account F3289.810.21 Niagara Falls TRC; and

RESOLVED, That the money be expended in the following function/object codes:

Appropriation	Description	Amount
F2070.140.045.8121	Schedule B	10,855
F2070.151.045.8121	Stipends	14,400
F2070.404.045.8121	Purchase Services	11,790
F2070.409.045.8121	Travel	705
F2070.540.045.8121	Supplies	6,871
TOTAL		\$44,621

Revenue Code: F3289.810.21

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### 6.05 Acceptance of Funds for the 2020-2021 Mental Health Services Professional Demonstration Grant [\(SG 1, 3\)](#)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2020-2021 Mental Health Services Professional Demonstration Grant; and

RESOLVED, That the grant award of \$569,900 be credited to Revenue Account F4289.950.21; and

RESOLVED, That the money be expended in the following function/object codes:

Appropriation	Description	Amount
F2110.132.098.9521	PER DIEM	\$ 34,950
F2110.140.098.9521	SCHEDULE B	97,782
F2110.150.014.9521	GRANT COORDINATOR	4,080
F2110.151.098.9521	STIPENDS	150,000
F2110.152.014.9521	PROJECT DIRECTOR	66,300
F2110.404.098.9521	PURCHASED SERVICES	147,250
F2110.409.098.9521	TRAVEL	11,563
F2110.540.098.9521	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	11,440
F2110.802.096.9521	TRS	11,572
F2110.803.096.9521	FICA	9,991
F2110.804.096.9521	WORKERS COMP	1,961
F2110.806.096.9521	UNEMPLOYMENT	3,396
F2110.807.096.9521	HEALTH INSURANCE	19,615

TOTAL

\$569,900

Revenue Code: F4289.950.21

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### **6.06 Acceptance of Funds From The City Of Niagara Falls, New York for Assistance in the Operation and Maintenance of The Our Schools Channel OSC 1-1-2020 – 12-31- 2020**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) from the City of Niagara Falls, New York for assistance in the operation and maintenance of Our Schools Channel and does hereby approve the Agreement attached hereto, by and between the City and School District, as to use of said funds; and

RESOLVED, That the is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement attached hereto; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk is directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board of Education on the Agreement

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### **6.07 Approval of Special Meeting November 5, 2020 [\(SG 3\)](#)**

RESOLVED, That a special meeting of this Board of Education shall be held at the Administration Board Auditorium, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, November 5, 2020, for the purpose of considering and/or acting upon such business as might properly come before a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board if held on such date; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk shall give due notice thereof to the public media and the members of the Board of Education as required by law and the rules, by-laws and regulations of this Board.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### **6.08 Approval of Annual Fire Safety Reports – 2020/2021 [\(SG 1, 2, 4\)](#)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the annual Fire Safety Reports for the school year 2020/2021; and

RESOLVED, That the Board direct the Director of Facilities to file copies of the fire safety reports in his office; and

RESOLVED, That the Board direct the District Clerk to cause public notice that the fire safety reports were completed and to specify the location of the filed reports.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### **6.09 Approval for the District Maintenance Barn Replacement Project [\(SG 3\)](#)**

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the proposed project to build a new Maintenance Bard to replace the building destroyed and be it further

RESOLVED, That the District submit all the requisite plans and documents required to the State Education Department for their review.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**6.10 Approval of Contract Between The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Via Evaluation, Inc. for Professional Evaluation Services Required for the Pathways In Technology (P-Tech) Grant Programming 10/1/2020—06/30/2021 (SG 1)**

RESOLVED, That the Contract between City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Via Evaluation, Inc., for independent grant evaluation services, attached hereto, be approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Contract is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR INDEPENDENT GRANT EVALUATION SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 22nd day of October, 2020 by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, the first party, and Via Evaluation, Inc., 325 Delaware Ave, Suite 100 Buffalo, NY 14202,, the second party.

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby, MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1. Engagement of Second Party: The first party hereby engages the second party as an independent consultant to render to the first party professional grant evaluation services hereinafter described, and the second party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party: The second party shall provide and render to the first party the usual and customary services of a consultant as they relate to grant evaluation which services shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. In-person and phone-based meetings and consultation
- b. Work with program staff and partners to set up a database for data collection that includes:
  - curriculum development log
  - recruitment log
  - record of inquiry-based Math and Science enrichment offered
  - professional development log
  - parent involvement log
  - program planning log
- c. Customary Document Preparation and reporting of required data to appropriate parties

All of these functions shall be performed in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools. This consultant should possess a thorough knowledge of grant evaluation.

3. Relationship between the Parties: The second party shall not be an employee of the first party. The second party is engaged by the first party only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement and the relationship to the first party during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services hereinbefore expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of independent consultant only and in no event as servant or employee. Except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have the power to control the activities and operations of the other and their status at all times will continue to be that of independent contractor.

4. Compensation to Second Party: Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the first party shall pay to the second party for services rendered a sum not to exceed \$10,401 in four equal installments of \$2,600.25 on November 1, 2020, January 15, 2021, April 15, 2021, and June 15, 2021 up to the invoice date. The second party shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquittance.

5. Taxes and Insurance: As an independent contractor, the second party is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, Worker's Compensation and unemployment insurance. The second party as Independent Contractor shall obtain liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the first party and naming the first party, City School District Of City Of Niagara Falls, as additional named insured and shall file certificates evidencing such insurance with the District prior to commencing services under this Agreement.

6. Indemnification: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the second party shall indemnify and hold harmless the first party its, agents servants and/or employees from and against any and all cost, losses and damages arising out of the performance of its



RESOLVED, That the Contract is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract; and  
RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

**CONTRACT FOR INDEPENDENT GRANT EVALUATION SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 22nd day of October, 2020 by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, , New York 14304, the first party, and Niagara County Community College., 3111 Saunders Settlement Road, Sanborn, New York 14132, the second party.

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby, MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1. Engagement of Second Party: The first party hereby engages the second party as an independent consultant to render to the first party professional grant evaluation services hereinafter described, and the second party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
2. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party: The second party shall provide and render to the first party the usual and customary services of a consultant as they relate to grant evaluation which services shall include but not be limited to the following:
  - a. Coordinate and assist with curriculum development and alignment
  - b. Coordinate student support services
  - c. Facilitate adjunct professorships
  - d. Facilitate Advisory Council Meetings

All of these functions shall be performed in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools. The IHE should possess a thorough knowledge of the P-Tech grant.

3. Relationship between the Parties: The second party shall not be an employee of the first party. The second party is engaged by the first party only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement and the relationship to the first party during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services hereinbefore expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of independent consultant only and in no event as servant or employee. Except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have the power to control the activities and operations of the other and their status at all times will continue to be that of independent contractor.
4. Compensation to Second Party: Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the first party shall pay to the second party for services rendered in a sum not to exceed \$20,000 in four installments of \$5,000 on November 1, 2020, January 15, 2021, April 15, 2021, and June 15, 2021 up to the invoice date. The second party shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquittance.
5. Taxes and Insurance: As an independent contractor, the second party is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, Worker's Compensation and unemployment insurance. The second party as Independent Contractor shall obtain liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the first party and naming the first party, City School District Of City Of Niagara Falls, as additional named insured and shall file certificates evidencing such insurance with the District prior to commencing services under this Agreement.
6. Indemnification: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the second party shall indemnify and hold harmless the first party its, agents servants and/or employees from and against any and all cost, losses and damages arising out of the performance of its services under this Agreement excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the first party its agents servants and/or employees.
7. Term of Contract: This Contract shall commence October 1, 2020 and terminate June, 30, 2021, provided, however, that any party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.
8. Assignment: The services to be rendered by the second party under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, the second party shall not transfer or assign any of the duties or obligations under this Agreement and any attempted such transfer, assignment or delegation shall be wholly void.
9. Entire Agreement: This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by all of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

CONSULTANT

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE  
CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

\_\_\_\_\_  
President, NCCC

\_\_\_\_\_  
President **Vincent Cancemi**

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of New York, personally appeared, \_\_\_\_\_, to me known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of the individual acted, executed the instrument.

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
 )ss:  
COUNTY OF NIAGARA )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of New York, personally appeared **Vincent Cancemi**, President of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, to me known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Motion by Clara Dunn, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**6.12** Approval of Contract For Professional Consultant Services Between The City School District of The City of Niagara Falls and Niagara University for Remote and On-Site Instructional Coaching Services for the 2020 2021 School Year *(SG 1)*

RESOLVED, That the Contract for remote, and when possible according to Covid19 safety guidelines, in-person coaching services between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and Niagara University a copy of which is attached be and is hereby approved; and

RESOLVED, That the Contract is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said Contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES  
BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

THIS AGREEMENT, made this day of October 22, 2020 by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Niagara University 5795 Lewiston Road Lewiston, New York 14109.

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1. Engagement of Name. The District hereby engages Niagara University as an independent contractor to render to the District the services, and Niagara University hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
2. Professional services and duties of the Name: Niagara University shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for which services are delineated below:
- a) 700 hours of remote, and when possible according to Covid 19 safety guidelines, on-site coaching services.



Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**6.13 Approval of Payment No. 7 to Scrufari Construction Co, LLC for General Contractor Work, Contract #106, for The Stewardship Capital Project (SG3)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$535,361.35 to Scrufari Construction Co LLC, 3925 Hyde Park Blvd Niagara Falls, NY 14305 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #7; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**6.14 Approval of Payment No. 8 to John W. Danforth Company for Plumbing Work, Contract #107, for The Stewardship Capital Project (SG3)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$109,133.08 to John W. Danforth Company, 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #8; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**6.15 Approval of Payment No. 8 to John W. Danforth Company for Mechanical / HVAC Work, Contract #108/109, For The Stewardship Capital Project (SG3)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$445,620.48 to John W. Danforth Company, 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #8; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**6.16 Approval of Payment No. 8 to CIR Electric Co. for Electrical Work, Contract #110, for The Stewardship Capital Project (SG3)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$112,030.95 to CIR Electric Co. 400 Ingham Avenue Buffalo, NY 14218 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #8; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**6.17 Approval of Payment No. 7 to Johnson Controls Inc. for Temperature Control Work, Contract #111, for The Stewardship Capital Project (SG3)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$59,714.00 to Johnson Controls Inc. 130 John Muir Drive, Suite 100 Amherst, NY 14228 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #7; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**6.18 Approval of Change Order No. 106-003 for Scrufari Construction Co., LLC for General Construction Work on The Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II (SG3)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order No. 106-003 consisting of PCI 013, PCI 024, PCI 028, PCI 030, PCI 085, PCI 103, PCI 104, PCI 107 and PCI 142 for \$61,366.85 to Scrufari Construction Co, LLC, 3925 Hyde Park Blvd, Niagara Falls, NY 14305; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized to execute the construction change order on behalf of the District; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**6.19 Approval of Change Order No. 107-002 for John W. Danforth Company for Plumbing Work on The Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II (SG3)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order No. 107-002 consisting of PCI 022, PCI 037, PCI 049, PCI 058, PCI 072, PCI 080, PCI 084, PCI 097, PCI 098 and PCI 110 for \$35,631.70 to John W Danforth Company at 300 Colvin Woods Pkwy Tonawanda, NY 14150; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized to execute the construction change order on behalf of the District; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**6.20 Approval of Change Order No. 108/109-002 for John W. Danforth Company For HVAC/Mechanical Work on The Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II (SG3)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order No. 108/109-002 consisting of PCI 012, PCI 125 and PCI 126 for \$91,310.93 to John W Danforth Company at 300 Colvin Woods Pkwy Tonawanda, NY 14150; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized to execute the construction change order on behalf of the District; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**6.21 Approval of Change Order No. 111-003 For Johnson Controls Inc. for Temperature Control Work on The Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II (SG3)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order No. 111-003 consisting of PCI 075, PCI 129, PCI 133 and PCI 138 for \$7,150.00 to Johnson Controls Inc., 130 John Muir Dr. Amherst, NY 14228; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized to execute the construction change order on behalf of the District; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**7. Review of the Proposed Policy(ies)**

## 8. Information and Reports

### 8.01 Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent thanked the Board for its support of the resolutions and personnel reports; offered condolences to the Petrozzi family on the death of Anthony Gara, and thanked Mr. Cancemi for participating, while wishing him improved health. He directed the Clerk to add Facilities Naming to the November 5 agenda, repeated his commitment to reporting to the community any new COVID 19 cases in a timely manner, and congratulated the Board on a fine audit, while adding that the results show the integrity and honesty of the finance and business personnel.

Mrs. Dunn observed that it is Board Appreciation Week and noted that she appreciates everyone on the Board; she expressed that she hopes to make a difference during her tenure and pledged enthusiasm and excitement to make a difference. Mrs. Dunn applauds teachers for their work on remote teaching and supports students acting and dressing appropriately during remote learning.

Mr. Bilson remarked that he echoes Mrs. Dunn's thoughts and is proud to be on Board. He offered condolences to the Petrozzi family.

Mr. Kudela congratulated staff honored for their superior work and staff members who earned promotions. He thanked Dr. Bartsys for stepping to run the meetings in Mr. Cancemi's absence.

Mr. Petrozzi thanked his colleagues for their kind words.

Mr. Paretto congratulated the evening's award recipients and noted that it is good to give good employees their due. He congratulated all involved on the audit performed by Drescher Malecki and offered that he is proud to serve on Board. He offered Mr. Petrozzi his condolences.

Mr. Bass thanked staff and Mr. Laurie, congratulated staff who were honored and thanked the Board for agreeing to allow him to participate remotely.

Mr. Cancemi was honored to take part in the meeting and misses being physically present.

Dr. Barstys offered his condolences to the Petrozzis, wished Mr. Cancemi health and gave credit to the staff of the finance and business offices. He commended Mr. Laurie for closing Maple Avenue School due to positive COVID 19 cases; he is convinced it was the right decision. Dr. Barstys reflected that the Board of Education is a good board, each member bringing different expertise. He further reminded the public that many hours of study and preparation are spent by members for each meeting.

### 8.02 Board Members Report and Comments

## 9. Advanced Planning

### 9.01 Future Agenda Items

<b>Review Mtg.</b> Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020	<b>ARS/Regular Mtg.</b> Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020
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1. Remote Learning Demonstration?	1. TBD
2. TBD	2. TBD
3. TBD	3. TBD
4. Review of the Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Regular Board Meeting – Mr. Laurie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro	4. Review of the Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Regular Board Meeting – Mr. Laurie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro

## 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

## 10. Adjournment

### 10.01 Meeting Adjourned in memory of the following who recently passed away:

- Samuel Certo, father of 79<sup>th</sup> Street School teaching assistant Patti Thompson.
- Joe Scirto, husband of Maple Avenue grade one teacher Nancy Scirto.
- Sam Ponticello, husband of Maple Avenue Teaching Assistant Colleen Ponticello.
- John M. Jesz, cousin of Teacher on Special Assignment Leah Baldassarre.
- Marie A. Finley Cozzo, former, business teacher at Gaskill Jr. High School and Niagara Falls High School.

Motion by Clara Dunn, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn







November 19 2020

AGENDA REVIEW SESSION

NIAGARA FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 19, 2020

Mr. Laurrie expressed his appreciation for everyone attending following COVID-19 safety protocols.

School Naming: Mr. Laurrie introduced Men Standing Strong Together, men of color who are here to ask that some schools be re-named in honor of people of color. Hugh Leftwich 2902 McKoon Ave. President of organization, made remarks which are incorporated into these minutes. (See attached).

The group was organized to address issues facing the Black community in Niagara Falls. Mr. Leftwich read a statement to the effect that children of color would have a greater sense of belonging if some schools were named for people of color. They request five schools be renamed. The Hyde Park to Bloneva P. Bond Elementary School; Maple to Dr. Charles Drew Elementary School, NSS to Theodore Williamson Elementary School; 79<sup>th</sup> to Mary McCloed Bethune Elementary School. CES to Congressman John Robert Lewis Elementary School.

Speaker two: Miss Zamarea Moore, a student at NSS, requests the school's name be changed to Theodore Williamson Elementary School. Her remarks which are incorporated into these minutes. (See attached).

Speaker three: Allen Cowart III: speaking for him, his sister, Amaya Cowart. He requests Maple Avenue School be re-named Dr. Charles Drew Elementary School. These remarks which are incorporated into these minutes. (See attached).

Speaker four: Jazel Allen, a grade six student at Harry F. Abate Elementary School, who request that 79<sup>th</sup> Street School be re-named Mary McCloed Bethune Elementary School. Her remarks which are incorporated into these minutes. (See attached).

Gloria Dolson: Likened the reasoning for the renaming proposals to Jackie Robinson being signed to an all-white team: there was no reason not to do so.

The group also presented letters from the Rev. Harvey Kelly and the LaSalle Educational Club in support of their requests. See attached.

Mr. Laurrie congratulated Mr. Leftwich on forming this admirable group. Mr. Laurrie understands the issue and supports the sentiment. He pointed out that hiring of people of color has increased in the last five years. Further, Mr. Laurrie feels that a history of people of color should include more than the time period of slavery forward.

Mr. Laurrie acknowledged the two letters of support. The Board of Education has a policy regarding naming, which it will follow. The next steps will be taken in as timely a manner as the pandemic will allow.

Contact Persons: Ms. Dolson, Mr. Leftwich, left their information with the Clerk.

Marlin Moore: concerned too about drugs kids are using.

Remote Learning Presentation: Mr. Weiss, president, NFT, presented a remote teaching example, to demonstrate it from a teacher's perspective. Mr. Laurrie remarked that Mr. Weiss is a good teacher and a good partner as a union president. Mr. Weiss provided a digital presentation which demonstrated his virtual teaching environment. Safety is the first priority, but as a District a fine product has been produced. It is a stressful time for teachers – 250 teachers are over 50 years of age and had no been educated with technology as it exists today. Mr. Weiss' presentation included an overview of the Microsoft Teams application in which environment remote learning is taking place. His points included:

- Teachers are multitasking
- The system is good but imperfect, e.g., providing constant supervision
- Inability to read non-verbal cues from students is a challenge
- Technology can be cumbersome and time consuming
- It is necessary to teach to the least advanced student in any group.

The presentation also included what the process looks like from students' perspectives and daily troubles that occur with technology, student use of computers, and so on.

Mr. Weiss thanked the Board for taking an interest in seeing it. He credited the District with giving support via Mr. Granieri, Mr. Maynard and others to assist with the technology learning curve.

REGULAR MEETING  
NIAGARA FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
November 19, 2020

## 2. Call to Order at 7 p.m.

Information: 2.01 Pledge of Allegiance  
Information: 2.02 Prayer  
Information: 2.03 Roll Call

## 3. Letters and Communications

4. Recommended Actions - Routine Items  
Action: 4.01 Minutes - October 2020  
Motion to approve minutes - October 2020

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action, Information: 4.02 Budget Transfer #4  
Approval of Budget Transfer - #4

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action, Information: 4.03 Bids - None.

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.04 Treasurer's Report - October 2020

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.05 Budget Status Report - November 2020

Action: 4.06 Personnel Report - Certificated

Motion to approve Certificated Report

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.07 Personnel Report - Classified Items

Motion to approve the Personnel Report for Classified Staff

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.08 Committee on Special Education Report

Motion to accept the report from the Committee on Special Education.

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.09 Committee on Pre-School Special Education Report

Motion to accept the report from the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

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

Approval of Short-Term Contracts - See Attachment for List

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

5. Unfinished Business

Information: 5.01 None

## 6. New Business

Action: 6.01 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 School Year (December 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

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 School Year (December 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.02 Approval of Contract Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls And Niagara University For Professional Consultant Services For 21st Century Elementary, 21st Century Preparatory, And Empire Grant Programming 12-1-2020 – 6-30-2021

Motion to accept Contract Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls And Niagara University For Professional Consultant Services For 21st Century Elementary, 21st Century Preparatory, And Empire Grant Programming 12-1-2020 – 6-30-2021

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.03 Approval of Contract for Instructional Coaching Services for Teaching Strategies Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls, New York And Teaching Strategies, LLC For The 2020 - 2021 School Year.

Motion to accept Contract for Instructional Coaching Services for Teaching Strategies Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls, New York And Teaching Strategies, LLC For The 2020 - 2021 School Year.

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.04 Approval of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) In Response to the District External Audit Report for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Motion to accept the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) In Response to the District External Audit Report for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.05 Approval of the Resolution of The City School District of The City Of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York Regarding SEQR Determination

Motion to approve the the Resolution of The City School District of The City Of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York Regarding SEQR Determination

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.06 Adoption Of Retention And Disposition Schedule For New York Local Government Records (LGS-1) By The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls

Motion to adopt Retention and Disposition Schedule For New York Local Government Records (LGS-1) By The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.07 Approval of Change Order No. 106-004 For Scrufari Construction Co., LLC. for General Construction Work on The Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II

Motion to approve Change Order No. 106-004 For Scrufari Construction Co., LLC. for General Construction Work on The Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.08 Approval of Change Order No. 111-004 for Johnson Controls Inc. For Temperature Control Work On The Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II

Motion to approve Change Order No. 111-004 for Johnson Controls Inc. For Temperature Control Work On The Stewardship Capital Projects – District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.09 Approval of Payment No. 8 to Scrufari Construction Co, LLC. for General Contractor Work, Contract #106, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion to approve Payment No. 8 to Scrufari Construction Co, LLC. for General Contractor Work, Contract #106, for The 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, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.10 Approval of Payment No. 9 to John W. Danforth Company. for Plumbing Work, Contract #107, For The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion to approve Payment No. 9 to John W. Danforth Company. for Plumbing Work, Contract #107, For The 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, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.11 Approval of Payment No. 9 to John W. Danforth Company for Mechanical / HVAC Work, Contract #108/109, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion to approve Payment No. 9 to John W. Danforth Company for Mechanical / HVAC Work, Contract #108/109, for The 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, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.12 Approval of Payment No. 9 to Cir Electric Co. for Electrical Work, Contract #110, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion to approve Payment No. 9 to Cir Electric Co. for Electrical Work, Contract #110, for The 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, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.13 Approval of Payment No. 8 to Johnson Controls Inc. for Temperature Control Work, Contract #111, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion to approve Payment No. 8 to Johnson Controls Inc. for Temperature Control Work, Contract #111, for The 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, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn



## 7. Review of Proposed Policy(ies)

Action, Information: 7.01 Policy

## 8. Information and Reports

Information: 8.01 Superintendent's Report

Information: 8.02 Board Members Comments and Reports

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Laurie recognized Dr. Silvaroli for her efforts during COVID 19.

Our area not currently in an identified COVID-19 ranked zone; nonetheless, the District is educating 4573 students in a hybrid manner, 2,301 wholly virtually.

Athletics have been postponed to December 14<sup>th</sup> , but physicals continue to take place.

The District has issued 417 mifis, of which 80 are not being used. The District will look into that. Tuesdays and Fridays are technology repair days. The District has made 460 repairs; nine laptops suffered water damage; two had broken jacks; one had a broken bottom case; one had been smashed (NFPD is looking into this). The District continues to track devices and may call them back to assess conditions.

Confirmed COVID 19 cases in the District : 44 to date - 29 students 11 staff 4 others: intern, consultants, bus aide.

Currently, there are three active cases.

Contact tracing is lags behind in the County, therefore, the District is doing its own, without waiting for County.

The District hopes to reopen closed schools 11/30.

Budget:

\$2,290,479 missing State aid

\$56,000 COVID-related expenses this month

\$480,557 in COVID related expenses since July 2020.

Packets of information for yellow/orange/red zones have been prepared, in the case the area should enter such a designation.

Dr. Silvaroli contributed this information: The NY State Department of Health is impressed that District positive case numbers are so low. It is believed this is due to the two days in school per week instruction and sending home all family members as a precaution when an individual is suspected of being ill.

Facilities Update: Mr. Smeal informed the Board that a windstorm last weekend resulted in minor concerns which the City workers addresses expeditiously. Additionally, the Water Board addressed a leak adjacent to field at high school.

## 9. Advanced Planning

Information: 9.01 Future Agenda Items

Information: 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

Action: 6.14 Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the possible demotion or discipline of an individual.

Motion made at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

## 10. Adjournment

Action: 10.01 The Board exited Executive session at 8:25 p.m. and adjournment in memory of the following who recently passed away:

Motion to adjourn

Motion by Rob Bilson, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

BOARD REVIEW SESSION

NIAGARA FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOVEMBER 5, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ronald J Barstys\*, Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn, Paul Kudela, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Capital Project Update: April Bradley, Tony Miceli, Brian Trott

85% of work in Phase II of The Stewardship Project is complete;

Change Orders for November were reviewed, including:

79, MAS, HP - transmitters to outside unit for climate control.

HFA – drinking bottle filling stations

HFA- security door, second means of egress for custodian

Agenda Item 6.05 for the meeting of November 19 was explained; the District is submitting a SEQRA to SED in order to perform roofing work. The State will require a negative declaration to approve this work.

COVID 19 –

Return to school update

POSITIVE CASES: five staff members and 16 students have tested positive. Of this number, eight were students who are learning remotely, eight attend school in person. Only four of these individuals required contact tracing. All children who have tested positive have been asymptomatic.

Additionally, one college intern and one Niagara Falls Coachlines associate have tested positive.

The District has secured a COVID 19 testing license, the first District in State to do so. It becomes effective November 23, 2020 and is valid for two years. Now, the District will procure the necessary machine and testing kits. Dr. Silvaroli is working with the Purchasing Department to secure these. Student testing will require parent permission; the District will not circumvent primary care physicians in terms of giving medical advice with or without respect to COVID 19.

NFMMC, Niagara County Department of Health, will still offer testing for District students and staff.

Mr. Bilson stated for the record the Mr. Laurrie “consistently updates and even over communicates with the Board” regarding COVID 19 cases. This is greatly appreciated and shows transparency.

Technology –

To date, the District has distributed 308 mifis and 4820 laptops to students.

Mifis create a monthly bill, costing approximately \$12,000 month. The mifi itself costs 100 per unit; these costs are at least partly aidable.

Tech Days are being held at schools Tuesdays & Fridays

Academics -

The Board of Regents has canceled January Regents.

The report card schedule is back in place.

Six or seven percent students are applying themselves inconsistently.

#### Sports –

The District is waiting to hear guidance on winter sports, but physicals will take place in order for student athletes to be prepared.

After School Clubs will resume with Blue Group on Tuesdays; remotely on Wednesdays; and Gold Group on Thursdays.

Very few outside groups have been allowed to use District facilities.

#### Finances –

As of 10/26/,20 COVID 19-related expenses are \$464,377.68, including technology. This is about &72,000/month.

FEMA may reimburse only a part of those costs; \$53,064.15 is being submitted to the city's \$100,000 allocation, which it received through the CARES Act and earmarked for the District.

The State aid freeze has so far withheld \$1,972,909. Without federal relief, this remains deeply problematic.

#### School Renaming:

The Facility Naming Policy was distributed to the Board. The Superintendent reported that 863 residents signed petition asking the Board to consider renaming some schools. A committee of 10 must be established, per procedures set forth by policy. The Superintendent recommends moving forth in this manner. **Mr. Paretto requested this be added to the agenda of the upcoming Agenda Review Session so the residents can be heard fully. The Superintendent will invite representatives of this group to present on the 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Agenda reviews were held for both meetings.

#### BOARD SPECIAL SESSION

#### NIAGARA FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOVEMBER 5, 2020

#### 1. Call to Order November 5, 2020 7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting (Thursday, November 5, 2020)

##### Members present

Ronald J Barstys\*, Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn, Paul Kudela, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

\*Participating remotely.

##### 1. Meeting called to order at 7PM

##### 2. Special Meeting

Action: 2.01 Call to Order

##### 3. Recommended Actions from the Superintendent of Schools

Action: 3.01 Acceptance of The 2019-20 Annual Independent Audit and Filing Thereof with the Commissioner of Education

Motion to accept the 2019-20 Annual Independent Audit and Filing Thereof with the Commissioner of Education

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### 4. Information and Reports

#### 5. Adjournment

Action: 5.01 Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

BOARD REVIEW SESSION  
NIAGARA FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DECEMBER 10, 2020

Present: Dr. Barstys, Mr. Bass\*, Mr. Bilson, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Kudela, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Cancemi

\*Participating Remotely

The Superintendent noted that attenuated sound boards were donated by Mr. Cancemi to help improve the acoustics in the Board room and thanked Mrs. Glaser and the building porter and custodian for vacating space to accommodate Dr. Silvaroli's move to Central Office.

Updates - Capital Projects

April Bradley, Brian Trott, Tony Miceli- Ms. Bradley provided an update on the Stewardship Project, and explained two upcoming change orders on the agenda for December 17, 2020.

- Maintenance garage: drawings went out yesterday; bids due January 13, 2021, to include General Contractor, plumbing, HVAC, and electrical.
- GJ Mann, Maple outdoor equipment is installed – air exchangers, etc. At GJ Mann a fence was added to reduce vandalism achieved through roof access.
- Maple - piping, tiles, installed in mechanical room
- Change order forthcoming January – in the pool area aluminum straps holding up the ceiling had corroded; CPL had the straps replaced, and the pool drained and scrubbed.
- NFHS – the main entrance panels have been power washed (aluminum fasteners had dripped rust onto the surface).
- Stair panels are in.
- Change Order coming in December: the catwalk is deteriorating and needs to be addressed.
- Flow leader at natatorium was replaced. Maintenance worker P. Ricotta pointed out that the sprinkler line in the pool equipment room had rusted. This was addressed as were improvements to the ventilation.
- Hyde Park- Rerouting valves caused changes to the access panels which are in the in the stairwells. Changes to the access panels are a change order.
- Removal of old ash hoist infilled. Change Order.
- Boiler training, DOAS training are taking place.

\$59,697.53 worth of change orders in Phase II represent 1.58% of budget for this phase.

Next project: HJ Kalfas roof.

Cafeteria - CPL to do cafeteria renovations to add walk in coolers, and, at LPS and GPS, tables for students. This resolution will appear December 17 and will be paid for by the cafeteria fund.

Remote Teaching Lesson (High School Level) Mr. Weiss- This presentation has been postponed.

#### COVID Updates:

69 positive cases to date- 23 staff; 46 students. Six additional ancillary “staff” such bus aides, a member of the Peacemakers, and so on.

Students: Among positive cases, 30 are elementary, four are prep and 12 are high school students.

The Governor has altered closing triggers from zones of infection to rates of hospitalization. The District has asked the Niagara County Department of Health for a voluntary testing day after the winter break; NCDOH has not committed out of concern too many test may be used unnecessarily.

#### Finances:

As of July 1, 2020, COVID-related expenses total \$501,627.81.

Funds withheld from the State total \$2,029,479 to date.

On December 15, 2020, the District is owed a major payment of \$9,878,031 from the State.

Were the District to roll this year over to next, the projected deficit would be \$12.6 million.

The Superintendent, Tourism Director, NFMMC CEO and Mayor will meet to discuss the funds which have not been forthcoming.

#### Technology:

Two hundred ten teachers have requested double monitors to aid in efficient teaching and virtual classroom management.

Technology repairs continue to take place Tuesdays and Fridays.

Asset management: 15 student have broken laptops; this is unfortunate but it is to be expected that some problems will arise.

The District needs approximately 40 more Mifis to supply students.

Most Districts set a minimum grade for first quarter; the District elected to do this.

It is more likely that small schools will briefly close due to COVID than large schools, since at smaller schools fewer teachers sees more students, increasing the contact among all.

An Agenda Review was held.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss the employment history of an individual; the possible demotion or discipline of an individual; and the possible promotion of an individual on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Dr. Barstys. All in favor.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8p.m. by Dr. Barstys, seconded by Mr. Paretto, all in favor.

Agenda Review Session  
December 17, 2020  
Board Room – 630 66<sup>th</sup> Street  
Live-Streamed

Present: Mr. Cancemi, \*Dr. Barstys, Mr. Bilson, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Kudela, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

\*Participating Remotely

Update on Headstart Grant:

Superintendent Laurrie: The Geneva School District is the only other school district in NYS to run Headstart. The District is utilizing a federal grant writer on its second attempt to secure the Headstart grant. It must be cost neutral to the general fund;

- Program must be run with consistent with District curriculum
- Fill all 352 seats for students
- Extend community to all community partners who want to be involved.
- NFCSD would be directing agency, for NT, Lockport, Newfane. Sub-board would report back to BOE.
- Due January 6, 2021.

Dr. L. Haley O'Stewart provided the following update:

Of 352, HS; 72 Early Headstart (infants & toddlers).

Niagara Falls City School District: 140 HS slots/56 EHS slots

DiFrancesco Center (24th St.)– 100 HS slots (The District would inherit the buildings in which HS was previously run).

Donovan Center (Main St.) – 20 HS slots/24 EHS slots

CEC (Lindbergh Ave.) – 20 HS slots/32 EHS slots

Delegates: 140 HS Slots

YWCA of the Niagara Frontier (Lockport area): 80 HS slots

Dewitt Clinton (North Adam St.) – 80 HS slots (The Lockport D had agreed with this plan and is in favor).

Empower (North Tonawanda area): 40 HS slots

St. Mark Lutheran Church (Oliver St.) – 40 HS slots

Contractual: 20 HS slots/16 EHS slots

ABCD – Migrant HS/EHS (Newfane area): 20 HS slots/16 EHS slots

Newfane Early Childhood Center (Godfrey Rd.) – 20 HS slots/16 EHS slots.

Budget: This is a five-year grant.

Contractual:

Niagara University:

College of Education

4 Clinical Mental Health Interns

Levesque Institute



Practice-Based Coaching (PBC) – Required in all HS/EHS classrooms  
Professional Development Institute/Kindergarten Transition Summit  
Ages and Stages Questionnaire Training – start up year  
Leadership Institute for Head Start/EHS staff & parents  
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training for HS/EHS staff – start up year  
Emergent Literacy – start up year  
Mental Health First Aid – start up year  
Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential  
(Non-federal match/Inkind)  
Pinnacle Community Services  
Family Advocate - shared position for dually enrolled families  
Evidence-based parenting curriculum (Non-federal match/Inkind)

#### Community Partners

- Niagara University (COE & Levesque Institute)
- Empower
- YWCA of the Niagara Frontier
- Agri-Business Child Development (ABCD0 – Migrant Head Start/Early Head Start)
- Niagara County Department of Social Services
- Niagara County Dept. of Health
- Community Health Center of Buffalo, Inc. (Satellite sites in Lockport & Niagara Falls)
- Niagara County Dept. of Mental Health
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- Niagara County Dept. of Mental Health
- Pinnacle Community Services
- Heart, Love, and Soul, Inc.
- WIC – Women, Infants, and Children
- Catholic Charities of WNY
- Community Child Care Clearinghouse of Niagara
- New York State Department of Health-WRO Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- QUALITYstarsNY
- Help Me Grow WNY
- NiaCap
- Community Missions of the Niagara Frontier
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- EPIC – Every Person Influences Children
- Independent Living Center of Niagara
- Parent Network of WNY
- Niagara Falls Boys and Girls Club
- WNY Child Care Resource Network

Timeline: Grant due 1/6/21. It will be submitted 12/22/20. Award date July 1, 2021. Two or three weeks before, the government will call to negotiate.

The District can add duties to existing staff \_ Human Resources, Payroll- rather than hire additional people. Headstart requires its own policy council, made up of 51% parents. The Board has ultimate oversight and obligation to support the centers to be successful. Should the District be successful, negotiations with unions will take place. The goal for students is September 2021.

#### COVID 19 Update

Mr. Laurrie provide the following update: As of December 17, 2020, 29 staff and 61 students have tested positive for COVID 19.

Last week, an increased number (22) of District staff and students were in quarantine.

The District has expended \$500,000 in COVID related expenses.

The anticipated State aid payment came in; the next is due in January 31, 2021, in the amount of \$13.5 million.

#### Technology:

The I.T. department obtained double monitors some teachers had requested and an additional number of mifis. The District turned off mifis that are not being used. District personnel will recover those devices.

#### Return to instruction:

The District is encouraging, where possible, students to come back to in-person learning by mid-to-late January, especially those who initially indicated desire for a return mid-year and those who are not successful remote learners.

Vaccination: school staff might be in second round.

The State has designated our area a yellow zone, for schools, starting December 21, 2020. By January 4, the District must test 20% (1100.4 people) students and staff. District medical personnel will conduct that testing. If the positivity rate proves to be above that of Niagara County, the District will be required to test 100% and close to in-person learning.

A review of the agenda was held.

#### Agenda Regular Meeting

December 17, 2020

Board Room – 630 66<sup>th</sup> Street

Live-Streamed

#### Members present

Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

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

Information: 1.01 ARS Topics -

Action, Information: 1.02 Agenda Regular Meeting

2. Call to Order

Information: 2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 2.02 Prayer

Information: 2.03 Roll Call

3. Letters and Communications

Written Communication: The Board received notes of thanks from the families of Joe Moran and Sam Certo for adjourning a meeting in memory of their loved ones.

Oral Communication: Rev. Chambers- xx5 Seventh Street, Niagara Falls, NY. Spoke in favor of renaming schools and impressed his sense of urgency regarding the matter.

Hugh Leftwich 2902 McKoon Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY. Spoke in favor of renaming schools and questioned the progress of renaming them.

Gloria Dolson: 1502 Ontario Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY. Spoke in favor of renaming schools and requested curricular materials and posters depicting black Americans.

4. Recommended Actions - Routine Items

Action: 4.01 Minutes - November 2020

Motion to approve minutes - November 2020

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action, Information: 4.02 Budget Transfer #5

Approval of Budget Transfer - #5

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action, Information: 4.03 Bids - None.

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.04 Treasurer's Report - November 2020

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.05 Budget Status Report - December 2020

Action: 4.06 Personnel Report - Certificated Dr. Bartsys abstained on item III.

Motion to approve Certificated Report Dr. Bartsys abstained on item pertaining to Mrs. Barstys

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.07 Personnel Report - Classified Items

Motion to approve the Personnel Report for Classified Staff

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.08 Committee on Special Education Report

Motion to accept the report from the Committee on Special Education.

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.09 Committee on Pre-School Special Education Report

Motion to accept the report from the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Rob Bilson.

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

Approval of Short-Term Contracts - See Attachment for List

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

5. Unfinished Business

Information: 5.01 None

## 6. New Business

Action: 6.01 Approval of Receipt of Gift from Occidental Chemical Corporation

Motion to approve Receipt of Gift from Occidental Chemical Corporation

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.02 Approval of Receipt of Gift from HSBC

Motion to accept Gift from HSBC

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.03 Approval of Contract between The City School District of The City of Niagara Falls and Peaceful Schools for Consultation Services for the Mental Health Services Professional Demonstration Grant Programming 1/1/2021—06/30/21

Motion to accept Approval of Contract between The City School District of The City of Niagara Falls and Peaceful Schools for Consultation Services for the Mental Health Services Professional Demonstration Grant Programming 1/1/2021—06/30/21

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.04 Approval of Contract for Specialized Consulting Services by Independent Contractor for Student Training and Consultation Services—The Summit Center, Inc. 12/8/20-06/30/21

Motion to accept Approval of Contract for Specialized Consulting Services by Independent Contractor for Student Training and Consultation Services—The Summit Center, Inc. 12/8/20-06/30/21

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.05 Approval of Contract Between Clark Patterson Lee, Inc. (Cpl) Serving as Architect for the Food Service Facilities 2020-2021 Improvement Project to Rennovate School Cafeterias And Kitchens In Various Buildings In The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls

Motion to approve Approval of Contract Between Clark Patterson Lee, Inc. (Cpl) Serving as Architect for the Food Service Facilities 2020-2021 Improvement Project to Rennovate School Cafeterias And Kitchens In Various Buildings In The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.06 Approval of Change Order No. 106-005 for Scrufari Construction Co, LLC. for General Construction Work on The Stewardship Capital Projects - District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II

Motion to approve Change Order No. 106-005 for Scrufari Construction Co, LLC. for General Construction Work on The Stewardship Capital Projects - District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.07 Approval of Change Order No. 107-003 for John W Danforth Co. - Plumbing for General Construction Work on The Stewardship Capital Projects - District- Wide Reconstruction Phase II

Motion to approve Approval of Change Order No. 107-003 for John W Danforth Co. - Plumbing for General Construction Work on The Stewardship Capital Projects - District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.08 Approval of Payment No. 9 to Scrufari Construction Co., LLC. for General Contractor Work, Contract #106, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion to approve Payment No. 9 to Scrufari Construction Co., LLC. for General Contractor Work, Contract #106, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.09 Approval of Payment No. 10 to John W. Danforth Company for Plumbing Work, Contract #107, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion to approve Payment No. 10 to John W. Danforth Company for Plumbing Work, Contract #107, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.10 Approval of Payment No. 11 to John W. Danforth Company for Plumbing Work, Contract #107, for The Stewardship Capital Project (Retention) (

Motion to approve Payment No. 11 to John W. Danforth Company for Plumbing Work, Contract #107, for The Stewardship Capital Project (Retention) (

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.11 Approval of Payment No. 10 to John W. Danforth Company for Mechanical / HVAC Work, Contract #108/109 for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion to approve Payment No. 10 to John W. Danforth Company for Mechanical /HVAC Work, Contract #108/109 for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.12 Approval of Payment No. 11 to John W. Danforth Company for Mechanical / HVAC Work, Contract #108/109 for The Stewardship Capital Project (Retention)

Motion to approve Approval of Payment No. 11 to John W. Danforth Company for Mechanical /HVAC Work, Contract #108/109 for The Stewardship Capital Project (Retention)

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.13 Approval of Payment No. 10 to Cir Electric Co. for Electrical Work, Contract #110, for The Stewardship Capital Project (

Motion to approve Payment No. 10 to Cir Electric Co. for Electrical Work, Contract #110, for The Stewardship Capital Project (

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Action: 6.14 Approval of Payment No. 9 to Johnson Controls Inc. for Temperature Control Work, Contract #111, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Approval of Payment No. 9 to Johnson Controls Inc. for Temperature Control Work, Contract #111, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### 7. Review of Proposed Policy(ies) None.

Action, Information: 7.01 Policy

#### 8. Information and Reports

Information: 8.01 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Laurrie: Mr. Laurrie continues to hope to keep schools open, safely. The health pandemic is leading to a mental health and learning pandemic.

Testing- NFCSD is the only District requiring students to have parent/guardian permission to be tested.

Responding to Mrs. Dolson – Black history should not only be taught on February, but all year long in order for meaningful change to take place.

Lots of work has been going on regarding renaming.

#### 8.02 Board Comments:

Board members offered holiday greetings. Mr. Kudela thanked the assembled residents for their input. Mr. Bilson thanked Dr. Haley O'Stewart for her presentation. Mr. Petrozzi assured assembled residents that the Board is taking school renaming seriously and encouraged them to have faith.

Mr. Cancemi agreed that the public owns the schools, and of course the Board is taking their concerns seriously.

#### 9. Advanced Planning

Information: 9.01 Future Agenda Items

Information: 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

#### 10. Adjournment

Action: 10.01 Adjournment in memory of the following who recently passed away:

In memory of the following who recently passed away:

Giles Marvin Hofmeyer, father-in-law of teacher James Stypa.

Edward Carlo, father of teachers Peter and Ed Carlo; father in law of Pupil Services Assistant Janine Carlo.

Doris Skivington, retired employee and grandmother of teacher Andrew Alterio.

Eva Hamilton, mother of Gaskill Prep School Safety Office Mike Hamilton.

William J. Prygon, retired maintenance worker. (He is survived by his brother-in-law, Richard Smiszek; his nephew, Michael (Cynthia) Smiszek; and great-niece, Stephanie Smiszek.)

Anthony Gelose, Sr., father of retired NFHS teacher Anthony Gelose, Jr.



Dave Szalach, husband of Teacher on Special Assignment Lisa Szalach.

Richard Schiesser, father of TSA at Niagara St. / Abate Maria D'Antonoli; brother-in-law of retired employee Angela Ruggiero.

Richard Gall, son of Linda Blake, retired counselor; brother of Randy Gall, LPS, brother in law of Nicole Gall, NFHS.

Motion to adjourn

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

BOARD REVIEW SESSION  
NIAGARA FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JANUARY 14, 2021

PRESENT: Dr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Kudela, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Cancemi

STAFF: Mr. Laurrie, Mr. Carella, Mr. Granieri, Mr. Giarrizzo, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Smeal, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Doerr, Mr. Rotella, Mr. Ruffolo, Mr. Carroll

*The meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19 and streamed via YouTube.*

Mr. Cancemi opened the BRS at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Laurrie explained the reasons the Board was meeting remotely and introduced the first presentation.

**NYSSBA Virtual Presentation Champions of Change For Kids** - Mr. Patrick Longo of New York State School Board Association made a virtual presentation to the Board recognizing the District's 2019 Nurturing the Neighborhood Early Childhood Program and recognizing its 2019 "Above and Beyond Mental Health Efforts." Mr. Longo talked about the Champions of Change program; he recalled his visit to the District and impressed he was with the programming. It is very rare for NYSSBA to select one District to receive two awards, as it has done here. Mr. Longo felt that the District has a plethora of programs and NYSSBA became aware of them through e-Clips, a service of NYSSBA which features news from around the State.

**Capital Project Update:** Joe Tillman (Buffalo Construction Consultants), Kyle Drummer (CPL), Steve Dechert (BBC) and April Bradley (BBC), were in attendance.

Capital projects are 93% complete; two change orders will be seen on the end of month agenda, at 79<sup>th</sup> Street, totaling about \$13,000, only 1.62% of budget. There have been no accidents on the jobs.

Ms. April Bradley, of Buffalo Construction Consultants, provided an update on the capital projects, including:

Fencing – GJ Mann, Hyde Park, 79<sup>th</sup> Street schools.

79<sup>th</sup> Street School – demolition of walls and re-routing of ductwork; installation of drinking fountains (bottle fillers); change order relating to soffit – run duct into ceiling – original wall not tall enough and needed fire proofing; change order – fire safety walls; doors;

NFHS – sprinkler line change for safety;

Two resolutions on the January 28 - 6.19 & 6.20 – are related to the change orders, Scufari and JCI respectively. Mr. Petrozzi has reviewed the change orders.

Mr. Laurrie discussed the next phase. Agenda for January 28<sup>th</sup> items 6.15-6.17 are for reconstruction of maintenance garage. Bids will be descope in coming days; some bids are very close in price. Bids came in under estimate. Payment for this project is from the insurance settlement (NYSIR).

General Construction - nine bidders; plumbing- six bidders; HVAC – five bidders; Electrical – Five bidders. It is hoped to have enough money left from the Stewardship Project to repair the Kalfas roof.

**COVID – 19 Updates**

Mr. Laurrie provided the following update relating to COVID – 19:

Remote half-year learners: of those students who were 100% remote, 179 students are returning to 2 or 4 days a week.

COVID Positives – 1 at NFHS (staff); 1 at Maple (staff). Closing grade six at Maple for quarantine until January 25<sup>th</sup>. 17 students, three staff.

In classes provided in partnership with BOCES at NFHS there are 2 positive COVID-19 cases. Quarantine of those students is in place through next week.

Hyde Park, HF Abate schools are closed until 1/25 due to adult quarantines.

Vaccinations – Memorial Hospital's vaccinations for tomorrow are postponed due to a lack of vaccine. NFMHC is not receiving vaccines as they hoped. NFMHC and Niagara County requested to use District facilities, which was granted. Those entities are using District facilities to vaccinate.

Technology – Second monitors are installed for teachers who requested them. Laptops are set to run 180 days before the Microsoft license expires. I. S. is requesting laptops come back in February for a mid-year check. The Mifis that are not being used have been turned off; principals are collecting them. Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Barnes are assisting. 4,560 laptops are out in the community. Kudos to Mr. Granieri. Also Mr. Granieri is adding a new software – Du Jour – to help control laptops. Teachers Desk made a donation of sanitizer, wipes, signage.

Mr. Giarrizzo assisted in presenting an update on the budget outlook: \$461,598.72 had been spent on COVID by end of 2020.

NFCSD has had \$1,510,433.45 withheld in addition to the withholding of an anticipated \$45,158.40 in charter school payments. A \$53,064.15 FEMA payment is expected.

The anticipated New York State payment to the District in January is \$13,000,593.

On January 28, the Board will see rough budget numbers for 21/22. Tax cap is set at 1.23%, meaning the District could raise taxes \$250,000 but with exemptions, even less. The biggest impact is how much debt reserve could be used. However, doing so could result in the need for a 60% vote by residents. The Gap Sheet will show a significant gap because the District used some reserve last year. Hoping to see CARES money from federal or State government. Presently, an almost \$12+ million gap exists.

#### **Review of Agenda – January 28 Regular Meeting**

An agenda review was held.

A policy will be walked on regarding grievance procedures vis – a – vis civil rights complaints.

Question: was information widely enough disseminated regarding the naming committee? The information will be reissued and covered in the March Your Public Schools.

BOARD AGENDA REVIEW SESSION - HELD REMOTELY DUE TO PANDEMIC  
NIAGARA FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JANUARY 28, 2021

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Cancemi. Meeting turned over to the Superintendent.  
Mr. Laurrie thanked staff for facilitating the virtual board meeting.

COVID – 19 Updates

Mr. Laurrie presented the following update:

Technology: Mr. Granieri is doing a great job. In February, he will recall and check laptops and Mifis that have been distributed. For remote students, technology that is not brought in for checking will be rendered inoperable.

Academics: NYS Ed plans to submit a waiver to feds grades 3-8 testing & regents exams; they are scheduled to take place but there is an opportunity until February 5 to give feedback.

School Closures: At this point, Hyde Park School is on track to re-open Monday; keeping schools open is important to student mental health.

Sports: Girls and boys basketball, boys swim, and ice hockey will be allowed as of Monday. Wrestling and cheer were moved from May to June; no spectators will be allowed per Section VI directive. If an athlete contracts COVID 19, that program (sport) must be shut down for 10 days.

Immunizations: The County is not coming to NF. The community must rely on NF Memorial Hospital which will have clinics at our Fieldhouse. We are pleased with the cooperation of NFMMC. The District has a good quantity of tests on hand. With parental permission, student athletes can be tested more often.

Use of Facilities by outside groups: the District is accepting requests, but groups must have safety plans in place.

2020-2021 General Fund Budget

Mr. Giarrizzo presented a first look at the potential Superintendent's recommended 21-22 budget.

Mr. Giarrizzo anticipates some unspent carry-over funds.

The amount of the total budget reflects 1.69% increase from the current year.

There will be no retirement incentive offered this year.

Revenue: Governor's Run – projects \$13 million to the District, but these funds are offset

BOCES aid is down

Excess cost is currently frozen.

Services aid reduction – this run combines BOCES aid with transportation aid, charter school aid, etc. and reduces the total amount by \$1,840,000. This was a focus of a recent NOSBA meeting. It is detrimental to BOCES, because it will reduce the value of its services.

Summer school will be held virtually, not through BOCES.

The District has no room to raise taxes without a 60% majority, given the State Tax Cap.

\$153,168,496 total revenue.

**Expenditures:**

Highlights include contractual obligations, as negotiated, for staff; pension costs; decreased charter school cost; modest increase in healthcare; debt service contract – NYSIR insurance increasing; the need to replace 20 production printers through BOCES; long-term debt for Phase II, however most of that is aidable.

Appropriations: \$157,914,114

Gap: \$673,332

This is based on \$13 million federal funding through the State; going forward, that cannot be relied upon for such a high proportionate increase.

Fiscal Stress: 3.33 out of 100. No designation.

Environmental Stress: 30 same as last year; poverty of community. Susceptible level due to community poverty rate.

A review of the agenda was held.

**January 28, 2021 7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting (Thursday, January 28, 2021) - HELD REMOTELY DUE TO PANDEMIC**

*Generated by Judie Glaser on Monday, February 1, 2021*

**Members present**

Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.**

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

Information: 1.01 ARS Topics -

Action, Information: 1.02 Agenda Regular Meeting

2. Call to Order

Information: 2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 2.02 Prayer

Information: 2.03 Roll Call

3. Letters and Communications

4. Recommended Actions - Routine Items

Action: 4.01 Minutes - December 2020

Motion to approve minutes - December 2020

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action, Information: 4.02 Budget Transfer #6

Approval of Budget Transfer - #6

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action, Information: 4.03 Bids - See items 6.15 - 6.22

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.04 Treasurer's Report - December 2020

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.05 Budget Status Report - January 2021

Action: 4.06 Personnel Report - Certificated

Motion to approve Certificated Report (N.B. Mr. Vilardo abstained on item II)

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.07 Personnel Report - Classified Items

Motion to approve the Personnel Report for Classified Staff

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.08 Committee on Special Education Report

Motion to accept the report from the Committee on Special Education.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.09 Committee on Pre-School Special Education Report

Motion to accept the report from the Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

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

5. Unfinished Business

Information: 5.01 None

6. New Business

Action: 6.01 Acceptance of Funds IDEA Parts A & B, Section 611

Motion to accept Funds IDEA Parts A & B, Section 611

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.02 Acceptance of Funds IDEA Parts A & B, Section 619

Motion to accept Funds IDEA Parts A & B, Section 619

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.03 Acceptance of Funds Universal Pre-Kindergarten

Motion to Accept Funds Universal Pre-Kindergarten

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.04 Acceptance of Funds Smart Scholars Early College High School

Motion to accept Funds Smart Scholars Early College High School

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.05 Acceptance of Funds Title II A, Teacher/Principal Training/Recruitment

Motion to accept Funds Title II A, Teacher/Principal Training/Recruitment

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.06 Approval of Acceptance Funds for Title IIIA, ELL  
Motion to accept Funds for Title IIIA, ELL

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.07 Approval of Receipt of Gift From Communities of Giving Legacy Initiative  
Motion to approve Receipt of Gift From Communities of Giving Legacy Initiative

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.08 Approval of Contract For Consulting Services With Respect To The Development And Implementation Of A Social, Emotional, Behavioral And Academic Multi-Tiered Systems Of Support Model(Mtss), Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls and Dr. Lisa Kilanowski (Hereinafter Dr. Lisa Kilanowski), From January 29, 2021 Through August 31, 2021  
Motion to approve Contract For Consulting Services With Respect To The Development And Implementation Of A Social, Emotional, Behavioral And Academic Multi-Tiered Systems Of Support Model(Mtss), Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls and Dr. Lisa Kilanowski (Hereinafter Dr. Lisa Kilanowski), From January 29, 2021 Through August 31, 2021

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.09 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 18, 2021

Motion to appoint 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 18, 2021

Motion by Clara Dunn, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.10 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 to approve 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 Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.11 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 to approve 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 Russell Petrozzi.

Action: 6.12 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

Motion to approve 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

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.13 Approval of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls to continue COVID-19 related benefits to employees under the FFCRA

Motion to approve the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls to continue COVID-19 related benefits to employees under the FFCRA

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.14 Approval of Filing of Proposed Public Employer Health Emergency Plan Addendum to the Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan, for Employee Comment

Motion to approve Filing of Proposed Public Employer Health Emergency Plan Addendum to the Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan, for Employee Comment

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.15 Approval of Bid Contract 112 - General Construction Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage Bid No. 12 for the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve Bid Contract 112 - General Construction Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage Bid No. 12 for the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.16 Approval of Bid Contract 113 - Plumbing Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage Bid No. 12 For The 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve Bid Contract 113 - Plumbing Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage Bid No. 12 For The 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.17 Approval of Bid Contract 114 - Mechanical / HVAC Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage Bid No. 12 for the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve Bid Contract 114 - Mechanical / HVAC Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage Bid No. 12 for the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.18 Approval of Bid No.12 Contract 115 - Electrical Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage Bid No. 12 for the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve Bid No.12 Contract 115 - Electrical Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage Bid No. 12 for the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.19 Approval of Contract 112 - General Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage, Bid No. 12 for the 2020/2021 School Year

Motion to approve Contract 112 - General Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage, Bid No. 12 for the 2020/2021 School Year

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.20 Approval of Contract 113 - Plumbing Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage, Bid No. 12 for the 2020/2021 School Year

Motion to approve Contract 113 - Plumbing Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage, Bid No. 12 for the 2020/2021 School Year

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.21 Approval of Contract 114 - Mechanical / HVAC Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage, Bid No. 12 for the 2020/2021 School Year

Motion to approve Contract 114 - Mechanical / HVAC Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage, Bid No. 12 for the 2020/2021 School Year

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.22 Approval of Contract 115 - Electrical Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage, Bid No. 12 for the 2020/2021 School Year

Motion to approve Contract 115 - Electrical Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage, Bid No. 12 for the 2020/2021 School Year

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.23 Approval of Change Order No. 106-006 For Scrufari Construction Co, LLC For General Construction Work On The Stewardship Capital Projects - District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II  
Approval of Change Order No. 106-006 For Scrufari Construction Co, LLC For General Construction Work On The Stewardship Capital Projects - District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.24 Approval of Change Order No. 111-005 For Johnson Controls Inc. - For Temperature Control Work On The Stewardship Capital Projects - District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II

Motion to approve Change Order No. 111-005 For Johnson Controls Inc. - For Temperature Control Work On The Stewardship Capital Projects - District-Wide Reconstruction Phase II

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.25 Approval of Payment No. 10 to Scrufari Construction Co, Llc. For General Contractor Work, Contract #106, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion to approve Payment No. 10 to Scrufari Construction Co, Llc. For General Contractor Work, Contract #106, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.26 Approval of Payment No. 12 to John W. Danforth Company. For Mechanical / HVAC Work, Contract #108/109, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion to approve Payment No. 12 to John W. Danforth Company. For Mechanical / HVAC Work, Contract #108/109, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Action: 6.27 Approval of Payment No. 11 to CIR Electric Co. For Electrical Work, Contract #110, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion to approve Payment No. 11 to CIR Electric Co. For Electrical Work, Contract #110, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.28 Approval of Payment No. 10 to Johnson Controls Inc. For Temperature Control Work, Contract #111, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion to approve Payment No. 10 to Johnson Controls Inc. For Temperature Control Work, Contract #111, for The Stewardship Capital Project

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

## 7. Review of Proposed Policy(ies)

Action: 7.01 Motion to waive 30 day table

Motion to waive 30 day table

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action, Information: 7.02 Resolution Adopting Amended Policy 3240 Anti-Harassment in the School District

Motion to adopt Amended Policy 3240 Anti-Harassment in the School District

Motion by Earl F Bass, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

## 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 Motion to Enter Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the demotion, discipline, suspension, or removal of three entities - person(s), or corporation; proposed litigation between the District and an individual and between the District relative to the Child Victims Act; and a possible 3020A proceeding.

Motion to Enter Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the demotion, discipline, suspension, or removal of three entities - person(s), or corporation; proposed litigation between the District and an individual and between the District relative to the Child Victims Act; and a possible 3020A proceeding.

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 10.02 Motion to exit Executive Session  
Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 10.03 Adjournment in memory of the following who recently passed away:

JoAnn Mease, mother-in-law of NFHS science teacher Nadezda Mease.

Marvin Smeal, uncle of Director of Facilities Earl and Hyde Park Secretary Lynette; great uncle of NFHS teacher Nicholas Smeal.

Joan M. Conti, mother-in-law of NFHS Social Studies teacher Julia Conti

Dolores M. (Krell) Donovan mother of Hyde Park Teaching Assistant Judith Finitz; Michael J.

"Mickey" DeFranco, father-in-law of Hyde Park Teaching Assistant Judith Finitz

David George, uncle of Hyde Park Grade Two teacher David Glahe.

Joan Kralick, mother of Special Education Colene Melson, (79th St), mother-in-law of Social Studies teacher Dean Melson, (NFHS), grandmother of Grade six teacher Kristopher Melson, (Cataract).

E. Lois Hughes, mother of retired Senior School Monitor Joyce Wiepert.

Elizabeth (Jardin) Richardson, retired 79th Street School teacher.

Edward Rajczak, father of Science Teacher Matthew Rajczak, father in law of School Counselor Rose Rajczak.

Judith G. Pero, retired NFHS English teacher, mother of special education teachers Jack Pero and Jaime Pero.

Marjean Leissle, mother of Central Office Secretary Linda Hohmann.

Patrick Pyska, father of Cataract PE Teacher Patricia Pilon.

Motion to adjourn

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Agenda Review Session  
February 11, 2021  
Board Room – 630 66th Street  
Held Remotely and Live-Streamed

Mr. Cancemi opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT (remotely): Ron Barstys, Earl Bass, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn, Paul Kudela Anthony Paretto, Russ Petrozzi, N Vilardo, V. Cancemi  
L Baldassarre, J. Doerr, J Giarrizzo, J. Glaser, R. Granieri, R. Holody, J Jacklin, J Roscetti, N Ruffolo, , Angelo Massaro, M Massaro, R Schwertfager, E Smeal  
Ann Dafchick, April Bradley - Gucots

### **Capital Projects Update**

Provided by April Bradley (Buffalo Building Consultants)

Maple: Change Order – decorative, acoustical fence to obscure mechanics outdoors being tested here, may expand to other schools;

Maple: Change Order – stage rooftop unit for airflow required acoustical layers to be installed; a pre-existing skylight was discovered. District personnel will refinish floor and replace 80-year-old curtain. Door hardware installed at various locations at NFHS.

Hyde Park: Change order – access door to chimney replaced with a larger access panel;

Condensing unit removed;

Gaskill: windows security film install required removal, repair of panes, ensuring windows don't fall out in the library.

92.87 % of capital projects are complete, due to pandemic; five major tasks left to be done:

- 79<sup>th</sup> St: Heating System : Radiator Demo, Fin Tube Installation, New Boiler Tie-Ins
- Abate: Demo and Install of Kitchen Sanitary Line
- Maple: New Millwork in 2 Classrooms & New VCT Flooring in 10 Classrooms
- NFHS: Millwork and New Sinks at Cafeteria Restrooms
- Cx (Commissioning) / Testing & Balancing of all New Systems

There will be three Change Orders for 2/25 relating to the projects totaling \$35,568.93. Total of 1.74% change orders to date including owner requests in Phase II..

Maintenance barn: abiding by PLA agreement; working with insurance company; adding a request by our workers to add a man door as a second form of egress, plumbing, and a garage door;

HJK roof: bid to replace remainder of Kalfas roof with funds not expended on these projects;

SMART Schools Bond Act: \$8.8 million was received by the District some years ago. \$4.7 million was spent (exterior upgrades, safety precautions); now we are submitting a \$1.8 million project to upgrade and add security cameras; also, a visitor entry system (RAPTOR); these items ( HJK roof, SMART Schools) will go to bid presently. \$2.7 million will remain in SMARTschools. Teacher, prep, high school laptops may be replaced.

District-owned bus: pick up tardy students, travel for small groups; needs CDL driver, certification. \$10,800.

### **COVID-19 Update**

Provided by Mr. Laurie

Laptops 2,070 laptops are coming in to be checked and re-synched with the network; 1,252 have come in for that check so far. Only minor damage has been found so far for the most part. Kudos to Mr. Granieri and team on their work.

Athletics: OSC R Meranto and students are now streaming Wolverine athletics.

Field House: being used by NF Memorial Medical Center for second doses.

Academics: new Commissioner. Do not know if grades three – eight exams and Regents exams will be waived.

Summer School: planning to do more virtual or targeted summer school for all grades;

Report Cards: grades 7 – 12 report cards are being mailed tomorrow. The Superintendent of Schools will review every grade, class by class. He is seeing a trend of fully remote students showing lower academic achievement by ten percent or more lower than hybrid students.

School Renaming Committee: 43 names of persons interested in serving on this committee have been submitted to the clerk so far - 8 students, 4 teachers, 31 parents/residents.

### **2021-2022 General Fund Budget Update**

Provided by Mr. Laurie, Mr. Giarrizzo

COVID-related expenses since last meeting total \$31091.40 , cumulative total to date is \$476,995.25.

20% withholding by State = \$2.6 million

The State February payment of \$9,967,352 is due to the District on February 26.

Updated gap sheet:

Appropriations changes: added cabinet level position; State TRS rate 9.8%, which is a slight reduction.

Overtime across District: anticipate reduction as capital projects end.

BOCES – up \$200,000

Athletic uniforms: need replacing; two sets boys and girls uniforms in various sports.

Gap: \$1.2 million

Potential measures to close gap were enumerated. Potential of some \$500,000 in grant carry-over may reduce that gap.

Revenue: what federal government will do remains to be seen. Theoretically, the State will make up the 20% reduction in March.

CARES funds application still under review.

A review of agenda was held.

Meeting concluded at 7:32 p.m.



CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Falls, New York

**Agenda**

**02/25/2021 Regular Board 7 p.m.**

**HELD REMOTELY DUE TO PANDEMIC**

**1. Agenda Review Session**

Mr. Cancemi opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Laurrie introduced the NFHS Administrative Team:

**Career Pathways at NFHS Administrative Team:**

Chief Educational Administrator Mrs. Cynthia Jones, House Principals Ms. Cheryl Vilardo, Mr. Ed Ventry, and Mr. Bryan Rotella provided the following update:

Mr. Laurrie: NFHS is moving toward a three year, phased-in program to hold students more accountable, while experiencing possibilities for their future plans. The District must graduate students with “value-added” diplomas, so that each will graduate with a career pathway experience. Toward that end, the high school team has developed Career Development for All Students: CDOS. Nursing, welding, carpentry, and other areas of possible work or study will be featured in addition to Regents, Advanced Placement or college credit-bearing courses. Mrs. Jones will report to the Board approximately monthly.

Mrs. Jones: The team has created a Post-Secondary Success Plan to prepare students fully.

Currently, approximately 33% of students are not graduating in four years. This presents an opportunity to do different things to address this concerning fact. Post-high school plans for students currently show 76% are college bound; others are heading to military or to areas of work, but still a percentage is not graduating.

Three pathways have been defined: Human Services, Global, and Business and Finance. In grade nine all students will be exposed to all fields via speakers, field trips, and research. Each year this will be a more in-depth experience. By Junior year, students will choose a ‘school’ that specializes in their chosen path. BOCES opportunities are incorporated, as are college courses. There will be remote options as well.

Daemen College, Niagara University, and Niagara County Community College have approached NFHS with interest, as have professionals like doctors. They are interested in working with students.

This will take time and restructuring of schedules, as well as flexibility. New student schedules starting in September will take the day from eight to nine class periods. This will allow students to participate in more areas of interests. Periods will go from the current 48 minutes to 40 minute classes. (NFCSD had the longest periods in WNY high schools at 48 minutes.) Teachers agree that this is wise. This will accommodate as well the arts and music. BOCES students will start the day at 8:15 a.m. instead of the current time of 7:20 a.m. This is beneficial to teenaged individuals. A starting time of 8:15 a.m. will likely also make attendance better.

Regarding teachers: the time of the teaching days remains the same, so there is no contractual difficulty. Each will still have 5 classes and lunch, but will have 1 ½ assigned and 1 ½ unassigned periods.

#### Immediate Action Items:

- Trades Certification Courses planned (OSHA 10 class provided)
- Career and Financial Management Course to be developed
- Work-Based Learning job opportunities established for grade 12 students by Work-Based Learning Coordinators
- Increase flexibility for Twilight students with a combination of remote and in-person classes
- Adjust Master Scheduling practices:
- flexible schedules for students
- Half year courses implemented
- flexible fourth math
- flexible fourth science
- All accumulated 8th grade credits ascribed toward high school credit requirement
- All BOCES credits for English, Math, and Science (eight credits over two years) attributed to BOCES students
- Create 5 sections for every teacher with lower class sizes
- Establish an “Early Warning Indicator” Team
- Select staff for two Work Based Learning Coordinator positions
- Re-establish grade nine teams
- Re-establish separate PE for grade nine
- Expand Unified PE Program
- Remote participation parameters to be established

#### **2021-2022 General Fund Budget Update -Mr. Laurie Mr. Giarrizzo**

Casino funds: still on hold

NY State is still withholding \$1.8 million

\$71,000 month has been spent on COVID-related expenses

\$483,751.42 total COVID-related expenses year to date

Appropriations changes: there will be no increase in rates the District pays for active employees and retirees with NY44 health coverage, resulting in a reduction of the budget gap.

Selling power: is yielding \$30,000 less than anticipated.

The remaining Gap is just over \$500,000.

The budget reflects a less than 1.6% increase year to year.

State budget: will not be seen until mid-March. If the State budget passes by April 1, there will time to adjust as needed.

CPI is 1.59

This is the lowest gap at this point in the budget process in years. Hopefully the State won't balance its budget with CARES funding designated for schools.

Tax Cap: at 1.23% The District could only raise taxes \$456 without a supermajority of voters.

**Review of Agenda** – An agenda review was held.

## **2. Call to Order**

**2.01** Pledge of Allegiance

**2.02** Prayer

**2.03** Roll Call

### **3. Letters and Communications -**

**3.01** Oral Communications - None

**3.02** Written Communications- None

### **4. Recommended Actions from the Superintendent of Schools - Routine Matters**

**4.01** Minutes – January 2021 ([SG 4](#))

Motion to approve minutes - January 2021

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**4.02** Approval of Budget Transfer - #7 ([SG3](#))

Approval of Budget Transfer - #6

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**4.03** Approval of Bids - None ([SG3](#))

**4.04** Treasurer's Report –January 2021 ([SG3](#)) Received and filed.

**4.05** Budget Status Report – February 2021 ([SG3](#)) Received and filed.

**4.06** Personnel Report – Certificated ([SG 1, 2](#))

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**4.07 Personnel Report - Classified** ([SG 1, 2](#))

Motion to approve the Personnel Report for Classified Staff

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**4.08 Report from Committee on Special Education** ([SG 1](#))

Motion to accept the report from the Committee on Special Education.

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**4.09 Report from Committee on Preschool Special Education** ([SG 1](#))

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**4.10 Short-Term Contracts** ([SG 1, 3](#))

1. Amplify Education, Inc Workshops for Science Teachers Grades 6 and 7 \$1,200  
F2110.404.098.4321 February 10, 11, 2021

2. Amy Ruffino Beyond Boundaries Therapy Occupational Therapy Evaluation \$450.00  
F2250.404.098.0721 TBD by Parent and Guardian

3. Gregory Fabiano, PhD Training Teachers on working with students \$0.00 On going 2020-2021

## 5. Unfinished Business

### 5.01 None

## 6. New Business

*Items 6.01 – 6.04 were approved on a motion by Ronald J Barstys, seconded by Russell Petrozzi.*

*Final Resolution: Motions Carry*

*Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn*

### **6.01** Acceptance of Funds Title I - Part A - Improvement and Academic Achievement

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2020-2021 Title I Basic School Improvement Grant; and

RESOLVED, That the grant award of \$225,000 be credited to Revenue Account F4289.030.21 Title I School Improvement Grant; and

RESOLVED, That the money be expended in the following function/object codes:

Account Code	Description	Budget
F2103.132.098.0321	TEACHERS - PER DIEM	\$ 19,260
F2103.140.098.0321	TEACHERS - SCHEDULE B	121,459
F2103.404.098.0321	PURCHASED SERVICES	66,995
F2103.540.098.0321	SUPPLIES	17,286
TOTAL		\$225,000

Revenue Code F4289.030.21

### **6.02** Acceptance of Funds - Title 1, School Improvement (SIG A)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the Acceptance of Funds for the 2019-2020 ESEA Title I Grant; and

RESOLVED, That the grant award of \$4,084,885 be credited to Revenue Account F4126.010.21 ESEA Title I Grant; and

RESOLVED, That the money be expended in the following function/object codes:

ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	FTE	BUDGET
F0120	TOTAL DISTRICT	39.50	\$2,714,287
F0120	INSTRUCTIONAL TSA	12.45	1,168,923
F0120	PARENT INVOLVEMENT	66,276	
F0120	NON-PUBLIC	135,399	
GRAND TOTAL		51.95	\$4,084,885

Revenue Code: F4126.010.21

### **6.03** Acceptance of Funds for the 2020-2021 ESEA Title IV – Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) Program Grant

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2020-2021 ESEA Title IV – Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) Program Grant; and

RESOLVED, That the grant award of \$316,988 be credited to Revenue Account F4289.020.21; and

RESOLVED, That the money be expended in the following function/object codes:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
F2110.132.098.0221	Per Diem	\$ 10,700
F2110.133.049.0221	Instructional Coach – GPS	50,258
F2110.133.050.0221	Instructional Coach – LPS	50,258
F2110.138.098.0221	Classroom Tech Integrator	100,516
F2110.140.098.0221	Schedule B	18,658
F2110.404.098.0221	Purchased Services	67,000
F2110.404.079.0221	Purchased Services –Cath. Acad.	4,330
F2110.409.098.0221	Travel	13,000
F2110.540.084.0221	Supplies – Christ the King	576
F2110.540.079.0221	Supplies – Cath. Acad.	1,692
		\$316,988

Revenue Code: F4289.020.21

**6.04** Acceptance of Funds Community Development Block Grant Funds from the City of Niagara Falls

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant Funds; and

RESOLVED, That the grant award of \$100,000 be credited to Revenue Account F4289.020.21; and

RESOLVED, That the money be expended in the following function/object codes:

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
F2110.404.098.8821 CARES CITY OF NF – Purchased Services	\$ 45,000
F2110.540.098.8821 CARES CITY OF NF – Supplies	55,000
	\$100,000

Revenue Code: F4286.880.21

*Item 6.05 were approved on a motion by Clara Dunn, seconded by Earl F Bass.*

*Final Resolution: Motion Carries*

*Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn*

**6.05** 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

RESOLVED, That the following be adopted and implemented as official procedure for the 2021 School Board Election/Budget Vote:

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA, NEW YORK as follows:

Section 1. The Public Hearing on the School Budget shall be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Niagara Falls School District Administration Building (Board Room), located at 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York. The annual school election/budget vote of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, shall be held on May 18, 2021, at 12:00 o'clock noon (E.D.S.T.) for the following purpose:

1. To elect two members to the Board of Education, who will each serve a full five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2021.
2. To adopt the annual budget of the school district for the fiscal year 2021/22 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

The voting at such annual school district election shall be by ballot on voting machines as provided by the Education Law, at such election the polls will remain open from 12:00 o'clock noon until 9:00 o'clock p.m. and for such longer period of time as may be necessary to enable voters then present to cast their ballots.

Section 2. The voting at such election will be held in the school election districts designated and established by resolutions of the Board of Education adopted March 13, 2014, and such voting shall be held at the particular polling places for said school election districts as designated by resolution of the Board of Education at its February 25, 2021 Regular Meeting. A list of such school election district polling site for each shall be as set forth in Schedule A, as follows:

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CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT      LEGISLATIVE

DISTRICT ELECTION

DISTRICT

1	3rd *1, 11	Board of Education Admin. Bldg.	630 – 66th Street
2	*2 , 3	St. John DeLaSalle	8469 Buffalo Ave.
3	*4 , 8, 13	Grace Lutheran Church	736 Cayuga Dr.
4	*5	LaSalle Senior Citizens Ctr.	9501 Colvin Blvd.
5	*6 , 7	Geraldine J. Mann School	1330 – 95th Street
6	*9 , 10	79th Street School	551 – 79th Street
7	*12	Community Education Center	6040
		Lindbergh Ave.	
8	4th *1	St. John AME Church	917 Garden Ave.
9	*2 , 4	V.F.W. Post 917	2435 Seneca Ave.
10	*3	Wrobel Towers	800 Niagara Ave.
11	*5 , 6	Niagara Falls Public Library	1425 Main Street
12	*7 , 8	Niagara Arts & Cultural Ctr.	1201 Pine Ave.
13	5th *1 , 2, 3	Maple Avenue School	952 Maple Ave.
14	*4	Spallino Towers	720 Tenth Street
15	*5 , 6	John Duke Senior Citizens Ctr.	1201 Hyde Park Blvd.
16	6th *1	Hyde Park School	1620 Hyde Park Blvd.
17	*2	Gaskill Prep School	910 Hyde Park Blvd.
18	*3 , 4 , 8	Cristoforo Columbo Society	2223 Pine Ave.



19	*5	City Hall	745 Main Street
20	*6 , 7	Niagara Street School	2513 Niagara Street
21	*9	Packard Court Center	4300 Pine Ave.
22	*10	LaSalle Prep School	7436 Buffalo Ave.

**\*ACCESS FOR HANDICAPPED**

Section 3. Notice of such election/budget vote (see Attachment 1) and the business to be acted upon thereat shall be given as required by law and published in the Niagara Gazette newspaper published in Niagara Falls, New York, such publications to be made four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks preceding the date of the annual election/budget vote. The initial advertisement shall appear at least forty-five (45) days (April 3, 2021) before the date of the election/budget vote.

Section 4. Such notice of such election shall be of such form and content as it required by law, including without limitation sections 2004 and 2007 of the Education Law. Each such notice shall state the day of the election to which it refers and the hours during which the polls are to be opened, shall state that an accurate description of the boundaries of the school election districts into which the school district is divided is on file and may be inspected in the office of the Board of Education, shall be held, shall state in substance any proposition which is to be submitted at such election and shall contain all provisions required by law. The Clerk of the Board of Education shall cause due and timely publication of such notice.

Section 5. The Clerk of the Board of Education is hereby directed to cause a copy of the appropriate register of voters to be delivered on the day of said election before the opening of the polls on such day to the inspectors of each polling place with the school district at the place or places where such election is to be held. Upon the closing the polls at such election, the ballots cast thereat shall be counted or canvassed by the inspectors of election in the manner provided by Section 2610 of the Education Law.

The votes cast for each candidate or proposition(s) shall be tallied and counted by the inspectors and a statement shall be made by them containing the names of each candidate receiving votes in such district and the number of votes cast for each proposition. Such statement shall be signed by the inspectors of election. The statement of the canvass of the votes shall be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Education not later than the day following the election to which it refers and at which such votes were cast. The inspectors of election shall take all action and do all things necessary or required by law in connection with their performance or their duties incidental to such annual school election.

Date: February 25, 2021  
Judith Glaser, Clerk of the Board of Education

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET VOTE AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing for the voters of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls 2021-22 budget and expenditure of funds vote will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at the City of Niagara Falls City School District Administration Building (Board Room), located at 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Education of this District will have prepared and completed a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing fiscal year, 2021-22, for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and amount of each, together with the text of any resolution which will be presented to the voters. The amount of each purchase estimated necessary for payments to Boards of Cooperative Education Services shall be set forth in full with no deduction of estimated state aid. Said statement will be available, upon request, to taxpayers within this District during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from May 4th through May 18th with the exception of Saturdays, Sundays or holidays at each schoolhouse in the District.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE That a copy of such statement may be obtained from the District Clerk's Office each day other than Saturday, Sunday or holidays during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the period of May 4th through May 18th.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the annual school election/budget vote of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls shall be held on May 18, 2021, at 12:00 o'clock noon (E.D.S.T.) to 9:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To elect two members to the Board of Education, who will each serve a full five-year term of office commencing July 1, 2021. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the board of education must be filed in the office of the clerk of the district between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., not later than April 28, 2021. The petition must be signed by at least 100 qualified voters.
2. To adopt the annual budget of the school district for the fiscal year 2021/22 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

The voting at such annual school district election/budget vote shall be by ballot on voting machines as provided by the Education Law, at such election the polls will remain open from 12:00 o'clock noon until 9:00 o'clock p.m. and for such longer period of time as may be necessary to enable voters then present to cast their ballots.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the voting at such election will be held in the school election district polling sites designated and established by resolution of the Board of Education adopted February 25, 2021. Polling sites for the election/budget vote to be held on May 18, 2021, are listed at the end of this notice.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the Annual School District Election/Budget Vote to be held as specified above, the Budget for the School Year 2021/22 proposition will be presented as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

Shall the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the proposed 2021-2022 budget submitted to the Annual Meeting on May 18, 2021, and to levy the necessary tax; therefore be it?

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the clerk of the district at 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, NY. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the said office of the clerk on each of

the five (5) business days prior to the day of the election and that such list will also be available at the polling places on the day of the election.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the board of registration shall meet to prepare the register of the school district on Monday, April 26, 2021 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Niagara Falls High School, located at 4455 Porter Road, Niagara Falls, New York.

Any qualified person may have his/her name placed upon such register who shall present themselves personally for registration. The register prepared will be filed in the office of the clerk of the district and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday, beginning Tuesday, April 27, 2021 until the day of election, May 18, 2021.

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\*ACCESS FOR HANDICAPPED - If you have any further questions concerning your registration, poll site or applying for an absentee ballot, please call the District Clerk at 286-4204

Date: April 3, 17, May 1, & 15 2021

*Items 6.06 – 6.07 were approved on a motion by Russell Petrozzi, seconded by Earl F Bass.*

*Final Resolution: Motions Carry*

*Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn*

**6.06 Approval of a Contract for Professional Consultant Services by Independent Contractor for Truancy Prevention Programs – R. Cunningham Consultants, Inc. 3/1/21 –2/28/22**

RESOLVED, That the Contract for Professional Consultant Services by an Independent Contractor for Truancy Prevention Programs between the Niagara Falls City School District and R. Cunningham Consultants, Inc. attached hereto, be approved; and

RESOLVED, That the Contract is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute such contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
CONSULTANT SERVICES  
BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

This agreement, MADE THIS 25th DAY OF February 2021, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 Sixty Sixth Street, Niagara Falls, New York, 14304 (hereinafter called the "First Party"), and R. Cunningham Consultants, Inc., P.O. Box 432, Niagara Falls, New York 14302 hereinafter called the "Second Party");

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the Parties do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. Engagement of Second Party. The First Party hereby engages the Second Party as an independent contractor to render to the First Party the professional consulting services in the area of truancy prevention, hereinafter described, and the Second Party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
2. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party. The Second Party shall provide and render to the First Party the usual and customary services of a consultant as they relate to interpreting services and shall include without limitation, the following:
  - a. Provide truancy prevention intervention services Grades PreK-12;
  - b. The Second Party will maintain the strictest standards of ethical behavior and confidentiality;

All of these functions shall be performed under the direction of the Superintendent. This consultant should possess a thorough knowledge of truancy prevention initiatives.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. The Second Party shall not be an employee of the First Party. The Second Party is engaged by the First Party only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement, and the relationship to the First Party during the term of this Agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services hereinbefore expressly set forth, in the exclusive capacity of independent contractor only, and in no event as servant or employee except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have the power to control the activities and operations of the other and their status at all times will continue to be that of independent contractor.

4. Compensation to the Second Party. Upon receipt of due monthly invoice indicating the days worked and duties performed, the First Party shall pay to the Second Party, for services rendered hereunder, a sum not to exceed \$55,000, to be paid monthly by checks made payable to the order of the Second Party in equal monthly installments of \$4,583 provided the invoices are received and approved by the District and receipt of a monthly report by the Superintendent. Payment checks payable to the order of the Second Party shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by the Second Party.

5. Indemnification and Insurance. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Second Party shall indemnify and hold harmless the First Party, its agents, servants, and/or employees from and against any and all costs, losses, and damages arising out of the performance of its services under this Agreement excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the First Party, its agents, servants and/or employees.

The Second Party shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the First Party. All policies shall name the First Party as an additional part insured. The Second Party is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Workers' Compensation insurance as required by law. Certificates of insurance shall be filed with the First Party prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificates. The certificates shall contain provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty days prior written notice is given to the First Party.

6. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022, provided, however, that any Party may, at any given time, terminate this Contract in all respects by giving to the other Party ten days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

7. Assignment. The Independent Contractor may hire and pay assistants; however, the Independent Contractor is responsible for all wages, benefits, and taxes for any assistants so hired.

8. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by all of the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

CONSULTANT

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald Cunningham

\_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Education

STATE OF NEW YORK )

) ss:

COUNTY OF NIAGARA )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2021, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of New York, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, to me known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same

in his capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, t/he individual, or the person upon behalf of the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF NEW YORK       )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF        NIAGARA        )

On this        day of   February 2021, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of New York, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, President of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, to me known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her capacity, and that by her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

**6.07** Approval of Contract Between The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Marty Shimmel, Independent Contractor, For Professional Services in Securing Sponsorships and/or Gifts For Benefit of the District 3/1/2021 - 1/31/22

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Marty Shimmel, Independent Contractor, for professional services in identifying and securing individual and corporate sponsors and/or donors desiring to partner with the District, at a fee not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) per month and an amount equal to 8.0% the amount of sponsorships or gifts secured by Marty Shimmel, Independent Contractor, and received by the District, for the period March 1, 2021 through January 31 , 2022, a copy of which Contract is attached; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Contract is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute such Contract; and

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT, made this 1st day of March 2021 by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, the "District", and Marty Shimmel, Independent Contractor.

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby, MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

1. Engagement of Consultant: The District hereby engages the Consultant as an Independent Consultant to render to the District professional services in securing private and corporate funding sponsors and/or donors, as are hereinafter more specifically described, and the Consultant hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
2. Professional Services and Duties of the Consultant: The Consultant shall provide and render to the District consulting services in securing private and/or corporate funding sponsors and/or donors, which shall include but not be limited to the following:
  - A. Prepare comprehensive assessments of the goals and targets of the District to secure private and corporate funding for sponsorships and/or gifts and to develop strategies to secure such funding opportunities from private and corporate sponsors;
  - B. Establish and recommend values for the various components of the District Athletic Complex including but not limited to the Field House, Football Field and Track, Baseball Fields, Soccer Fields and Tennis Courts, Roads, pathways and parking areas, to the Board for its consideration and approval;
  - c. To prepare various funding proposals to encourage and secure private and corporate sponsorships and/or gifts in accordance with the District's Naming Policy;
  - D. Identify private and corporate sources respective to participation in funding sponsorships and/or giving of gifts;
  - E. Create a clear message that identifies projects that are relevant to targeted private and corporate sponsors and/or including not-for-profit sponsors;
  - F. Meet with the identified private and corporate sponsors and/or donors to secure their sponsorship or gift;
  - G. Submit and follow up on requests for funding from identified sponsors and/or donors;
  - H. Facilitate negotiations between interested private and corporate sponsors and/or donors and the District, including scheduling and participating in negotiations, if requested by the District;
  - I. Assist the District in concluding appropriate and acceptable Agreements with the identified private or corporate sponsors and/or donors;
  - J. To do such other things necessary to secure the funding in accordance with the terms of this Contract and District policies.

All services and functions to be performed shall be performed by Consultant in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools and/or his designee.

3. Relationship between the Parties: The Consultant shall not be an employee of the District. The Consultant is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Contract and the relationship to the District during the term of this Contract shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services hereinbefore expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of independent consultant only and in no event as servant or employee. Except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have the power to control the activities and operations of the other and their status at all times will continue to be that of independent contractor.

4. Approval of Values: Consultant acknowledges and agrees the District has the unrestricted right to accept, reject or modify the values presented by the Consultant, at any time, and the Consultant's fee shall be determined on the value as finally determined by the Board.

5. Securing Sponsorships: The District agrees to have appropriate representatives meet with the Consultant upon the execution of this Contract to provide the Consultant such information about the District and its mission and intent in offering sponsorships or requesting gifts. Thereafter, neither the Board and/or Superintendent and/or District representative shall be involved in any manner with obtaining the Sponsorships and/or gifts except as specifically provided in this Contract, unless such involvement or participation is approved in writing by the Superintendent.

6. Compensation to Consultant:

(a) The District shall pay to the Consultant and the Consultant accepts for its services such amounts, and in such manner, as provided in "Attachment A", which is a part of this Contract.

(b) The Consultant shall be paid only for those services it provides in such amounts and in such manner as provided in "Attachment A" and shall not be entitled to payment for any other additional services unless such services are requested to be performed, in writing, by the Superintendent.

(c) Consultant has been advised and acknowledges and agrees that the District has the unrestricted right to accept or reject an offer from a sponsor presented to it by Consultant for any reason, and that it shall not be entitled to nor make claim for a fee for the offer presented to and rejected by the District and further agrees it shall be entitled to a fee only if an Agreement is concluded between the District and the Sponsor and or Donor and the funds are received in accordance with the terms of the concluded Agreement

(d) Consultant agrees that it shall only be entitled to a fee for offers made by sponsors it secures for the District and for which an Agreement is concluded and executed by the District and that should the District secure an offer and conclude an Agreement with entities or persons other than those it presents to the District, it shall not be entitled to a fee.

(e) Consultant has been advised and acknowledges that the District's Naming Policy provides for the incremental use of the amount offered by sponsor to be spread over a number of years as determined by the District in its sole discretion, and as result thereof it agrees that if requested by the District it shall accept it's agreed upon fee in installments equal to the number of years over which the amount of the sponsorship may be extended, provided however, the District shall pay said fee in such installments to the Consultant



whether or not he is in contractual relationship with the District, or if deceased to his heirs and/or his distributes. Further, in the event an Agreement is concluded with a Sponsor and is earlier terminated in such a manner as may require the District to return future installments of the amount paid to the Sponsor, it, Consultant shall waive its right to its fee due, if any, on the installments so returned.

License: The Consultant shall have such valid licenses that may be required by any governmental entity or division thereof to provide the services indicated in this Contract.

8. Taxes and Insurance: As an Independent Contractor, the Consultant is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, worker's compensation and unemployment insurance. The Consultant as Independent Contractor shall obtain liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District and naming the District and the Board of Education as additional named insured's and shall file certificates evidencing such insurance with the District prior to commencing services under this Contract.

9. Indemnification: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its agents, servants and/or employees from and against any and all cost, losses and damages arising out of the performance of its services under this Contract excepting however, the negligent acts or omissions of the District, its agents, servants and/or employees.

10. Term of Contract: This Contract shall be effective from March 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022, provided however, that any party may at any given time terminate this Contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty (30) days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

11. Assignment: The services to be rendered by the Consultant under this Contract are unique and personal. Accordingly, the Consultant shall not transfer or assign any of the duties or obligations under this Contract and any attempted such transfer, assignment or delegation shall be wholly void.

12. Entire Contract: This Contract contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by all of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract on the day and year first above written.

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Marty Shimmel, Independent Contractor  
of Education

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President, Niagara Falls Board  
of Education

"ATTACHMENT A"

MARTY SHIMMEL, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

FEE SCHEDULE

MARCH 1, 2021 – JANUARY 31, 2022

The following fees will be paid to Consultant for all services rendered pursuant to this Contract.

- Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000 ) monthly, payable on or before the 10th day of the month next succeeding the month that services rendered, commencing March 10, 2021 and

continuing on the 10th day of each month thereafter with the last installment due upon termination of this Contract, January 31, 2022; plus

- Eight percent (8.0%) commission on the amount of Sponsorships or Gifts secured by Consultant and receipt thereof by the District, in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

STATE OF NEW YORK:  
COUNTY OF NIAGARA: ss.:

On this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2021, the undersigned, a Notary Public in the said state, personally appeared, Marty Shimmel, Independent Contractor, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK:  
COUNTY OF NIAGARA: ss.

On this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2021, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in the said state, personally appeared, Vincent J. Cancemi, President of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, to me known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

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Notary Public

**6.08** State Environmental Quality Review Resolution of The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York School District Renovation at Harry F Abate Elementary School

RESOLVED, The Proposed Action, individually and cumulatively, (i) in no case, has a significant adverse impact on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR Part 617; (ii) are not a Type I action as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 617; (iii) does not constitute substantial changes to the existing facilities and (iv) involves routine activities of educational institutions, and, therefore, does not exceed the thresholds for a Type II Action established under 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

RESOLVED, The Board hereby determines the Proposed Action is a Type II action in accordance with SEQRA regulations; and

RESOLVED, No further review of the Proposed Action is required under SEQRA; and

RESOLVED, This resolution shall be effective immediately.

*Items 6.09 – 6.15 were approved on a motion by Anthony F Paretto, seconded by Russell Petrozzi.*

*Final Resolution: Motions Carry*

*Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn*

**6.09** Approval of Payment No. 12 to John W. Danforth Company for plumbing work, Contract #107, for the Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$27,623.16 to John W. Danforth Company, 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #12; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

**6.10** Approval of Payment No. 13 to John W. Danforth Company for mechanical / HVAC work, contract #108/109, for the Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$64,248.27 to John W. Danforth Company, 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #13; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

**6.11** Approval of Payment No. 12 to CIR Electric Co. for electrical work, contract #110, for the Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$183,262.74 to CIR Electric Co. 2715 Long Rd Suite 1 Grand Island, NY 14072 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #12; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

**6.12** Approval of Payment No. 11 to Johnson Controls Inc. for temperature control work, contract #111, for the Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$9,526.00 to Johnson Controls Inc. 130 John Muir Drive, Suite 100 Amherst, NY 14228 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #11; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

**6.13** Approval of Change Order No. 106-007 for Scrufari Construction co., LLC for general construction work on the Stewardship Capital projects – district-wide Reconstruction Phase II

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order No. 106-007 consisting of PCI 025, PCI 039, and PCI 143 for \$19,016.29 to Scrufari Construction Co, LLC, 3925 Hyde Park Blvd, Niagara Falls, NY 14305; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized to execute the construction change order on behalf of the District; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

**6.14** Approval of Change Order No. 107-004 for John W. Danforth Company for plumbing work on the Stewardship Capital Projects – District-wide Reconstruction Phase II

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order No. 107-004 consisting of PCI 036 for \$8,801.76 to John W Danforth Company at 300 Colvin Woods Pkwy Tonawanda, NY 14150; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized to execute the construction change order on behalf of the District; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

**6.15** Approval of Change Order No. 108/109-003 for John W. Danforth Company for HVAC/mechanical work on the stewardship capital projects – District-wide Reconstruction Phase II

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order No. 108/109-003 consisting of PCI 040, PCI 051, PCI 060 and PCI 081 for \$7,750.88 to John W Danforth Company at 300 Colvin Woods Pkwy Tonawanda, NY 14150; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized to execute the construction change order on behalf of the District; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

*Item 6.16 was approved on a motion by Russell Petrozzi, seconded by Rob Bilson.*

*Final Resolution: Motion Carries*

*Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn*

**6.16** Approval of a resolution recognizing Ron Anderluh.

Whereas, Mr. Ron Anderluh has long and faithful service to the students of the City of Niagara Falls City School District; and

Whereas, Mr. Anderluh has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to further the best interests of Niagara Falls Schools by serving on its Audit Committee; and

Whereas, Mr. Anderluh has dedicated an immeasurable amount of time and energy leading the Niagara Street Neighborhood Revitalization Organization to create safe spaces for children in the community; and

Whereas, Mr. Anderluh actively supported the building of a new Niagara Street School in 2007; and

Whereas, Mr. Anderluh has shown friendship and loyalty to all who crossed his path and shared his goal of improving our community;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby expresses its sincere gratitude and admiration to Mr. Ron Anderluh for his contributions as a concerned citizen and true friend, and as a fit and worthy role model to the community's children; and

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Education recognizes the exemplary character and invaluable contributions of Mr. Ron Anderluh.

Mr. Canecmi: Mr. Anderluh expresses his thanks and is humbled by this recognition; he was driven by a desire to better the community and never considered this work a chore. He held countless fundraisers, was involved in innumerable projects. He is the standard against which all will be measured.

Mr. Anderluh appeared virtually and expressed that Niagara Street School was his home, and thanked everyone for the honor.

## **7. Review of the Proposed Policy(ies) None**

### **7.01 Resolution**

## **8. Information and Reports**

Community members speaking via telephone on non-agenda related items:

Rodney Sheard – 404 18<sup>th</sup> Street 14303 Mr. Sheard spoke regarding a letter to the editor published in the Niagara Gazette by Mr. B. Brundidge. As a representative of the Men Standing Strong group, Mr. Sheard wished to state that the group is not in agreement with Mr. Brundidge's viewpoint, as expressed in the Niagara Gazette. Men Standing Proud knows the Superintendent is working hard to get students back to school. The schools continue to have the group's support. Its members are committed to their agenda of renaming schools. The two goals – in-person classes and renaming of schools, are not contradictory.

Gloria Dolson 1502 Ontario Ave. – Ms. Dolson commended Mr. Anderluh, with whom she has worked many times; the evening's resolution honoring him was well-deserved. Concerning remarks made by Mr. Brundidge, Ms. Dolson disagrees with Mr. Brundidge's viewpoint. The schools have great teachers and students. Schools are closed because of a virus. The Board should remember the individuals after whom schools are already named and should rename more. Thanks to Mr. Laurie and the Board, for they hard work.

Jaqueline Pryor- 507 5<sup>th</sup> Street: Ms. Pryor expressed that Mr. Anderluh has always been there for everyone. She offered thanks to Mr. Carella for his time and communication regarding the behavior assessment program, about which she had contacted him with questions.

Regarding the possible renaming of schools: Ms. Pryor's mother, Myra Hooper Pryor Satterfield, was a special education teacher, so this is a matter about which she has the following opinion: renaming schools will help the city in recalling its history vis-a-vis the Underground Railroad and Black history. She disagrees with Mr. Brundidge's viewpoint expressed in the newspaper.

### **8.01 Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent reported that the instance of positive COVID-19 cases is slowing down precipitously; the six-foot social distancing recommendation might be reduced to three feet, with masks remaining in use; students continue to return to schools in greater numbers; the Governor has retracted his previous call for daily vaccination reports; he expressed his thanks to NF Memorial Medical Center for its assistance

with immunizations; reported that summer programs are ready for implementation - Mr. Carella will present on this topic in the future.

Further, mandated assessments for students in grades three through eight have not been waived by the State; the Superintendent's recommendation is that the tests be administered in September and used as baseline indicators; similarly, Regents examinations remain as a requirement in the four, usually required areas: English Language Arts, algebra, living environment, and earth science.

Further, student swim competitions are on pause; spectators will now be allowed at sporting competitions as follows: two spectators per student athlete for basketball and swim, one spectator per student athlete for bowling and hockey.

Further, the Superintendent expressed thanks to Mr. Granieri as he leads technology; a limited number of laptops distributed to students are missing, and approximately 300 need repairs.

## **8.02 Board Members Report and Comments**

Mr. Vilardo: Commended the NFHS staff for the new project presented this evening; expressed that he is glad to meet in person next month, as the Board is trying to get students back to school and should set an example. The District under this and previous Superintendents has come a very long way with budget; it is gratifying to see this marked improvement .

Mrs. Dunn: Commended Mrs. Jones for the new project presented this evening and she is anxious to hear more about it; expressed thanks to NF Memorial Medical Center for its assistance with COVID-19; expressed that she is also anxious to be back to holding Board meetings in person.

Mr. Bass: Expressed his surprised and amusement to see himself in depicted as a graduating senior in NFHS Powerpoint presentation; commended staff at high school and encouraged banks and other financial professionals be invited to be part of the new high school pathways so that education in financial literacy is included; expressed that the state of the proposed budget currently being formulated represents the least stressful in his time serving on the Board; expressed thanks to all staff.

Mr. Paretto: Commended the NFHS staff for the new project presented this evening, and further remarked that is a big undertaking, which is long overdue; he offered kudos to the financial staff on the budget; and remarked that Mr. Anderluh has been a blessing to the community.

Dr. Barstys: expressed his appreciation to the three members of the public who spoke to the Board this evening; expressed that Mr. Anderluh is a treasure to this city; expressed his wish that the Superintendent's recent birthday was enjoyable; and thanked the Superintendent and executive team for their work on the budget; he offered kudos to the NFHS administrative team.

Mr. Bilson: thanked Mrs. Jones and the administrative staff at high school for her work on the new program, presented this evening; he congratulated and thanked Mr. Anderluh for his years of work in the District and community; thanked members of the public who spoke for their time and support; thanked teachers, parents and all year staff for their work during the Covid-19 pandemic; and further thanked the Board members and Superintendent, as they work very hard to do best for students.

Mr. Petrozzi: expressed his thanks to the high school team for trying something new, and said he will share the information with chamber of commerce, so they might assist; he further expressed his tahnks and admiration to Mr. Anderluh for his role in the community these many years.

Mr. Cancemi: offered kudos to Mrs. Jones and the high school staff regarding their new program; thanked Mr. Petrozzi for sharing his expertise regarding capital projects and change orders; expressed belated birthday greetings to the Superintendent; thanked Mr. Anderluh for allowing him to offer words on his behalf, and thanked him for his community contributions over the years; he also thanked the technology team for its work on making the meeting remote.

## 9. Advanced Planning

### 9.01 Future Agenda Items

<b>BRS</b>	<b>ARS/Regular Mtg.</b>
<b>Thursday, March 11th, 2021</b>	<b>Thursday, March 25, 2021</b>
1. Capital Projects	1. COVID-19 Updates
2. COVID-19 Updates	2. 2021-2022 General Fund Budget
2. 2021-2022 General Fund Budget	3. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – March 25 <sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting
3. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – March 25 <sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting – <i>Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro</i>	4. Regular Meeting.

### 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

## 10. Adjournment

### 10.01 Meeting Adjourned in memory of the following who recently passed away:

1. Randy Gray, husband of Deanne Gray, cook at 79th Street School. Mr. Gray was also the brother-in-law of school nurse, Andrea Greig;
2. Josephine Colosi, mother-in-law of NFHS math teacher Julie Colosi;
3. Denise Easterling, mother of LPS secretary Marchica Robinson;
4. Lena J. Gobbo, retired cleaner, grandmother of NFHS math teacher Denise Karski;
5. Laurence A. Stephens, retired math teacher at LSHS;
6. Laura Colangelo, mother of NFHS teacher Giulio Colangelo , mother-in-law of Abate School teacher Elizabeth Colangelo and grandmother of LaSalle Prep teacher Julia Meyers;
7. Grace Colosimo a former District typist who worked from 1948 to 1952 at Ashland Avenue School and Sugar Street School;
8. Vincent Porto, retired Maintenance Department employee;

9. Casey Frank, brother of Cataract teaching assistant Saladin Quanaah Allah;
10. Christopher Frank, father of Saladin Quanaah Allah.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Russell Petrozzi, seconded by Earl F Bass. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser  
District Clerk



## Agenda Review Session

March 11, 2021

Board Room – 630 66th Street

Mr. Cancemi opened the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT: Ron Barstys, Earl Bass, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn, Paul Kudela, Anthony Paretto, Russ Petrozzi, V. Cancemi

Excused: N. Vilardo

Administration Staff: J. Doerr, J. Giarrizzo, J. Glaser, R. Granieri, R. Holody, J. Jacklin, N. Ruffolo, Angelo Massaro, M. Massaro, E. Smeal.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of community activists Mr. Ron Anderluh and Mrs. Lexie Sanders.

Superintendent Announcements: one year ago today COVID shut down started. BOE is entertaining commentary on school renaming. Interscholastic Chess Champions of Western New York. Traveling to Rochester to face Section V. The Superintendent has been asked by Sen. Ortt to join State Senate Committee to legalize marijuana. Received roof bids for Kalfas School. Awaiting SED approval before awarding. Twenty-nine NFHS students are going to get their OSHA cards.

### **Sister Schools Update**

Mr. Laurie stated that this concept was first discussed in 1993, successfully done in North Tonawanda. This will positively impact the graduation rate. The Niagara Falls Teachers Union has been a partner in this process.

Mr. Carella provided this update, along with C. Buchman, R. Merino, L. Tompkins:

Updated NYSED Learning Standards, Mental Health Education mandates, and Social/Emotional Learning Guidance complement the original vision for Sister Schools first proposed in 2018. The impact of COVID-19, particularly the anticipated learning loss and achievement gaps between groups, and the erosion of student/family stability and mental health, makes the Sister School framework a critical piece of the District's recovery efforts.

To review the concept: One school will exist in three campuses, consisting of Primary and Intermediate Learning Centers.

Henry J. Kalfas and Niagara Street Elementary Schools will host students in grades Pre-K 3 to two,

Harry F. Abate will host students in grades three to six. The campuses will have a shared vision and shared families but will be one school community, with targeted and specialized programming by grade

level, developmentally age appropriate special programs, theme-based instruction and additional enrichment and intervention opportunities for students.

Work done pre-pandemic included November and December 2018 – Original Advisory Committee convened and outlined Advantages/Barriers/Future Actions; July 2019 – Expanded Advisory Committee refined focus, discussed programming, added Kalfas Magnet School as second primary site; September 2019 – Parent Forums were held at each school site; October 2019 – Parent Survey was administered; November 2019 – February 2020 – Superintendent’s staff examined logistics prior to final Board approval Feb. 13, 2020; February – March: Planning Committee was formed with subcommittees: Primary and Intermediate Academic and SEL Workgroups & Transition, School Scheduling and Orientation Planning.

Tenets:

Instructional Standardization – vertically aligned curricula at each grade – core, intervention and enrichment; Unified Delivery of Instruction – consistent approaches, practices and expectations; Embedded Opportunities for Professional Collaboration and Coaching – structures and schedules which support Professional Learning Communities within the school; Classroom Environment, Rituals, Routines and Class/Grade Level Organization

Additional Options for Academic Intervention in primary grades includes: early mathematics intervention, reading recovery iterations will be part of curriculum “k lab”, enhanced student support systems and interventions – grade level appropriate, consistent rituals, routines and, classroom environment, integration of play, character education

direct instruction to promote self-regulation and positive social skills, academic enrichment, performing arts, STEAM, supported by trimester rotations so students can experience all enrichment opportunities data-based differentiated instruction – every student enters grade 3 reading to learn! weekly teacher collaboration and professional development time, teams of teachers continually check student progress and deliver flexible, small group instruction.

At the intermediate level, a vertically aligned project-based learning will include: performing arts, STEAM, career exploration and awareness, enhanced student support systems and interventions – grade level appropriate, school environment, framework for student support, creative teaming and scheduling, sel programming to include interventions & school-wide character education , academic intervention in math and ELA.

## **Cafeteria Update**

Mr. Ruffolo provided this update:

NFCSD believes lunch time should be a positive experience in an inclusive cafeteria that makes them feel respected and sets them up to thrive socially and academically.

Newly designed cafeterias have been designed to strengthen student pride, creating an environment of which every student will want to be a part, serving as a gathering place for students to talk, collaborate, and learn, in addition to eating. Provides diverse restaurant-style seating such as booths, bistro seating, pub style, and conversation tables featuring school logos and colors; each café was designed based on

age demographics. Cafeterias have elevated to become destinations for school branding and desirable hangouts.

Cost:

GJ MANN Elementary - \$42,520.00 -TBD

Harry F. Abate Elementary - \$69,799.00 –TBD

Gaskill Prep School - \$130,672.00 (includes set-up) – second week of Spring break

Lasalle Prep School- \$128,552.00 (Includes set-up) -second week of spring break

Niagara Falls High School- \$230,552.00 (includes set-up) – second week of spring break

This is cost-neutral to the General Fund budget; there are funds in the cafeteria reserve.

### **Electricity Update**

Mr. Smeal provided this update:

The District has been paying for its energy allotment, but enjoys a large cost avoidance. Last year there was record low pricing at 1.7 cents per kilowatt hour. This is part of the NYPA relicensing agreement giving the District preference power. In September 2025, the District could renegotiate, but has realized \$7.2million in avoided cost since inception.

### **2021-2022 General Fund Budget Update**

Tax Collection and Interest reduced \$55,000 and \$45,000, respectively.

Star is going toward check instead of reduction

Reserves & Savings Prior Year (\$6,209,221)

Projected Additional Revenue \$9,640,507

Appropriations:

ERS rate 2.1% for a total of 18.3%

OT/PT slightly under-budgeted this year; about \$70,000 month on average.

CPI changed to 1.7%

GAP: \$868,000

Awaiting State's budget; President Biden signed stimulus, \$34 million to District. We await how those funds will be made available; 20% must be made on academic recovery. Can be spent until September 2023.

## COVID UPDATE

Mr. Laurrie provided the following update:

Positive COVID cases are dropping; about 70% of teachers have been vaccinated.

More students are returning to school.

COVID-related expenses total \$70,000/monthly, cumulative total to date is \$499,113.97 . Awaiting FEMA to reimburse \$75,000.

Internal Audit: Spending from August to December, only 8 findings; 5 confirmatories (down 68% from last year); of these, two were COVID-related; one had to do with graduation booklets; two were overpayments.

Internal Audit Cafeteria Fund summary was distributed. There were no findings. One suggestion was to ensure there is depth of skills in food service; Mr. Edwards has no back-up.

Free meals to community to end in June.

A review of agenda was held.

Mr. Laurrie announced that on May 13, the Rev. Sylvester Beaman, who offered at benediction at President Biden's inauguration, will be here to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Rep. Brian Higgins wants to come to the District March 19, 22, or 23 in to see the blossoming trades programming.

Alumnus Fritz Proctor has 3.5 million social media followers; WKBW-TV is doing a story on him.

An executive session was convened at 8:15 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Dunn and seconded by Mr. Bass for the purposes of discussing three cases regarding the possible dismissal of a person; one case which has to do with negotiations under the Taylor Law; three cases regarding the possible promotion of individuals; one case regarding the proposed sale real property; one case which involves the discussion of an employee and includes that individual's employment history; all in favor. Executive Session was adjourned at 9:23 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kudela and seconded by Mrs. Dunn. All in favor.

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Falls, New York

**Agenda**

**03/25/2021 Regular Board 7 p.m.**

**1. Agenda Review Session**

The Board convened an executive session at 5:31 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Barstys seconded by Mr. Kudela 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussion which could identify a student; to discuss three instances that may result in the discipline or removal of employees; and one case of litigation.

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:16 on a motion by Dr. Barstys seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

Mr. Cancemi opened the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Mr. Laurie introduced the Prep Schools Administrative Teams:

**P-TECH Grant** Grant with NCCC; 25 students in cohort can graduate in four years with a high school diploma and 24 credit hours toward associate's degree or could conceivably complete an associate's degree by taking additional college credit bearing courses at NFHS. The grant also allows for successful students to complete the degree at NCCC, with the grant paying the remaining tuition obligation.

Mr. Carella and Ms. Rotella-Zafuto offered the following update (Also in attendance.

Derek Zimmerman, Principal & John Briglio Vice Principal GPS; Kathy Urban, Principal & Roland Davis III, Vice Principal LPS; Monica Lopoyda (NCCC) Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs; Brad Wingert, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs):

P-TECH is a seven – year \$2.28 million grant for college and career preparation. Participating students in rigorous science and math courses could earn up to 24 credit hours through Niagara County Community College tuition free in Mechanical Tech. Job shadowing, internships. STEM based. CDOS, Regents, up to 24 credit hours.

Recruiting is taking place through drone clubs at the prep schools; outreach to grade eight students and parents; parent meetings at each prep school.

Coursework includes: 9th Grade - CFM 1, Accelerated Math and Science . 1st college course MET 110

summer of 9th grade; 10th Grade - CFM2, MAT 111 Advanced; Algebra Trig. Summer of 10th grade DRF 180, Drafting Techniques. 1th Grade - 4 College credit bearing

courses: ELT 110, TEC 105, ENG 101 and ENG 103 Writing for STEM. Summer of 11th grade DRF 279 Technical Seminar 12th Grade - TEC 120 and PHY 152 Prep Classes, Job shadowing and Internships.

\*Students can advance through PTECH program at their own pace. There is built in after school academic support 2 days per week as well as some Saturdays. Students could possibly complete NCCC's degree requirements in 4, 5 or 6 years depending on how many college credits they accumulate in high school.

Summer camp July 12 -26; Algebra, engineering, and speaker series and parent engagement components. New courses at NFHS bearing college credit: MET 110 and more to come.

To date, 41 students are interested in participating. This is not income based.

**Review of Agenda** – An agenda review was held.

Mr. Massaro explained a resolution to be walked on regarding opposition to an asphalt plant located near several Niagara Falls Schools and potentially impacting environmental quality. See 6.12.

**2. Call to Order** by Mr. Cancemi at 7 p.m.

**2.01** Pledge of Allegiance

**2.02** Prayer offered by Mrs. Dunn.

**2.03** Roll Call – all present.

**3. Letters and Communications -**

**3.01** Oral Communications – A gentleman identifying himself as Squeezebox Johnny Quinn, 3959 Forest Parkway, North Tonawanda spoke on his opposition to renaming Maple Avenue School. He is chair of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration committee for that school.

Michaele LaNova of the same address spoke on her opposition to school renaming.

**3.02** Written Communications- Notes of thanks from the families of Vincent Porto, Casey Frank, and Anthony Gelose for adjourning in memory of their loved ones.

#### **4. Recommended Actions from the Superintendent of Schools - Routine Matters**

##### **4.01** Minutes – February 2021 (SG 4)

Motion to approve minutes - January 2021

Motion by Earl F Bass, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

##### **4.02** Approval of Budget Transfer - #8 (SG3)

Motion by Earl F Bass, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

##### **4.03** Approval of the following Bids (SG3)

1. RECYCLING & TRASH REMOVAL SERVICES BID #14, MINI - BID NO. 1

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

##### **4.04** Treasurer's Report – February 2021 (SG3) Received and filed.

##### **4.05** Budget Status Report – March 2021 (SG3) Received and filed.

##### **4.06** Personnel Report – Certificated (SG 1, 2)

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dun

#### **4.07 Personnel Report - Classified (SG 1, 2)**

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### **4.08 Report from Committee on Special Education (SG 1)**

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### **4.09 Report from Committee on Preschool Special Education (SG 1)**

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### **4.10 Short-Term Contracts (SG 1, 3)**

1. Robert Jacobs School Bus Logistics Planning and Implementation of School Transportation Routes \$135.00 per hour NTE \$13,500. A2280.409.007

March – April 2021

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

### **5. Unfinished Business**

#### **5.01 None**



## **6. New Business** *(see BoardDocs)*

Items 6.01 – 6.03: Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motions Carry

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

### **6.01** Acceptance of Funds From the City of Niagara Falls, New York for Assistance in the Operation and Maintenance of the Our Schools Channel (OSC) 01/01/2021 – 12/31/2021 (SG 1, 3, 4, 5)

WHEREAS, In 2004, the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York by Agreement with the City of Niagara Falls, New York was designated to operate and administer the Access Education Channel, now known as Our School's Channel (OSC); and

WHEREAS, The District has successfully operated the OSC since the date of the Agreement affording its students, staff and the community educational and informative programs; and

WHEREAS, In the past, the City has assisted the District by contributing monies towards the operation and maintenance of OSC; and

WHEREAS, The City again wishes to assist the District and contribute \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) towards the operation and maintenance of OSC for the period of January 01, 2021 through December 31, 2021, subject to certain terms and conditions contained within the Agreement negotiated by the City and District representatives; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the sum of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) from the City of Niagara Falls, New York for assistance in the operation and maintenance of Our Schools Channel (OSC) and does hereby approve the Agreement attached hereto, by and between the City and School District, as to the use of said funds; and

RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement attached hereto; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk is directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board of Education on the Agreement.

## **MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

Our Schools Channel (OSC-21) – 2021

This Municipal Cooperation Agreement (the "Agreement") made this 25th day of March, 2021 and effective the 1st day of January, 2021 by and between the CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK, a municipal corporation organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of New York, with offices at 745 Main Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14302 (the "CITY") and the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS organized under the laws of the State of New York with offices at 630 - 66th Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 (the "DISTRICT").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT operates a cable television station known as OSC 21; and

WHEREAS, the CITY has appropriated funds in its 2021 fiscal budget which may be applied toward the DISTRICT'S operation of OSC 21; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed by and between the CITY and the DISTRICT as follows:

1. TERM The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2021 and terminate on December 31, 2021 unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
2. PAYMENT. The CITY agrees to assist the DISTRICT's operation and administration of OSC 21 by payment to the DISTRICT in the sum of \$10,000.00.
3. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. It is hereby expressly agreed between the parties that the DISTRICT is an independent contractor and that the DISTRICT, its servants, agents and employees shall not be deemed to be the servants, agents, or employees of the CITY.
4. RECORDS The DISTRICT agrees that the CITY shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after final payment, have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers and records of its and of any of its subcontractors engaged in the performance of and involving transactions related to this Agreement or any subcontractors.
5. INSURANCE. As a condition to receipt of any payment under the terms of the Agreement the DISTRICT shall furnish certificates of insurance coverage satisfactory to the CITY's Corporation Counsel.

6. ASSIGNMENT. The DISTRICT agrees that it is prohibited from assigning, transferring, conveying, subletting or otherwise disposing of this Agreement of any of its contacts, or of its right, title or interest therein, or of its power to execute such Agreement to any other person or corporation without the previous consent in writing of the CITY.

7. TERMINATION. If for any reason the terms of this Agreement are not adhered to, then the CITY may terminate the said Agreement upon written notice to the DISTRICT.

8. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS. The DISTRICT shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules, and regulations applicable to obligations, conduct and activities under this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the DISTRICT and the CITY have executed this Agreement on the day and year indicated.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF  
NIAGARA FALLS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NY

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert M. Restaino, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Niagara Falls City Clerk

**6.02 Approval of Agreement Between The City School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls and Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers For Consulting Services In The Area Of Multi-Systemic Crime Prevention 3/26/2021 – 12/31/2021 (SG 4)**

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls ("District") and the Niagara County Department of Social Services ("Social Services") entered into an Agreement providing for an innovative Crime Prevented Collaborative Partnership for a multi-systemic approach to youth by addressing the educational, social and emotional needs of youth ages 12-15; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement, among other things, provides for the District to enter into an Agreement with the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers ("BFNC") to provide the services required in implementing the Crime Prevention Collaborative Partnership; and

WHEREAS, According to the Contract the District will pay BFNC the sum of Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Six Dollars (\$6,666.00) per month for nine (9) months not to exceed the total sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00); and

WHEREAS, The District will be reimbursed for fifty percent (50%) of the Contract cost to be paid to BFNC, by the Niagara County Social Services upon verification of services rendered by the Administrator for School Business Services. Reimbursement will be at the rate of \$3,333.33 per month commencing the 1st day of the month, for services rendered for the previous month, commencing the 1st day of May and continuing thereafter with the last payment on the 31s day of December 2021; and

WHEREAS, The Superintendent has negotiated a Contract with BFNC, Inc. to provide the services required; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers to provide services in implementing the Crime Prevention Collaborative Partnership for the multi-systemic approach to youth by addressing the educational, social and emotional needs of youth ages 12-15 which is attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Contract is subject to such further terms, provisions and conditions that may be deemed appropriate by the Superintendent and the School District Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute the Contract; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board on said Agreement.

**6.03 Approval of Agreement Between The City School District of The City Of Niagara Falls And The Niagara County Department of Social Services Creating A Crime Prevention Collaborative Partnership (SG 4)**

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls ("District") and Niagara County Department of Social Services ("Social Services") recognize that a multi-systemic approach to youth is critical to establish the future success of young adults ages 12-15, and that an innovative partnership between them needs to be created to implement such approach; and

WHEREAS, The District and Social Services agree to form a Crime Prevention Collaborative Partnership and to contract with the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers to provide the multi-systemic approach to youth ages 12-15 by addressing their educational, social and emotional needs; and

WHEREAS, An Agreement has been negotiated by the Superintendent with the Niagara County Department of Social Services for creation of the Crime Prevention Collaborative Partnership and is presented to the Board for its action; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement provides, among other things, for the District and Social Services to each contribute Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for a total of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to fund the program.

WHEREAS, The Social Services will reimburse the District the sum of \$3,333.33 per month for nine (9) months for total of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00); and

WHEREAS, The District will serve as Lead Agency and retain consulting services from Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers to provide the services required and shall pay Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers the sum of \$3,333.33 per month for nine (9) months, upon verification by the Administrator for School Business Services of services rendered; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Social Services forming a Crime Prevention Collaborative Partnership providing multi-systemic approach to addressing the educational, social and emotional needs of youth ages 12-15 attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is subject to such further terms, provisions and conditions that may be deemed appropriate by the Superintendent and the School District Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute the Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board on the Agreement.

CONTRACT

CRIME PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM

THIS AGREEMENT made as of the 25th day of March 2021, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, 14304 (hereinafter called the "District"), and NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, 20 East Avenue, P.O. Box 506, Lockport, New York 14095-0506, (hereinafter called the "Social Services ");

WHEREAS, the District and Social Services recognize that a multi-systemic approach to youth is critical to establish the future success of young adults ages 12 through 15, and that an innovative partnership needs to be created to implement such approach; and

WHEREAS, the District and Social Services agree to form a Crime Prevention Collaborative partnership and to contract with the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers to provide the multi-systemic approach to youth by addressing the educational, social, and emotional needs of youth ages 12 through 15.

THEREFORE, the District and Social Services in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions herein contained agree as follows:

FIRST: To form an intergovernmental partnership to the fullest extent permitted by law to address the following areas:

- a. Educational
  1. To reduce student truancy.
  2. To improve the attendance and tardiness rate for project students.
  3. To reduce student disciplinary referrals by 10%.
- b. Juvenile Justice
  1. To eliminate new referrals for project students to the Juvenile Justice and Court system.
  2. To eliminate recidivism in criminal activities of the project students.
- c. Social Services
  1. Provide to all families whose children are eligible and referred to participate in the program, outreach services at their homes so as to communicate the school's concern, and to offer a range of home and school-based services available to assist them.
  2. Provide to those served, instructions as to their educational rights, responsibilities, state law, and the child welfare educational neglect process, and its enforcement procedures.
  3. Provide to the families, parenting or other skill improvement assistance.

4. Work toward reducing youth referred for school truancy issues showing an improvement in attendance across a twelve-month period.

5. Work toward showing an improvement in Life-Skills functioning in at least one Life Area using the Case Life Skills Assessment Tool at the six-month mark.

SECOND: The referral of eligible students will be conducted by an established collaborative team representing the District, City and Social Services.

THIRD: The collaborative effort will commence on March 26, 2021 and will be in effect until December 31, 2021.

FOURTH: Payment under this Agreement shall be as follows:

a. The District and Social Services each agree to contribute \$30,000 per year for a total of \$60,000.00 to fund the Crime Prevention Collaborative Program.

b. Social Services shall reimburse the District, which will serve as lead agency in dispensing the funds to the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers.

c. Reimbursement by Social Services to the District shall be in the sum of \$30,000.00 on December 31, 2021 for the services provided from January 2, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

d. For the services provided in 2021, Social Services shall reimburse the District two payments in the amount of \$15,000.00, payable on July 15, 2021 and December 15, 2021.

FIFTH: The District shall enter into an Agreement with the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers which shall provide among other provisions for the following:

a. Payment to the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers the sum of \$60,000.00 payable in monthly installments of \$6,666.66 for services rendered as verified by the School Business Administrator.

b. The Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers agreeing to provide :

1. Service up to 30 "at-risk" Niagara Falls City School District students, ages 12 to 15.

2. Provide individual student progress reports each month to collaborating agencies detailing the progress around the objectives listed above.

3. Provide a monthly financial status report on any and all expenditures relating to this program.

4. Provide a final financial report and student progress report to all agencies within 30 days of the conclusion of this agreement.

5. Ensure that all appropriate parental/guardian permissions and approvals have been placed on file with all three agencies prior to commencing work with any student.

6. Provide to all families whose children are eligible and referred to participate in the program, outreach services at their homes so as to communicate the school's concern, and to offer a range of home and school-based services available to assist them.

7. Provide to those served, instructions as to their educational rights, responsibilities, state law, and the child welfare educational neglect process, and its enforcement procedures.

8. Provide to the families, parenting, or other skill improvement assistance.

9. Work toward reducing youth referred for school truancy issues showing an improvement in attendance across a ten-month period.

10. Work toward youth showing an improvement in Life-Skills functioning in at least one Life Area using the Case Life Skills Assessment Tool at the six-month mark.

SIXTH: Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by all of the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

President of the Board of Education

City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT SOCIAL SERVICES

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner

Niagara County Department of Social Services



Approved as to Form:

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Chief Counsel

Niagara County Department of

Social Services

STATE OF NEW YORK     )

) ss:

COUNTY OF NIAGARA     )

On the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, President of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, to me known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her capacity and that by her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

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\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK     )

) ss:

COUNTY OF NIAGARA     )

On the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, Commissioner of the Niagara County Department of Social Services, to me known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same

in her capacity and that by her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

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Items 6.04 -6.07: Motion by Earl F Bass, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motions Carry

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Notary Public

**6.04** Approval of Appointment of Election Inspectors for 2021 (SG 1, 4)

WHEREAS, The annual school election/budget vote of the Niagara Falls City School District will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, This Board at its February 25, 2021, Regular Meeting established the number and location of election polls; and

WHEREAS, Education Law 2607 states that "...the Board of Education shall appoint for each election district at least three qualified voters residing therein to act as inspectors at such election in such election district at such election" and may appoint additional inspectors for one or more districts when in its opinion special circumstances exist requiring the services of such additional inspectors. and

WHEREAS, The District has canvassed persons for appointment to these positions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education determines that special circumstances exist requiring the services of additional inspectors in certain districts; and

RESOLVED, That the following list of qualified voters are hereby appointed to serve as Inspectors, and/or poll monitors, as indicated, to perform all duties in connection with canvassing of the ballots at said school election/budget vote pursuant to 2610 of the Education Law; and

RESOLVED, That each inspector appointed be compensated in the amount of \$131.25 for the day's work, and

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Education is hereby directed to give written notification of such appointment to each appointee, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That inspectors elected as Chairpersons who will be responsible for the handling of absentee ballots, keys, and supplies at their respective polling sites and the returning of same will be compensated an additional \$30.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each election inspector who attends one of the workshops held on Monday, May 18, 2021, be compensated \$25.00.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

May 18, 2021

Election Inspectors

School Election

3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District

District

Board of Education Admin. Bldg.

D Roxanna Raverini

Elect. Dist. 1,11

630 – 66<sup>th</sup> Street

R Ed Walek

R Candyce Platt

Elect. Dist. 2, 3

St. John De LaSalle

D Gloria Critelli

8469 Buffalo Avenue

R Joan Dorgan

D Allison Vega

R Sharon A. Benavidez

Elect. Dist. 4,8,13

Grace Lutheran Church

R Annemarie Evans

736 Cayuga Drive

D Shirley A. Wayda

R David Bathurst

D Margaret R. Speck

Elect. Dist. 5

LaSalle Senior Citizens Center

R Vincent Mameli

9501 Colvin Blvd

D Karen Gallo

R Marla McGahey

D Tammy Gallo

R Terry Eisenman

Elect. Dist. 6, 7

Geraldine J. Mann School

D Rita Dupree

1330 95<sup>th</sup> Street

D Carol Pennesi

D Shirley Bathurst

Elect. Dist.	9, 10	79 <sup>th</sup> Street School 551 79 <sup>th</sup> Street	D Janice Ambrose R Peter Henry D Yvonne Gamble
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Elect. Dist.	12	Community Education Center 6040 Lindbergh Avenue	D Margaret Castile R David Manginn D David Tucker
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8	Elect. Dist.	1	St. John AME Church 917 Garden Avenue	D Ruby Turner R Willie A. Price D Nicole Laster
9	Elect. Dist.	2, 4	Veterans of Foreign Wars Pt. 917 2435 Seneca Avenue	D Willie Cheeley R Irene Wilson D Evelyn Payne R Olivia Winkfield
10	Elect. Dist.	3	Wrobel Towers 800 Niagara Avenue	D Josephine Mallon I Janice Ridgeway D Brian Archie
11	Elect. Dist.	5, 6	Niagara Falls Public Library 1425 Main Street	D Brenda Hamilton R John W. Schappa D Harinder S. Sand
12	Elect. Dist.	7, 8	Niagara Arts & Cultural Center 1201 Pine Avenue	R Betty J. Larratta D Yvonne Davis D Wanda Adams

School Election

District

4<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

				R William S. Carroll (monitor)
				R Craig Stonebraker
13	Elect. Dist.	1, 2, 3	Maple Avenue School 952 Maple Avenue	D Helen Beaman R Gayle Fadel I John Gordon
				D Jean M. Kennedy (monitor)
			Maple Avenue School 952 Maple Avenue	R Patricia A. Swift
13	Elect. Dist.			D David Lemke D Deborah Willis R Penny Rodden
14	Elect. Dist.	4	Spallino Towers 720 Tenth Street	D Saladin Allah R Michael Gawel D Cynthia Harrison D Satnam Kaur
15	Elect. Dist.	5, 6	John Duke Senior Citizens Center 1201 Hyde Park Blvd.	D Georgia Robinson R Charles Searcy R Robert Turcotte D Sheila Tallarico

Election Inspectors

School Election

District

5<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

School Election  
District

6<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

16	Elect. Dist. 1	Hyde Park School	D Karen Welch
		1620 Hyde Park Blvd.	I Gloria McGovern
17	Elect. Dist. 2	Gaskill Prep School 910 Hyde Park Blvd.	D Mary Rose Archie
			R Barbara Joyce, Poll Monitor
18	Elect. Dist. 3,4,8	Cristoforo Columbo Society 2223 Pine Avenue	R Amy Carr
			D Judith Delgrolice
			D Robert Smitter
19	Elect. Dist. 5	City Hall 745 Main Street	D Tana Shine
			I Pamela Woods
			D Juanita Ewing
20	Elect. Dist. 6,7	Niagara Street School 2513 Niagara Street	R Nancy Stoianoff
			D Mark Smith
			I Sharon L. Smith
21	Elect. Dist. 9	Packard Court Community Center 4300 Pine Avenue	D Joseph McGhee
			I Thomas Quinn
			R Daniel R. Morrisette
21	Elect. Dist. 9	Packard Court Community Center 4300 Pine Avenue	D Georgetta Hamilton
			D Michael Watson
21	Elect. Dist. 9	Packard Court Community Center 4300 Pine Avenue	D Isaiah Mathews
			R Norman Bock
			D Aminah El-Dhany

22

Elect. Dist.

10

LaSalle Prep School

7436 Buffalo Avenue

R Victoria Komorowski

D Ann Schiro

D Terese Torre

**6.05** Approval of Appointment of Additional Election Inspectors for 2021 (SG 1, 4)

WHEREAS, The Annual School Election/Budget Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, At the Regular Board Meeting of March 25, 2021, election inspectors were appointed to work the polls for that election; and

WHEREAS, In the normal course of events some inspectors are unable to work on the particular day of the election and must be replaced; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the persons named on the attached list are hereby appointed as substitute election inspectors for said election; and

RESOLVED, That each inspector called in to substitute will be compensated in the amount of \$131.25 for the day's work; and be it

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each election inspector who attends one of the workshops held on Monday, May 17, 2021, be compensated \$25.00.

**Error! Filename not specified.**

*Updated 3/31/14*

**ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

May 18, 2021

Additional Election Inspectors

School Election

3 <sup>rd</sup> Legislative District			
District			
1	Elect. Dist.	1,11	R Andrea Zaccarella
2	Elect. Dist.	2, 3	D Sharon Greathouse
			R Frank Hansen
			R R. Mathew Evans
3	Elect. Dist.	4,8,13	D Yolanda Davis
4	Elect. Dist.	5	
5	Elect. Dist.	6, 7	
6	Elect. Dist.	3, 10	I Mary Baillargeon
4 <sup>th</sup> Legislative District			
7	Elect. Dist.	12	D Michael Gallo
			D Sandra Henderson
			D Carol Tucker
8	Elect. Dist.	1	R Linda Barksdale



9	Elect. Dist.	2, 4	
10	Elect. Dist.	3	D Brenda Caldwell
11	Elect. Dist.	5, 6	
			D Fred Chambers
12	Elect. Dist.	7, 8	R Joanna Romano
			R Randy Ubriaco

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Legislative District**

13	Elect. Dist.	1, 2, 3,	
14	Elect. Dist.	4	
15	Elect. Dist.	5, 6	D Karen Spencer

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Legislative District**

16	Elect. Dist.	1	
17	Elect. Dist.	2	
18	Elect. Dist.	4	
19	Elect. Dist.	5	
20	Elect. Dist	6,7	

21	Elect. Dist.	9	R MaryAnn Koperski
22	Elect. Dist.	10	D Darlene Toarmino R Dorothy West

#### **6.06 Approval of Statutory Meeting May 19, 2021 (SG 4)**

WHEREAS, The Annual School Election/Budget Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, §2610, subdivision 4, of the New York State Education Law requires that the Board of Education shall meet after the canvass of votes on the day of the election or at eight o'clock in the evening of the day following such election to officially examine and announce the results of the election; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Board of Education to comply completely with the provisions of the law; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education will hold the Statutory Meeting, as required by law, on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 8:00 P.M., E.D.S.T., to officially examine and announce the results of the Annual School Election/Budget Vote held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

#### **6.07 Approval of Special Meeting April 27, 2021 (SG 4)**

WHEREAS, The provisions of the Education Law §1606(3) and Board Policy 1520 authorize the Board of Education to hold special meetings; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary that a special meeting of this Board of Education be held at the date and time and for the purposes below mentioned; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That a special meeting of this Board of Education shall be held remotely at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, for the purpose of considering and/or acting upon such business as might properly come before a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board if held on such date; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk shall give due notice thereof to the public media and the members of the Board of Education as required by law and the rules, by-laws and regulations of this Board.

Items 6.08 -6.11 Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motions Carry

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**6.08** Approval of Payment No. 11 to Scrufari Construction Co, LLC. for General Contractor Work, Contract #106, For The Stewardship Capital Project (SG 3)

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract dated February 14, 2020, with Scrufari Construction Co. LLC for General Contractor construction work on the Stewardship Capital Project, which provides for payment to it for services rendered and materials furnished, upon the filing and approval of AIA Document G702, Application and Certificate for Payment; and

WHEREAS, In order that an official record of expenditures for Capital Projects be maintained, all invoices pertaining to the Capital Project must be approved by the Board, upon approval of the Application and recommendation for payment by the Architect, the Construction Managers and Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, Scrufari Construction Co LLC has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G702, for services rendered and material furnished in the amount of \$59,122.46; and

WHEREAS, The Application has been reviewed, approved and recommended for by the Architect, Clark Patterson Lee, the Construction Managers Buffalo Construction Consultants and Joseph Giarrizzo, Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, The Application is in accordance with the Contract and is inclusive of the required 5% retention in the amount of \$2,956.12; and

WHEREAS, This appropriation will be expended from the Capital Fund and will be submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$59,122.46 to Scrufari Construction Co LLC, 3925 Hyde Park Blvd Niagara Falls, NY 14305 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #11; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

**6.09** Approval of Payment No. 13 to CIR Electric Co. for Electrical Work, Contract #110, for The Stewardship Capital Project (SG 3)

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract dated February 14, 2020, with CIR Electric Co. for Electrical work on the Stewardship Capital Project, which provides for payment to it for services rendered and materials furnished, upon the filing and approval of AIA Document G702, Application and Certificate for Payment; and

WHEREAS, In order that an official record of expenditures for Capital Projects be maintained, all invoices pertaining to the Capital Project must be approved by the Board, upon approval of the Application and recommendation for payment by the Architect, the Construction Managers and Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, CIR Electric Co. has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G702, for services rendered and material furnished in the amount of \$13,733.74; and

WHEREAS, The Application has been reviewed, approved and recommended for by the Architect, Clark Patterson Lee, the Construction Managers Buffalo Construction Consultants and Joseph Giarrizzo, Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, The Application is in accordance with the Contract and is inclusive of the required 5% retention in the amount of \$686.69; and

WHEREAS, This appropriation will be expended from the Capital Fund and will be submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$13,733.74 to CIR Electric Co. 2715 Long Rd Suite 1 Grand Island, NY 14072 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #13; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

**6.10 Approval of Payment No. 14 to CIR Electric Co. for Electrical Work, Contract #110, for The Stewardship Capital Project (Retention) (SG 3)**

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract dated February 14, 2020, with CIR Electric Co., for Electrical work on the Stewardship Capital Project, which provides for payment to it for services rendered and materials furnished, upon the filing and approval of AIA Document G702, Application and Certificate for Payment; and

WHEREAS, In order that an official record of expenditures for Capital Projects be maintained, all invoices pertaining to the Capital Project must be approved by the Board, upon approval of the Application and recommendation for payment by the Architect, and Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, CIR Electric Co. has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G702, for Retention in the amount of \$75,149.79; and

WHEREAS, The Application for Payment has been reviewed, approved and recommended for by the Architect, Clark Patterson Lee, the Construction Manager, Buffalo Construction Consultants, and Joseph Giarrizzo, Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, This appropriation will be expended from the Capital Fund and will be submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings; now therefore be it;

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$75,149.79 to CIR Electric Co. 2715 Long Rd Suite 1 Grand Island, NY 14072 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #14; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

**6.11** Approval of Payment No. 12 to Johnson Controls Inc. for Temperature Control Work, Contract #111, for The Stewardship Capital Project (SG 3)

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract dated February 14, 2020, with Johnson Controls Inc. for Temperature Control work on the Stewardship Capital Project, which provides for payment to it for services rendered and materials furnished, upon the filing and approval of AIA Document G702, Application and Certificate for Payment; and

WHEREAS, In order that an official record of expenditures for Capital Projects be maintained, all invoices pertaining to the Capital Project must be approved by the Board, upon approval of the Application and recommendation for payment by the Architect, the Construction Managers and Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, Johnson Controls Inc. has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G702, for services rendered and material furnished in the amount of \$11,838.00; and

WHEREAS, The Application has been reviewed, approved and recommended for by the Architect, Clark Patterson Lee, the Construction Managers Buffalo Construction Consultants and Joseph Giarrizzo, Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, The Application is in accordance with the Contract and is inclusive of the required 5% retention in the amount of \$592.00; and

WHEREAS, This appropriation will be expended from the Capital Fund and will be submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$11,838.00 to Johnson Controls Inc. 130 John Muir Drive, Suite 100 Amherst, NY 14228 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #12; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Action: 6.12 Motion to introduce resolution on asphalt company.

Motion to approve.

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Item 6.12 Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Motion to approve RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED ASPHALT PLANT TO BE LOCATED ON WITMER ROAD, TOWN OF NIAGARA, NEW YORK.

RESOLVED, that the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls is opposed to the construction of hot mix Asphalt Plant to be located on Witmer Road, in the Town of Niagara west of Interstate I-90, near the entrance of the Niagara University Campus and near District schools including Maple Avenue, Hyde Park, Gaskill, Harry F Abate, Henry J. Kalfas and the Niagara Falls High School, as the operation of the Plant will affect the air quality near the schools and adjacent playgrounds, and over the years could affect the health of District students and members of the community; and further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, be and is hereby directed to prepare and submit formal written comments, opposing the Project to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation by April 2, 2021 as requested in the Notice of Application filed for the project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor of the City of Niagara Falls, the Supervisor of the Town of Niagara, the Chairman of the Niagara County Legislature, Congressman Brian Higgins, New York Senator Robert Ortt and New York Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, with a request that they assist the District in protecting the air quality of the area and the health and safety of District students threatened by the construction of the Project.

*The Clerk is directed to send certified copies to Messrs. Restaino, Wallace, Higgins, Morinello, Ortt, and Ms. Wydysh.*

Item 6.13 Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

### **6.13 Resolution Honoring Mrs. Lexie Sanders**

Whereas Mrs. Lexie Sanders rendered long and faithful service to the youth of the City of Niagara Falls; and

Whereas, Mrs. Sanders has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to further the best interests of the greater community by starting an adult literacy class at 93rd Street School; and

Whereas, Mrs. Sanders served children by starting a Girl Scout Troop, Majorette Group, Big Brother and Big Sister Group; and

Whereas, Mrs. Sanders was founder and President of the LaSalle Education Club Inc. dedicated to helping youth pursue higher education; and

Whereas, Mrs. Sanders retired from the Niagara Falls City School District as a Home School Associate;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby expresses its admiration of Mrs. Lexie Sanders for her contributions and its sorrow at her passing; and

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Education recognizes the exemplary character and invaluable contributions of Mrs. Lexie Sanders.

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

Policy 7.01: Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Policy adopted.

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**7.01** Approval of Public Employer Health Emergency Plan Addendum To The Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan As Amended and Filing With The New York State Commissioner of Education (SG 1,2)

WHEREAS, the State of New York enacted a Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act (SAVE), a component of which requires Boards of Education within the State to adopt and annually review and amend, if necessary, a Comprehensive District-Wife Safety Plan that address crisis intervention and prevention, emergency response and management; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education in compliance with the laws and regulations did formulate, adopt and file a Comprehensive Plan; and The Board of Education, developed, adopted and filed a Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan for the Niagara Falls City School District in 2020; and

WHEREAS,; In September 2020 Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law Chapter 168 of the laws of 2020 that requires public school districts to adopt a continuation of operations plan which governs actions in the event that the governor declares a public health emergency involving communicable disease.and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive district wide school safety plan was amended to include the addendum containing protocols for responding to a declared public health emergency involving communicable disease that are substantially consistent with provisions of section 27-c of the Labor Law; and

WHEREAS, As requested by the Superintendent Members of the COVID -19 Response team representing all of the Districts six Collective Bargaining Units reviewed the attached Public Employer Health Emergency Plan addendum to the Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan for submission for approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS A copy of the Amendment was made available to recognized/certified representative members of all unions by February 4, 2021 allowing for a reasonable comment period prior to formal adoption by the Board and publishing of the final version; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve and adopt the Public Employer Health Emergency Plan Addendum to the Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Public Employer Health Emergency Plan Addendum to the Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan as amended and hereby adopted be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Education and published in a clear and conspicuous location, before April 1, 2021. as required by law and regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board and District Clerk are hereby directed to do all things necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Niagara Falls City

School District

Public Employer Health Emergency Plan

**Date of Approved Plan**



This plan has been developed in accordance with NYS legislation S8617B/A10832.

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## Promulgation

This plan has been developed in accordance with the amended New York State Labor Law section 27-c and New York State Education Law paragraph m of subdivision 2 of section 2801-a (as amended by section 1 of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2016), as applicable.

This plan has been developed with the input of the NIAS, ASC, NFT, CSEA, TAUL, STU unions, as required by the amended New York State Labor Law.

No content of this plan is intended to impede, infringe, diminish, or impair the rights of us or our valued employees under any law, rule, regulation, or collectively negotiated agreement, or the rights and benefits which accrue to employees through collective bargaining agreements, or otherwise diminish the integrity of the existing collective bargaining relationship.

This plan has been approved in accordance with requirements applicable to the agency, jurisdiction, authority, or district, as represented by the signature of the authorized individual below.

As the authorized official of **Niagara Falls City School District**, I hereby attest that this plan has been developed, approved, and placed in full effect in accordance with S8617B/A10832 which amends New

York State Labor Law section 27-c and New York State Education Law paragraph m of subdivision 2 of section 2801-a (as amended by section 1 of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2016), as applicable, to address public health emergency planning requirements.

Signed on this

day: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_

By: Mr. Mark Laurie

Title: Superintendent

## Record of Changes

Date of Change	Description of Changes	Implemented By

## Purpose, Scope, Situation Overview, and Assumptions

### Purpose

This plan has been developed in accordance with the amended New York State Labor Law section 27-c and New York State Education Law paragraph m of subdivision 2 of section 2801-a (as amended by section 1 of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2016), as applicable. These laws were amended by the passing of legislation S8617B/A10832 signed by the Governor of New York State on September 7, 2020, requires public employers to adopt a plan for operations in the event of a declared public health emergency involving a communicable disease. The plan includes the identification of essential positions, facilitation of remote work for non-essential positions, provision of personal protective equipment, and protocols for supporting contact tracing.

## Scope

This plan was developed exclusively for and is applicable to **Niagara Falls City School District**. This plan is pertinent to a declared public health emergency in the State of New York which may impact our operations; and it is in the interest of the safety of our employees and contractors, and the continuity of our operations that we have promulgated this plan.

## Situation Overview

On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared a pandemic for the novel coronavirus which causes the COVID-19 severe acute respiratory syndrome. This plan has been developed in accordance with amended laws to support continued resilience for a continuation of the spread of this disease or for other infectious diseases which may emerge and cause a declaration of a public health emergency.

The health and safety of our employees and contractors is crucial to maintaining our mission essential operations. We encourage all employees and contractors to use [CDC Guidance for Keeping Workplaces, Schools, Homes, and Commercial Establishments Safe](#). The fundamentals of reducing the spread of infection include:

- Using hand sanitizer and washing hands with soap and water frequently, including:
  - After using the restroom
  - After returning from a public outing
  - After touching/disposing of garbage
  - After using public computers, touching public tables, and countertops, etc.
- Practice social distancing when possible
- If you are feeling ill or have a fever, notify your supervisor immediately and go home
- If you start to experience coughing or sneezing, step away from people and food, cough or sneeze into the crook of your arm or a tissue, the latter of which should be disposed of immediately
- Clean and disinfect workstations as required in cleaning checklists

- Other guidance which may be published by the CDC, the State Department of Health, or County health officials

## Planning Assumptions

This plan was developed based on information, best practices, and guidance available as of the date of publication. The plan was developed to largely reflect the circumstances of the current Coronavirus pandemic but may also be applicable to other infectious disease outbreaks.

The following assumptions have been made in the development of this plan:

- The health and safety of our employees and contractors, and their families, is of utmost importance
- The circumstances of a public health emergency may directly impact our own operations
- Impacts of a public health emergency will take time for us to respond to, with appropriate safety measures put into place and adjustments made to operations to maximize safety
- The public and our constituency expects us to maintain a level of mission essential operations
- Resource support from other jurisdictions may be limited based upon the level of impact the public health emergency has upon them
- Supply chains, particularly those for personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies, may be heavily impacted, resulting in considerable delays in procurement
- The operations of other entities, including the private sector (vendors, contractors, etc.), non-profit organizations, and other governmental agencies and services may also be impacted due to the public health emergency, causing delays or other disruptions in their services
- Emergency measures and operational changes may need to be adjusted based upon the specific circumstances and impacts of the public health emergency, as well as guidance and direction from public health officials and the governor
- Per S8617B/A10832, 'essential employee' is defined as a public employee or contractor that is required to be physically present at a work site to perform their job

- Per S8617B/A10832, 'non-essential employee' is defined as a public employee or contractor that is not required to be physically present at a work site to perform their job

## Concept of Operations

The Superintendent of **Niagara Falls City School District**, their designee, or their successor holds the authority to execute and direct the implementation of this plan. Implementation, monitoring of operations, and adjustments to plan implementation may be supported by additional personnel, at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Upon the determination of implementing this plan, all employees and contractors of **Niagara Falls City School District** shall be notified by the Email, and District Messaging System (Auto-dialer, Youtube channel, social media platforms) with details provided as possible and necessary, with additional information and updates provided on a regular basis. All district employees, parents and guardians, and the Board of Education will be notified of pertinent operational changes by way of the Email, and District Messaging System (Auto-dialer, Youtube channel, social media platforms). Other interested parties, such as vendors, will be notified by phone and/or email as necessary. The Superintendent or his/her designee will maintain communications with the public and constituents as needed throughout the implementation of this plan.

The Superintendent of Schools of the the **Niagara Falls City School District**, his/her designee, or his/her successor will maintain awareness of information, direction, and guidance from public health officials and the Governor's office, directing the implementation of changes as necessary.

Upon resolution of the public health emergency, the Superintendent of Schools of the **Niagara Falls City School District**, his/her designee, or his/her successor will direct the resumption of normal operations or operations with modifications as necessary.

## Mission Essential Functions

When confronting events that disrupt normal operations, **Niagara Falls City School District** is committed to ensuring that essential functions will be continued even under the most challenging circumstances.

Essential functions are those functions that enable an organization to:

1. Maintain the safety of students, employees, contractors, and our constituency
2. Provide vital services
3. Provide services required by law
4. Sustain quality operations
5. Uphold the core values of **Niagara Falls City School District**

The **Niagara Falls City School District** has identified as critical only those priority functions that are required or are necessary to provide vital services. During activation of this plan, all other activities may be suspended to enable the organization to concentrate on providing the critical functions and building the internal capabilities necessary to increase and eventually restore operations. Appropriate communications with students, employees, contractors, our constituents, and other stakeholders will be an ongoing priority.

Essential functions are prioritized according to:

- The time criticality of each essential function
- Interdependency of a one function to others
- The recovery sequence of essential functions and their vital processes

Priority 1 identifies the most essential of functions, with priority 4 identifying functions that are essential, but least among them.

The mission essential functions for the **Niagara Falls City School District** have been identified as:

Essential Function	Description	Priority
Superintendent of Schools	Oversees and plans. Assigns critical functions assuring compliance with all CDC, DOH and NYSED requirements. Establishes communication with staff and parents to execute	1



	and standardize district goals. Establishes contacts to provide outside organizations with information relative to District plans to procedures. Communicates with the Board of Education directly.	
<b>Administrator for School Business Services</b>	<p>Reports to the Superintendent of Schools directly.</p> <p>Coordinates and supports the goals of the District with the Superintendent of Schools and other District Administrators and Supervisors. Oversees the functions of the Business Office. Communicates directly with Superintendent and administration to assist with planning and daily functions to achieve District goals..</p>	1
<b>Administrator for Human Resources</b>	<p>Reports to the Superintendent of Schools directly.</p> <p>Coordinates and supports the goals of the District with the Superintendent of Schools and other District Administrators and Supervisors. Oversees the functions of the Human Resources Office. Communicates directly with Superintendent and administration to assist with planning and daily functions to achieve District goals.</p>	1
<b>Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction</b>	<p>Reports to the Superintendent of Schools directly. Coordinates and supports the goals of the District with the Superintendent of Schools and other District Administrators and Supervisors. Oversees the creation and implementation of Curriculum, Instruction, remote and distance learning and professional development. Communicates directly with Superintendent and administration to assist with planning and daily functions to achieve District goals.</p>	
<b>Administrator for Information Services</b>	<p>Reports to the Superintendent of Schools directly.</p> <p>Coordinates and supports the goals of the district with the Superintendent of Schools and Director of Administrative Services. Communicates directly with the Superintendent and administration to assist with all technology planning and functions, including hardware, software, systems and network, ensuring that the needs of the district are being met.</p>	1
<b>School Administrators</b>	<p>Coordinates functions delegated by the Superintendent of Schools. Assign tasks to facilitate and accomplish district goals. Communicates regularly with the Superintendent and District</p>	1

	<p>level Administrators Oversee school based instructional and non-instructional personnel. Ensure critical functions are being performed as necessary. Provides regular progress reports on daily activities necessary to accomplish district goals. When directed by the Superintendent of Schools, School Administrators are responsible for communicating and updating employees in district policy. This includes instruction, assessment, technology and maintenance, and scheduling and any changes to these duties. Monitor and request building safety equipment and supplies as needed.</p>	
<b>District Medical Director</b>	<p>Reports to the Superintendent of Schools directly.</p> <p>Coordinates and supports the medical/health goals of the district with the Superintendent of Schools and District Administrators. Communicates directly with the Superintendent and administration. Assists with CDC, DOH and NYSED regulations including oversight of NYS recording requirements and Nursing Staff.</p>	
<b>Director of Facilities</b>	<p>Reports to the Superintendent of Schools directly Coordinates functions with the Superintendent of Schools, District Administrators, Administrators and Staff. Responsible for maintenance activities, custodial duties including ordering supplies, training, scheduling to meet the needs of the district. Instructs and informs staff of district policy and procedures including personal protection, cleaning procedures and methods of reporting and receiving issues and concerns that may affect or enhance safety procedures. Responsible for communication and updating employees in cleaning regimen /schedules and constant changes to these duties. Maintains a current inventory of supplies and safety equipment and provides staff and services as needed. Inventory includes maintaining a cache of necessary supplies and equipment through reordering and replenishing stock so as not to fall short of critical supplies. Adjusts schedules to meet current needs, updates and trains staff on proper handling and use of tools and chemicals as per the manufacturer, CDC, DOL and DOH requirements. Coordinates deliveries and ensures delivery agents know and follow district policy when on site. Schedules outside maintenance activities. Ensures third party contractors know and follow all school, CDC, DOL and DOH policies while on school district property.</p>	1

<b>Food Service Administrator</b>	<p>Reports to the Superintendent of Schools and Administrator for School Business Services directly.</p> <p>Coordinates and supports the child nutrition goals of the district with the Superintendent of Schools and District Administrators. Communicates directly with the Superintendent and administration. Assists with NYSED regulations including oversight of all kitchen/Food Service Staff. Initiates and Implements all Nutritional, health and safety food service protocols.</p>	1
<b>Custodian on Special Assignment</b>	<p><i>Reports to the Director of Facilities. Coordinates activities with, and updates the Director of Facilities regularly. Assists in providing employees with proper direction for performing necessary cleaning, equipment, cleaning products and protocols. Provides a direct line of communication from custodial staff to the Director of Facilities. Assists with keeping records of and controlling inventory, communicates directly with suppliers for ordering and receiving material and supplies to maintain an adequate cache of necessary products and materials. Assists with building schedules and arranging custodial staff and staff schedules to meet District needs. Assists with communication and updating employees in district cleaning regimen/schedules and constant changes to these duties.</i></p>	1 FOR DISC
<b>Business Office</b>	<p>Assists the Superintendent of Schools and Administrator for School Business Services with maintaining critical financial functions and oversight. Provides needed guidance and advice with logistical and financial obligation; as well as record keeping. Provides purchasing support to ensure that necessary safety equipment and supply inventory can be maintained for education, maintenance, nursing, and custodial functions.</p>	1
<b>Technology Department</b>	<p>Provides support to ensure critical infrastructure is in place to provide effective building support and educational support securely. Works directly with the Superintendent of Schools, Administrator for Information Services and Administrative staff to ensure communication and internet stability. Provides the necessary equipment and approved software to staff and students to perform the functions of each necessary school sector to maintain building maintenance, day to day operations, and educational needs.</p>	1

<b>Nurses</b>	Assist with the medical goals of the district. Provide medical insight and support to help maintain a healthy school population. Assists with planning and achieving district goals. Provides support and assistance to carry out orders from the Medical Director, CDC, DOH and NYSED regulations. Maintain Fa sanitary environment. Monitors quarantine area. Keeps accurate records. Makes immediate and necessary notifications to building administrators when necessary. Coordinates activities with parents. Offers guidance to building occupants and parents. Communicates regularly with the building administration and the Superintendent.	1
<b>Building Secretaries</b>	Staff will continue to perform vital services as directed by the Superintendent of Schools and directed by their school administrator. The District will determine need based on individual circumstances and can be utilized in school or remotely. Administration will provide services necessary for staff to operate in a safe and clean environment on site. Administration will ensure all staff will be informed of and are required adhere to district safety policy while onsite. Administration will provide the necessary means and materials to safely and effectively work in a remote setting as well.	1
<b>Maintenance Staff</b>	Maintenance staff will perform vital services to keep and maintain essential equipment for onsite and remote learning. Maintenance staff and work will be overseen by the Director of Facilities. Staff will be informed of school procedures and adhere to all personal safety protocols required by the CDC, DOL (PESH), and DOH at all times. The Director of Facilities will supervise and schedule maintenance personnel for the purpose of keeping vital services operating and functional.	1
<b>Custodial Staff</b>	Custodial staff will work as directed by the Director of Facilities and Operations and Custodial Supervisor. The Director of Facilities and Operations and Custodial Supervisor will oversee and ensure school buildings are being cleaned properly. Building Administration will also assist with notification and information about building conditions and issues that need to be discussed or addressed. Custodial staff has received pandemic awareness training. Training provided essential information about communicable diseases. Training also included information about personal protective equipment, cleaning products, proper disinfection and sanitization and product use, product labels, Safety Data Sheets, and	1

	manufacturers' requirements for use. The district will provide custodial staff with the required personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies to maintain a safe working environment. Staff shifts and personnel will be scheduled accordingly based on the needs of the district. As with all staff, custodial personnel will follow district protocols required by the CDC, DOL (PESH), DOH and the district while providing services and on breaks.	
<b>Educational</b>	The Superintendent, with assistance from the Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction, Administrator for Information Services and other District Administrators will determine the level of on-site education and or implement the District Remote Learning Plan.	1
<b>Outside Contractors</b>	Outside contractors will be scheduled and work will be performed with the oversight of the Director of Facilities. All outside contractors will notify the Director of Facilities when they arrive on-site. Outside contractors will be informed of district procedures and policy before they are allowed to work on the premises. Companies performing work on site will provide their employees with the proper PPE to comply with District policy. Outside contractors who do not or cannot work safely will not be allowed on district property.	1
<b>Food Service</b>	All District protocols will be initiated by the District Food Service Administrator.	1
<b>Transportation</b>	Transportation will provide services directed by the Superintendent with the assistant of the Administrator for School Business Services. As directed by the Superintendent, and/or the Administrator for School Business Services, the District Transportation Coordinator will work in conjunction with the Transportation Contractor on daily operations. The District will provide safe and secure transportation based on the needs of the District and learning environment. Protocols will be established and the Transportation Contractor has will ensure proper training for cleaning and sanitizing buses. The Transportation Contractor will provide their employees with the training and proper PPE and disinfection equipment to effectively maintain the transportation fleet. Records will be maintained accurately to ensure bus safety procedures are being followed. The District Transportation Coordinator will schedule student	1

	bussing pickup and drop off according to the needs of district. The District will continually inform staff and parents of changes to procedures as necessary.	
<b>B.O.E</b>	The Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools will dictate school policy and procedures.	<b>1</b>
<b>Outside Deliveries</b>	Deliveries will be coordinated with the Director of Facilities , Custodial Supervisor, and Building Custodians. The Director of Facilities will inform companies of District Policy and procedures in advance. All delivery agents will be required to notify the district prior to arrival on District and strictly adhere to district policy while on site. Employers will be required to provide their employees with the proper PPE to work safely while on site.	<b>1</b>

## Essential Positions

Each essential function identified above requires certain positions on-site to effectively operate. The table below identifies the positions or titles that are essential to be staffed on-site for the continued operation of each essential function. Note that while some functions and associated personnel may be essential, some of these can be conducted remotely and do not need to be identified in this section.

Essential Function	Essential Positions/Titles	Justification for Each
Administration and Oversight	Superintendent of Schools	The Superintendent is the decision-maker for the entire district.
Financial Operations	Administrator for School Business Services	Administrator for School Business Services ensures all essential financial functions are maintained.
Human Resources/Personnel	Administrator for Human Resources	The Administrator for Human Resources ensures all essential staff and substitutes are employed and deployed appropriately at each location

Education	Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction	The Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction, assists in determining the District's educational plan.
Information Technology	Administrator for Information Services	The Administrator for Information Services establishes all priorities for IT tasks and organizes staff.  IT staff members provide support in setting up hardware and software, network management, and help desk support.
Administration	Principals, Assistant Principals	The Principals, and Assistant Principals, are the liaisons between students, families, and employees in the building.
Health Services	District Medical Director	Directs all Health Services including Nurses
Facilities	Director of Facilities	The Director of Facilities ensures the maintenance of buildings and grounds and the necessary level of cleaning and sanitizing at all locations
Child Nutrition	Food Service Administrator	Coordinates and supports the child nutrition goals of the district including oversight of all kitchen/Food Service Staff. Initiates and Implements all Nutritional, health and safety food service protocols.
Cleaning and Sanitizing	Buildings and Grounds Staff, Custodial Maintenance, Repairers and Laborers	Perform all cleaning and sanitization and necessary upkeep of the buildings.
Support	District Clerical Staff	Provides necessary support for all Administrators.

### Reducing Risk Through Remote Work and Staggered Shifts

Through assigning certain staff to work remotely and by staggering work shifts, we can decrease crowding and density at work sites and on public transportation.

### Remote Work Protocols

Non-essential employees and contractors able to accomplish their functions remotely will be enabled to do so at the greatest extent possible. Working remotely requires:

1. Identification of staff who will work remotely
2. Approval and assignment of remote work
3. Equipping staff for remote work, which may include:
  - a. Internet capable laptop
  - b. Necessary peripherals
  - c. Access to VPN and/or secure network drives
  - d. Access to software and databases necessary to perform their duties
  - e. A solution for telephone communications
- i. Note that phone lines may need to be forwarded to off-site staff

The Superintendent of Schools and the District Administrative Staff will determine the level of remote working for all district employees in conjunction with all NYSDOH guidelines.

### **Staggered Shifts**

Implementing staggered shifts may be possible for personnel performing duties which are necessary to be performed on-site but perhaps less sensitive to being accomplished only within core business hours. As possible, management will identify opportunities for staff to work outside core business hours as a strategy of limiting exposure. Regardless of changes in start and end times of shifts, **Niagara Falls City School District** will ensure that employees are provided with their typical or contracted minimum work hours per week. Staggering shifts requires:

1. Identification of positions for which work hours will be staggered
2. Approval and assignment of changed work hours

The Director of Facilities will work with the Superintendent of Schools and District Administrators to formulate a calendar that schedules employees based on the needs of the District.



## Personal Protective Equipment

The use of personal protective equipment (PPE) to reduce the spread of infectious disease is important to supporting the health and safety of our employees and contractors. PPE which may be needed can include:

- Masks
- Face shields
- Gloves
- Disposable gowns or aprons

Note that while cleaning supplies are not PPE, there is a related need for cleaning supplies used to sanitize surfaces, as well as hand soap and hand sanitizer. The Coronavirus pandemic demonstrated that supply chains were not able to keep up with increased demand for these products early in the pandemic. As such, we are including these supplies in this section as they are pertinent to protecting the health and safety of our employees and contractors.

Protocols for providing PPE include the following:

1. Identification of need for PPE based upon job duties and work location
2. Procurement of PPE
  - a. As specified in the amended law, public employers must be able to provide at least two pieces of each required type of PPE to each essential employee during any given work shift for at least six months
  - b. Public employers must be able to mitigate supply chain disruptions to meet this requirement
3. Storage of, access to, and monitoring of PPE stock
  - a. PPE must be stored in a manner which will prevent degradation
  - b. Employees and contractors must have immediate access to PPE in the event of an emergency

- c. The supply of PPE must be monitored to ensure integrity and to track usage rates

The Director of Facilities and the District Medical Director will be responsible for insuring the proper PPE is available at all buildings for required applications. The District will work to ensure we maintain a six month supply of PPE as directed above for all faculty and students. An extra supply of PPE will be available in all buildings for the Principals, Nurses or Custodial staff. The **Niagara Falls City School District** participates in the Orleans/Niagara Cooperative Bid Purchasing Agreement. It provides a comprehensive list of suppliers and products used for maintaining employee safety, disinfecting and sanitization protocols.

Surplus PPE will be stored in a dry, secured central location. Access to the surplus PPE can only be made by the Director of Facilities as this will ensure the accurate accountability of all supplies on hand. The District Storekeeper will be responsible for keeping accurate records and reporting to the Director of Facilities.

## **Staff Exposures, Cleaning, and Disinfection**

### **Staff Exposures**

Staff exposures are organized under several categories based upon the type of exposure and presence of symptoms. Following CDC guidelines, we have established the following protocols:

- A. If employees or contractors are exposed to a known case of communicable disease that is the subject of the public health emergency (defined as a 'close contact' with someone who is confirmed infected, which is a prolonged presence within six feet with that person):
  - 1. Potentially exposed employees or contractors who do not have symptoms should remain at home or in a comparable setting and practice social distancing for the lesser of 14 days or other current CDC/public health guidance for the communicable disease in question.
    - a. As possible, these employees will be permitted to work remotely during this period of time if they are not ill.
    - b. All necessary parties will be notified of staff exposure through contact tracing.

- c. See the section titled Documentation of Work Hours and Locations for additional information on contact tracing.
- 2. CDC guidelines for COVID-19 provide that critical essential employees may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure, provided they remain symptom-free and additional precautions are taken to protect them, other employees and contractors, and our constituency/public.
  - a. Additional precautions will include the requirement of the subject employee or contractor, as well as others working in their proximity, to wear appropriate PPE at all times to limit the potential of transmission.
  - b. In-person interactions with the subject employee or contractor will be limited as much as possible.
  - c. Work areas in which the subject employee or contractor are present will be disinfected according to current CDC/public health protocol at least every hour, as practical. See the section on Cleaning and Disinfection for additional information on that subject.
  - d. If at any time they exhibit symptoms, refer to item B below.
  - e. The Superintendent of Schools, in the organization is the decision-maker in these circumstances and who is responsible for ensuring these protocols are followed.
- B. If an employee or contractor exhibits symptoms of the communicable disease that is the subject of the public health emergency:
  - 1. Employees and contractors who exhibit symptoms in the workplace should be immediately separated from other employees, customers, and visitors. They should immediately be sent home with a recommendation to contact their physician.
  - 2. Employees and contractors who exhibit symptoms outside of work should notify their supervisor and stay home, with a recommendation to contact their physician.
  - 3. Employees should not return to work until they have met the criteria to discontinue home isolation per CDC/public health guidance and have consulted with a healthcare provider.
  - 4. Niagara Falls City School District will not require sick employees to provide a negative test result for the disease in question or healthcare provider's note to validate their illness, qualify for sick

leave, or return to work unless there is a recommendation from the CDC/public health officials to do so.

5. CDC criteria for COVID-19 provides that persons exhibiting symptoms may return to work if at least 24 hours have passed since the last instance of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. If the disease in question is other than COVID-19, CDC and other public guidance shall be referenced.
  6. The Superintendent, Medical Director and Administrator for Human Resources in the organization must be informed in these circumstances and are responsible for ensuring these protocols are followed.
- C. If an employee or contractor has tested positive for the communicable disease that is the subject of the public health emergency:
1. Apply the steps identified in item B, above, as applicable.
  2. Areas occupied for prolonged periods of time by the subject employee or contractor will be closed off.
    - a. CDC guidance for COVID-19 indicates that a period of 24 hours is ideally given before cleaning, disinfecting, and reoccupation of those spaces will take place. If this time period is not possible, a period of as long as possible will be given. CDC/public health guidance for the disease in question will be followed.
    - b. Any common areas entered, surfaces touched, or equipment used shall be cleaned and disinfected immediately.
    - c. See the section on Cleaning and Disinfection for additional information on that subject.
  3. Identification of potential employee and contractor exposures will be conducted
    - a. If an employee or contractor is confirmed to have the disease in question, the Superintendent, or his/her designee, should inform all contacts of their possible exposure. Confidentiality shall be maintained as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
    - b. Apply the steps identified in item A, above, as applicable, for all potentially exposed personnel.

We recognize there may be nuances or complexities associated with potential exposures, close contacts, symptomatic persons, and those testing positive. We will follow CDC/public health recommendations and requirements and coordinate with our local public health office for additional guidance and support as needed.

## **Cleaning and Disinfecting**

CDC/public health guidelines will be followed for cleaning and disinfection of surfaces/areas. Present guidance for routine cleaning during a public health emergency includes:

1. As possible, employees and contractors will clean their own workspaces in the beginning, middle, and end of their shifts, at a minimum, in conjunction with District custodial staff.
  - a. High traffic/high touch areas and areas which are accessible to the public/constituents will be disinfected at least hourly.
  - b. The Director of Facilities will coordinate and establish cleaning guidelines and schedules for all cleaners to cover the common areas listed above.
2. Staff tasked with cleaning and disinfecting areas will be issued and required to wear PPE appropriate to the task.
3. Soiled surfaces will be cleaned with soap and water before being disinfected.
4. Surfaces will be disinfected with products that meet EPA criteria for use against the virus in question and which are appropriate for that surface.
5. Staff will follow instructions of cleaning products to ensure safe and effective use of the products.

## **Employee and Contractor Leave**

Public health emergencies are extenuating and unanticipated circumstances in which Niagara Falls City School District is committed to reducing the burden on our employees and contractors. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act provided requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which form the policies outlined below. This policy may be altered based upon changes in law or regulation, as applicable.

It is our policy that employees of Niagara Falls City School District will not be charged with leave time for testing. Employees will be provided with up to two weeks (80 hours) of paid sick leave at the employee's regular rate of pay for a period which the employee is unable to work due to quarantine (in accordance with federal, state, or local orders or advice of a healthcare provider), and/or experiencing symptoms and seeking medical diagnosis.

Further, Niagara Falls City School District will provide up to two weeks (80 hours) of paid sick leave at minimum of two-thirds the employee's regular rate of pay if the employee is unable to work because of a bona fide need to care for an individual subject to quarantine (pursuant to federal, state, or local orders or advice of a healthcare provider), or to care for a child (under 18 years of age) whose school or child care provider is closed or unavailable for reasons related to the public health emergency, and/or the employee is experiencing a substantially similar condition as specified by the CDC/public health officials. This provision may be modified if an employee is able to effectively work remotely and the need exists for them to do so.

Additionally, Niagara Falls City School District will provide up to an additional 10 weeks of paid expanded family and medical leave at minimum of two-thirds of the employee's regular rate of pay where an employee, who has been employed for at least 30 calendar days by Niagara Falls City School District, is unable to work due to a bona fide need for leave to care for a child whose school or child care provider is closed or unavailable for reasons related to the public health emergency. This provision may be modified if an employee is able to effectively work remotely and the need exists for them to do so.

Additional provisions may be enacted based upon need and the guidance and requirements in place by federal and state employment laws, FMLA, executive orders, and other potential sources.

Contractors, either independent or affiliated with a contracted firm, are not classified as employees of Niagara Falls City School District, and as such are not provided with paid leave time by Niagara Falls City

School District, unless required by law.

### **Documentation of Work Hours and Locations**

In a public health emergency, it may be necessary to document work hours and locations of each employee and contractor to support contact tracing efforts. Identification of locations shall include on-site work, off-site visits.

This information may be used by Niagara Falls City School District to support contact tracing within the organization and may be shared with local public health officials.

7.02 Motion to table by Ronald J Barstys, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

No: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Anthony F Paretto, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Resolution Adopting Policy Pertaining Student Gender Identity - Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Policy Adopted

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Resolution Adopting Policy Pertaining Student Gender Identity - Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms (SG 1,4)

RESOLVED, That in accordance with previous practice, this item will be tabled for thirty (30) days to allow for sufficient review time.

SUBJECT: GENDER NEUTRAL SINGLE-OCCUPANCY BATHROOMS

The District is committed to creating and maintaining an inclusive educational and work-environment. The District will ensure that all single-occupancy bathroom facilities are designated as gender neutral for use by no more than one occupant at a time or for family or assisted use.

"Single-occupancy bathroom" means a bathroom intended for use by no more than one occupant at a time or for family or assisted use and which has a door for entry into and egress from the bathroom that may be locked by the occupant to ensure privacy and security.

All gender neutral bathroom facilities will be clearly designated by the posting of signage either on or near the entry door of each facility.

Education Law § 409-m

Public Buildings Law § 145

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7552 -- Student Gender Identity

**7.03** Motion to table:

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Russell Petrozzi, Rob Bilson

No: Ronald J Barstys, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Clara Dunn

Abstain: Earl F Bass

Motion to adopt Resolution Adopting Policy Pertaining Student Gender Identity - Locker Rooms, and Other Circumstances where Students may be Sex-segregated.

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

Policy Adopted

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

No: Vincent Cancemi, Nicholas Vilardo

Resolution Adopting Policy Pertaining Student Gender Identity - Locker Rooms, and Other Circumstances where Students may be Sex-segregated. (SG 1,4)

RESOLVED, That in accordance with previous practice, this item will be tabled for thirty (30) days to allow for sufficient review time.

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Students



**SUBJECT: STUDENT GENDER IDENTITY**

All students need a safe and supportive educational environment to progress academically and developmentally. The District is committed to fostering a safe learning environment for all students, free from discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex, gender, gender identity, gender nonconformity, and gender expression. In accordance with applicable law, regulations, and guidelines, the District will ensure that students have equal access to all school programs, facilities, and activities. The District will assess and address the specific needs of each student on a case-by-case basis.

**Key Terms**

Generally, District personnel should use the language that individual students are using to describe their own gender identity, appearance, or behavior. The most commonly used terms are:

Cisgender: a person whose gender identity corresponds to their assigned sex at birth.

Gender: actual or perceived sex, typically with reference to social and cultural differences rather than physiological ones.

Gender expression: the ways a person conveys their gender identity to others, such as through behavior, appearance, clothing, hairstyle, activities, voice, and mannerisms.

Gender identity: a person's inner sense or psychological knowledge of being male, female, neither, or both.

Gender nonconforming (GNC): describes someone whose gender identity or gender expression does not conform to social or stereotypical expectations of a person with that gender assigned at birth. This is also referred to as gender variant or gender atypical.

Transgender: someone whose gender identity is different than their gender assigned at birth.

Transition: the process by which a person socially or physically aligns their gender expression more closely to their gender identity than their assigned sex at birth.

**Records**

As required by law, the District will maintain the confidentiality of student information and records. If a transgender or GNC student has officially changed his or her name, as demonstrated by court order or birth certificate, the District will change its official and unofficial records, as needed, to reflect the change. The District will maintain records with the student's assigned birth name in a separate, confidential file.

If a transgender or GNC student has not officially changed his or her name, but wishes to be referred to by a different name that corresponds to their gender identity, the District may create or change unofficial records to reflect the name and gender identity that the student consistently asserts at school. On state standardized tests, certain reports to the New York State Education Department, and when necessary to ensure appropriate and coordinated medical care, however, the District will use the student's legal name and gender. Any student identification cards will be issued with the name reflecting the gender identity the student consistently asserts at school. The District will maintain records with the student's assigned birth name and gender in a separate, confidential file.

## **Names and Pronouns**

When apprised of a student's transgender or GNC status, the District will endeavor to engage the student and his or her parents or guardians, as appropriate, in an effort to agree upon a plan that will accommodate the student's individual needs at school. Transgender and GNC students have the right to discuss and convey their gender identity and expression openly and to decide when, with whom, and how much to share this confidential information. The plan may therefore include when and how to initiate the student's preferred name and associated pronoun use and if, when, and how this is communicated to others. District staff will use the name and pronoun that corresponds to the gender identity the student consistently asserts at school.

## **Restrooms and Locker Rooms**

The District will allow a transgender or GNC student to use the restroom and locker room that corresponds to the student's consistently expressed gender identity at school. Any student requesting increased privacy or other accommodations when using bathrooms or locker rooms will be provided with a safe and adequate alternative, but they will not be required to use that alternative.

## **Physical Education and Sports**

Physical education is a required part of the District's curriculum. Where these classes are sex-segregated, students will be allowed to participate in a manner consistent with their gender identity. Students will likewise be allowed to participate in intramural activities consistent with their gender identity.

Upon written notification that a transgender or GNC student would like an opportunity to participate in the District's interscholastic athletics program consistent with his or her gender identity, the District will determine his or her eligibility in accordance with applicable law, regulations, and guidelines.

The District will confirm the student's asserted gender identity with documentation it considers appropriate from a parent or guardian, counselor, doctor, psychologist, psychiatrist, or other medical professionals. The student's gender identity should be the same as the identity used for District registration and other school purposes.

The District's athletic director will notify opposing team athletic directors or the New York State Public High School Athletic Association if a student needs any accommodations during competitions. Any appeal regarding the District's eligibility decision will be directly to the Commissioner of Education.

### **Other Activities**

Generally, in other circumstances where students may be sex-segregated, such as overnight field trips, students may be permitted to participate in accordance with the gender identity that the student consistently asserts at school. Student privacy concerns will be addressed individually and on a case-by-case basis in accordance with District policy and applicable law, regulations, and guidelines.

### **Dress Code and Team Uniforms**

Transgender or GNC students may utilize restrooms in accordance with their gender identity or expression, within the parameters of the District's dress code. The District will not restrict students' clothing or appearance on the basis of gender.

The District's code applies while its athletes are traveling to and from athletic contests. Athletes will have access to uniforms that are appropriate for their sport.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 USC § 1232g

34 CFR Part 99

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

Education Law Article 2 and §§ 2-d, 11(7), 3201-a

8 NYCRR § 100.2

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #3410 -- Code of Conduct

#3420 -- Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the District

#7550 -- Dignity for All Students

#7551 -- Sexual Harassment of Students

#7553 -- Hazing of Students

#8242 -- Civility, Citizenship, and Character Education/Interpersonal  
Violence Prevention Education

Adoption Date

## 7. Information and Reports

### 8.01 Superintendent's Report

Questioned the Board's will on communicating the policies adopted regarding gender identity.

Mrs. Dunn wants parents notified. Dr. Barstys suggest principals include information in newsletters. Mrs. Dunn is fine with that suggestion. Mr. Laurie may prefer to handle it himself. He will discuss it soon via some communication with the Board.

**2021-2022 General Fund Budget Update** - Mr. Laurie and Mr. Giarrizzo offered the following update:

NYS has released almost all withholdings, except one grant.

Timeline: April 15 recommend budget to vote April 22.

It is unknown whether the State will capture any federal stimulus money intended for the District.

It is possible the gap will be eliminated.

Appropriations changes: electric costs change by \$20k

\$200,000 e-rate upfront costs to be run through BOCES.

1.9 percent year to year excluding debt.

COVID two years, \$32 million for NFCSD. Must be spent on academic recovery.

RESERVE: DEBT SERVICE (INC \$202,478 PRM)	\$541,000
PROJECTED ADDITIONAL APPROP.	\$5,061,043
GAP Total Appr. Minus Total Revenue	\$1,088,757

**COVID-19 Update:** Mr. Laurie offered the following update:

All current hybrid students (Blue and Gold) will become four day (Green) students once the Niagara County Department of Health approves reopening of schools fulltime. A four day (M, T, Th, F) schedule will continue; synchronous instruction will continue on Wednesdays.

Individual schools will assess space considerations to include classroom size, bathrooms, cafeterias, music rooms, and physical education space with respect to maintaining three feet of social distance.

Students and staff will wear masks, unless on an approved mask break or while eating or drinking.

Clarification on bussing is needed; a second run may be added.

Infection rates must be closely monitored. If rates rise to the threshold level, a retreat to the hybrid schedule must occur, as directed by the Superintendent.

Any student whose parent does not wish the child to attend four days will be placed on remote instruction.

Outside spaces should be used as frequently as possible.

Swimming pools may be used, with a plan approved by the Superintendent, no earlier than April 26, 2021.

Isolation Rooms and Wednesday staff/student BINEX testing must continue.

Outside groups will be approved on a case-by-case basis.

Current, fully remote students will remain on a remote instruction.

The plan will begin on April 19, 2021, depending on information at that time and at the discretion of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent will communicate this plan to the community and the administrators will make school-based determinations on bathrooms, classrooms, and cafeterias.

Rev. Sylvester Beaman – a video presentation was shown featuring this 1978 NFHS graduate- outstanding alumni to accept award. Rev. Beaman offered the invocation at President Biden's inauguration. He will be here May 13.

The Superintendent and Mrs. Jones will meet with the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow.

Seventeen NFHS students earned OSHA cards.

Wolverine 18 – 1 basketball team vs. Clarence tomorrow.

The District was approved to distribute 1,000 free AT&T Hotspot to students. Staff will work with Digital Promise and AT&T to identify eligible students who either do not have at-home internet access or do not have access to sufficient broadband speeds to participate in remote learning. The applications for this emergency fund are due no later than Friday, April 9th.

NFCSD Prep school students hold 10 of the top 11 spots in Robotics awards.

1-4, 6-11 autonomous drones 4/17/21 competing Championships in Rochester, N.Y.

## Spring Recess approaches.

### 8.02 Board Members Report and Comments

Mr. Vilardo: requests BOCES update of Mr. Cancemi.

Mr. Cancemi provided that update – tour of new BOCES building took place, BOCES is seeking instructors. Dr. Godshall plans to work another year. All Superintendents of Schools are meeting weekly. Dr. Godshall knows Niagara Falls will not be funding summer school. BOCES programming is down in students. A high number of challenged students are being served.

Mr. Paretto: Congratulated staff on budget work; football practice began, locker rooms are in great shape, even with COVID protocols. The trainer is excellent.

Mr. Kudela: Thanks for vote against asphalt company in the walked on resolution, 6.12.

Mr. Bass: Thanks to all staff for their hard work.

Mr. Bilson: Thanks to all staff for their hard work.

Dr. Barstys: Happy Easter.

Mr. Cancemi: Great Board open communication among members. Thanked the Superintendent for his leadership.

BRS Thursday, April 15th, 2021	ARS/Regular Mtg. Thursday, April 22, 2021
1. NF International Kite	1. NFHS Career Pathways
2. Capital Projects	2.
3. Sister Schools	
4. 2021-2022 General Fund Budget	2. 2021-2022 General Fund Budget
5. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – April 22 <sup>nd</sup> Regular Board Meeting – <i>Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro</i>	3. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – April 22 <sup>nd</sup> Regular Board Meeting – <i>Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro</i>

## 9. Advanced Planning

### 9.01 Future Agenda Items

### 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

<b>ARS/Regular (Virtual) – Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup></b>
1. April 27 Special Board Meetings Agenda Item School District and BOCES Agenda Items - <i>Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro</i>

The Board  
convened an  
executive  
session at

8:32 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bass seconded by Dr. Barstys for the purpose of discussions relating to the Taylor Law concerning CSEA.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:02 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Barstys seconded by Mr. Kudela.

**10. Adjournment** in memory of the following:

1. Wendell Bone, brother of Porter Terry Bone.
2. Patricia Nolan, retired School Secretary at G.J. Mann Elementary School, who was employed by the District for 30 years.
3. Kathie Kudela, aunt of Board member Paul Kudela.
4. Elaine Baia, former substitute teacher.
5. John Pero, father of special education teachers Jack Pero and Jaime Pero.
6. Robert Davis Fr., son of Gaskill lunch associate Maggie Davis.
7. Alfretta Walker, former employee through Evenstart.

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, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser

District Clerk

BOARD REVIEW SESSION

NIAGARA FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

APRIL 15, 2021

PRESENT: Dr. Barstys, Mr. Bass\*, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

EXCUSED: Mr. Kudela

\*participated remotely.

Mr. Cancemi opened the BRS at 5:30 p.m.

Updates from Mr. Laurrie: The Rev. Sylvester Beaman will participate in a ceremony to be named an Outstanding Alumni on 13<sup>th</sup> May; Saturday at LPS, the NYS Robotics Championships to qualify for Worlds in Kentucky will be held; congratulations to Clara Dunn completed her Board training; the attorney for Niagara University praised the Board of Education for its fight against asphalt plant and asks that it write the Department of Environmental Conservation to oppose the plant. Mrs. Jones plans to meet with NFHS students and advisors to discuss end of year activities. The SRO at GPS promoted by the NFPD and will be replaced seamlessly. Dr. Melvin Dyster passed away; the Board extends condolences.

NF International Kite Festival – Ken Hamilton, Guest, failed to appear.

Career Pathways at NFHS – Mrs. Jones presented with the NFHS Administrative Team - Mr. Rotella, Mr. Ventry, Mrs. Vilardo – in attendance.

15 students have earned their OSHA cards. Also, thanks to Mr. Petrozzi for setting up a meeting with the Niagara USA Chamber of Commerce.

The following opportunities have been arranged for students who will participate in the Pathways program:

Daemen College: Paralegal Law Course (Law for Society); Cartooning; Principles of Animation yielding 3 credits per course for Daemen, 1 credit per course for Niagara Falls High School

Laborers' International Union of North America (L.I.U.N.A.) Local 91: OSHA 10- Hour Training; Confined Spaces Training – planning; Landscaping Basics – planning; Construction Math – planning yielding Certification in all courses

Niagara University / REAC3H: Introduction to Nursing Skills Course yielding 3 credit course for Niagara University, 1 credit for Niagara Falls High School, Certified Nurse Assistant Certification, Internship with a local medical facility

Niagara University / REAC3H: Race Course; Writing Course; Poverty Course; Education/Teaching Course; Law and Security Course; ESports Course; Critical Reading and Literacy Course; Race, Social Justice and Educational Advocacy Course yielding 3 credits per course for Niagara University, 1 credit per course for Niagara Falls High School

Niagara County Community College: Personal Finance Course proposed; Coming 2022: IT Security Courses (Global Industries):Google IT Network Support Professional AWS Cloud Computing IBM Cybersecurity or A.I., Supply Chain Management (Business Finance and Marketing), Intro to Hospitality Management (Human Services)

Other agencies in conversation include: N.Y.S. Department of Labor; Niagara County Employment and Training; Orleans/Niagara BOCES Workforce Training Center; Craft Technical Institute; N.C.C.C. Workforce Development; Stavatti Aerospace Ltd.; Niagara USA Chamber of Commerce; Bank on Buffalo.

Several partners want students immediately to teach and mentor.

Mr. Laurrie – we also need to offer driving education. Trades Unions need new blood to fund pensions of current workers. Junior Police Academy may also be in the offing. Marketing must start with very young students.



**Sister Schools Update** - Mr. Carella presented with his Sister Schools team in attendance: Mrs. Brundidge, Mrs. Manella, Mr. Merino, Mrs. Tompkins.

The following work is being undertaken to prepare to launch the Sister Schools in September:

The Committee has chosen the "Move This World" program to address positive school culture

Key features of the program include:

Short, evidence-based Pre-K – 6th grade videos that explicitly teach core social emotional skills and provide opportunities for practice

Access to Move This World's online platform and supplementary resources

Ongoing coaching and professional development for all employees of the school

Components for the classroom, school, home, and community

The development of a common language and vocabulary for the school community

Committee subgroups reorganized into 5 grade K-6 subgroups to ensure consistent implementation of each component across the three Sister Schools:

Performing Arts – create enrichment activities and coursework for both primary and intermediate students

History of the Arts, Dance, Theatre (acting, script writing) Visual Arts

Professional Development – assess initiatives and programs and plan/schedule teacher training from summer 2021 and beyond

Co-teaching, Data Analysis and Planning for the primary classroom, Purposeful Play and Gross Motor Development at the primary level, Character Education and Social/Emotional Learning Systems

Social Emotional Learning – created an aligned Tiered Framework for the 3 schools to include PBIS, Character Education, Direct Instruction of SEL skills and interventions for students in need

STEM – Develop continuum of experiences and coursework for grades Kindergarten – 6

Coding, Computer Science, Engineering, Robotics

Career Awareness interwoven throughout

Transition Planning – examine issues related to reconfiguration and plan for family communication and student/guardian orientation to new schools

Build on parent livestreamed forums from March 9 and 15 and continue purposeful information sharing

Create a menu of suggested orientation activities

All eligible students have been plotted and new boundaries for the three schools have been drawn

Information Services and the Transportation Office have organized and transferred all routing data to School Bus

Logistics: SBL is currently working on new routes

Multiple scenarios will be explored, to include variables such as eligibility by distance from school, and sibling routes

Walkthroughs of all three schools complete

Plans underway for furniture inventory and relocation

Room assignments at each school

Draft guidelines and process for packing and moving of instructional materials and personal effects.

A playground at or near Niagara Street School is desired.

**COVID Updates** - Mr. Laurrie offered the following information regarding the State return to school plan utilizing the three-foot social distancing recommendation, rather than six feet

We are a universal mask school district, unless on an approved mask break or while eating/drinking.

All current hybrid students will become four day students. We will continue a four day (M, T, Th, F) schedule.

Any student whose parent does not wish their child to attend four days will be placed on remote instruction.

Asynchronous and Synchronous instruction will continue on Wednesdays.

Elementary students will be invited to return. Prep school students and NFHS students will return based on a transmission rates.

Current fully remote students will remain on a remote instruction.

Infection rates must be closely monitored. At this point, grades 7-12 will remain in their current status. Infection rates must be fewer than 100 cases of 100,000 people in our County.

Individual schools will assess space considerations to include classroom size, bathrooms, cafeterias, music rooms, and physical education space with respect to maintaining three feet of social distance.

Planning for bussing is occurring. A second run may need to be added.

This plan will begin on April 26, 2021 for elementary students dependent on direction from the Superintendent.

Outside spaces should be used as frequently as possible.

Isolation Rooms and Wednesday staff/student BINEX testing will continue.

The daily survey will continue for staff. Schools will randomly be chosen to administer the student survey.

Swimming Pools may be used, with a plan approved by the Superintendent, no earlier than April 26, 2021.

Outside groups will be approved on a case-by-case basis.

The Superintendent will communicate this plan to the community and the administrators.

A public forum will be virtually conducted on Tuesday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Presentations will be made to the Board of Education again on April 22nd.

The final plan will be shared with the Niagara County Department of Health. It will be posted on our website at [www.nfschools.net](http://www.nfschools.net).

Tuesday night Zoom town meeting to discuss.

**2021-2022 General Fund Budget** - Mr. Giarrizzo offered an overview. Highlights:

The District is still owed \$77,000 in FEMA funding. COVID-related spending to date is \$538,297.

\$24,784 is being withheld.

NY State approved its budget with foundation aid of \$3.7million to the District

State officials have promised that foundation aid will be whole in three years, funding each District according to its own formula, which it has not done heretofore.

The Pandemic adjustment is gone

American Rescue Funds grant yields \$30,236,733 to the District to be spent over three or four years with 20% or \$6,047,347 earmarked by law for academic recovery.

A public hearing regarding the State funds must be held in June.

It is possible that other funds may be yet secured, including Casino funds and additional CARES funding.

An agenda review was held.

Dr. Barstys motioned to enter executive session at 7:41 p.m. seconded by Mr. Vilardo for the purposes of discussing: the possible demotion, discipline, suspension, or removal of an individual; contract negotiations; and information related to investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil law enforcement if disclosed. All in favor. The Board exited executive session at 8:35 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Barstys, seconded by Mrs. Dunn. All in favor.

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS  
Niagara Falls, New York

**Agenda**

**04/22/2021 Regular Board 7 p.m.**

**1. Agenda Review Session**

PRESENT: Mr. Cancemi, Dr. Barstys, Mr. Bass\*, Mr. Bilson, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Kudela, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi,

\*Mr. Bass participated remotely, as he was working. Where he is marked "E" he was taking a call for the NFFD.

**COVID – 19 Update** Mr. Laurrie offered the following update: Public hearing last Tuesday; about 60 callers. Mr. Laurrie will respond to all who reach out to him with concerns. Return to physical classes four days a week beginning April 26, 2021. They will be appropriately distanced.

NFHS seniors may be able to get vaccinated, which would positively impact end-of-year activities. The District is working with NF Memorial Medical Center to accomplish this. Seniors met with school administration and advisers and established this list of priority preferences for a graduation ceremony: 1. large outdoor space; 2. drive in facility; 3. A "drive by" graduation ceremony such as the Class of 2020 had.

Mr. Laurrie has met with the Niagara County Health Director to monitor COVID cases.

The Federal Government rejected the State's waiver of testing for grades three through eight; tests are being administered, but the State is using last year's questions and practice questions. These previous assessments are available on the State website, so nothing is really being measured in terms of whether students are actually acquiring new knowledge, and not merely doing intelligent test preparation.

The Superintendent of Schools feels it is important to students' social and emotional health to return to normalcy with respect to school attendance.

**2021-2022 General Fund Budget** Mr. Giarrizzo presented the final iteration of the recommended budget. These are the highlights:

- the District has funds in reserve

- funds from the American Rescue Act Grant will continue to benefit in to the future;

- budget year-to-year is \$20,000 less

- total proposed budget is \$153,148,179

The levy has increased once, at three percent, since 1993.

The Superintendent of Schools would like to present a three-year spending plan to the public for the reserve funds going forward. A percent, by law, needs to be spent on academic recovery.

It is important that the public vote on the budget.

**Presentation Tax Report Card:** Mr. Giarrizzo explained the contents of the Tax Report Card. This must be provided to residents 10 days before the budget vote. It will be distributed in the District newsletter.

**Year to Year Comparison:** Mr. Giarrizzo, Mrs. Jacklin, and Mrs. Holody presented the comparison attached to these minutes.

**Review of Agenda** A review of the agenda for April 22<sup>nd</sup> was held.

**Review of Agenda –** A review of the agenda for April 27<sup>th</sup> was held.

Mr. Laurrie explained a resolution to be walked on regarding opposition to an asphalt plant located near several Niagara Falls Schools and potentially impacting environmental quality. See 6.23.

**2. Call to Order** by Mr. Cancemi at 7 p.m.

**2.01 Pledge of Allegiance**

2.02 Prayer offered by Mrs. Dunn.

2.03 Roll Call – all present.

### 3. Letters and Communications -

3.01 Oral Communications –

3.02 Written Communications- None.

### 4. Recommended Actions from the Superintendent of Schools - Routine Matters

#### 4.01 Minutes – March 2021 ([SG 4](#))

Motion to approve minutes - March 2021

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### 4.02 Approval of Budget Transfer - #9 (SG3)

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### 4.03 Approval of the following Bids ([SG3](#))

Approval of Bids –

1. Award of Bid, Contract 116 – Roofing Construction Stewardship Project Phase III (SG3) see resolutions

2. Approval of Contract 116 – Roofing Construction Stewardship Project Phase III Capital Project (SG3) see resolutions

Motion by Rob Bilson, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Not Present at Vote: Earl F Bass

4.04 Treasurer's Report – March 2021 (SG3) Received & Filed.

4.05 Budget Status Report – April 2021 (SG3) Received & Filed.

#### 4.06 Personnel Report – Certificated ([SG 1, 2](#))

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Not Present at Vote: Earl F Bass

#### 4.07 Personnel Report - Classified ([SG 1, 2](#))

Motion by Clara Dunn, second by Ronald J Barstys.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Not Present at Vote: Earl F Bass

**4.08** Report from Committee on Special Education ([SG 1](#))

**4.09** Report from Committee on Preschool Special Education ([SG 1](#))

**Items 4.08 and 4.09** Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Not Present at Vote: Earl F Bass

**4.10** Short-Term Contracts ([SG 1, 3](#))

1. Diep Nguyen Mentoring for the Seal of Biliteracy \$45.00 per hour NTE 20 hours/\$900.00

A2060.400.006 April – May 26, 2021

2. Community Connections of WNY, Inc. Survey design and Analysis of District Healthy Behaviors Programs

\$7,425.00 A2280.409.007 April – June, 2021

3. Marsha McWilson Mentoring Kalfas students \$3,500.00 12 sessions FCEP grant

April-June 2021

Motion by Clara Dunn, second by Anthony F Paretto.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Not Present at Vote: Earl F Bass

## 5. Unfinished Business

5.01 None

## 6. New Business ([see BoardDocs](#))

**6.01** Approval of Harry F. Abate, Henry J. Kalfas Magnet, and Niagara Street School

Reconfiguration ([SG 1](#))

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves reconfiguring the present grade levels of Harry F. Abate (grades 3-6 and Grade 2 Enrichment), Henry J. Kalfas Magnet (Pre K-3- grade 2), and Niagara Street School (Pre K-3-grade 2); and

RESOLVED, The Superintendent of Schools is directed to immediately proceed with the implementation of the reconfiguration of Harry F. Abate, Henry J. Kalfas, and Niagara Street School and to do any and all things necessary to implement the scenario for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Not Present at Vote: Earl F Bass

**6.02** Superintendent's Recommended General Fund Budget for School Year 2021-2022

([SG 1, 2, 3](#))

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent's recommendation for the proposed General Fund Budget for school year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$153,148,179, herewith submitted is received and filed by this Board.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**6.03** Acceptance and Approval of the Real Property Tax Report Card for 2021 -2022 ([SG 3](#))

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts and approves the real property tax report card (attached) prepared from the budget approved for 2021-22 in the total amount of \$153,148,179 and directs the Business Administrator to submit this report card to SED by the close of business tomorrow April 23, 2021.

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela. Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn  
Not Present at Vote: Earl F Bass

**Items 6.04 and 6.05 taken together.**

**6.04 Approval of Agreement Between Niagara County, New York through Niagara County Board of Election (“County”) and the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York (“District”) for Use of Image Cast Only Voting Machines (SG 4)**

RESOLVED, The Board hereby approves the Agreement with Niagara County, New York, attached hereto, providing for use of twenty-four (24) Image Cast Precinct Devices, with the District paying the County fixed and variable fees and expenses as set forth in Schedule “A” of the attached Agreement; and further

RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to further modifications as may be required by the Superintendent and the School District Attorney; and further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education is authorized to execute the attached Agreement; and further

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk take all action necessary to implement this Resolution.

**AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, dated the \_ day of\_, 2021, the County of Niagara, New York, a municipal corporation of the state of New York, having its principal office at 175 Hawley Street, Lockport, New York, acting through its duly constituted Niagara County Board of Elections, hereinafter called the "COUNTY" and the City School District City of Niagara Falls of New York with its principal office at 630 66th St., Niagara Falls, New York, hereinafter called the "DISTRICT".

**RECITALS**

The DISTRICT requires the use of 0 Ballot Marking Device ("BMD"), 24 Image Cast Precinct Devices ("ICP"), 46 regular metal voting booths, 23 handicap metal voting booths, 23 table top voting booths, 0 blue and red duffle bags, and 0 ballot bags, in connection with the School Election/ Budget vote to be held on May 1 8, 2021; and

Section 3-224 of the New York State Election Law, entitled "voting machine; use by other than the board of elections" permits the Niagara County Board of Election to permit, towns, villages, school districts and other public entities within the County to use voting machines and other equipment owned by it and used, among other things, in the conduct of elections, upon such rental and other terms and conditions, shall be fixed by the Niagara County Board of Elections; and

The Commissioners of the Niagara County Board of Elections and representatives of the DISTRICT have agreed upon the DISTRICT'S use of 0 BMD, 24 ICP, 46 regular voting metal voting booths, 23 handicap metal voting booths, 23 table top voting booths, 0 blue and red duffle bags, 0 ballot bags in connection with the DISTRICT s School Election/ Budget vote to be held May 18, 202 1;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. VOTING EQUIPMENT: The COUNTY will supply the DISTRICT at the DISTRICT'S expense 0 BMD, 24 ICP'S, 46 regular metal voting booths, 23 handicap metal voting booths, 23 table top voting booths, 0 blue and red duffle bags, 0 ballot bags in connection with the DISTRICT'S School Election/ Budget vote to be held May 18, 2021;
2. CONSIDERATION: The DISTRICT will pay to the COUNTY variable fees and expenses set forth in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and incorporated by reference.
3. DAMAGES; In the event any of the voting equipment become damaged, the DISTRICT will be responsible for the cost of any repairs, replacements, or any other damages to the voting equipment used for the election.
4. INSURANCE: The DISTRICT shall give the COUNTY evidence of insurance, naming the COUNTY of Niagara as an insured and in amounts and from acceptable to the COUNTY and confirming with the COUNTY s policy concerning insurance coverage as set forth in Schedule "B" annexed hereto and incorporated by reference.
5. ADDITIONAL TERMS: The DISTRICT expressly agrees to the provisions set forth in the following schedules:
  - a. The Niagara County Board of Elections' usage questionnaire, attached as Schedule C.
  - b. The Niagara County Board of Elections' ballot programming timeline, attached as Schedule D.

- c. The DISTRICT shall furnish, at its expense, election custodians and inspectors for all election sites and obtain the COUNTY'S certification of all inspectors and custodians at least ten (10) days prior to the day of the School Election/ Budget vote.
- d. The COUNTY shall cause 0 BMD, 24 ICP'S, 46 regular metal voting booths, 23 handicap metal voting booths, 23 table top voting booths, 0 blue and red duffle bags, 0 ballot bags to be delivered to the DISTRICT no later May 14, 2021; such machines shall be ready for pick up and return no later than May 28, 2021, by Niagara County.
- e. The DISTRICT shall make payment to Niagara County within (30) days of being invoiced.
6. INDEMNITY: "The District or licensee agrees to defend and indemnify the County of Niagara, their officers, agents and employees, and shall hold them harmless from any and all risks of every kind, nature and description resulting from arising out of the work and/or service performed by the District or Licensee, or its subcontractor or Licensee, under this contract; provided, however, that District or Licensee shall not be required to indemnify the County with respect to such risks to the extent caused by the negligence or intentional misconduct of the County or the County's contractors or Licensees, over whom District or Licensee has no authority or control. The DISTRICT by agreeing to defend the County of Niagara as set forth above, agrees that if the County of Niagara receives a claim, complaint, or is sued under this contract pertaining to their work, acts or services then the DISTRICT agrees to pay all attorney fees and expenses; the selection of such attorney to represent Niagara County shall be the sole and exclusive determination of Niagara County.

7. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

- a. Successors and Assigns. Restrictions on Assignment or Delegation. This Agreement shall bind and insure to the benefit of the parties hereto, and to their respective successors and assigns. DISTRICT may not, without the specific prior written consent of the County of Niagara, assign any interest or rights in or to, or arising under, this Agreement, or delegate the performance of any of its obligations and duties herein.
- b. ENTIRE AGREEMENT: This Agreement is the entire Agreement between the parties hereto, and supersedes and terminates all other oral or written agreements or understandings between the parties with respect to subject matter hereof.
- c. WAIVERS: The failure of any person or persons to enforce at any time any right or privilege under this Agreement shall in no way constitute or be construed as a waiver of that or any other right or privilege under this Agreement, nor shall it affect in any way the validity and full enforceability of this Agreement and each and every provision thereof. Nor waiver of any right or privilege under this Agreement, or of any breach of any provision of this Agreement, or of any remedy for any breach, shall be binding except to the extent specifically set forth in writing and duly executed by or on behalf of the person or persons to be bound thereby. No waiver of any right or privilege under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of any other right of privilege under this Agreement; no waiver of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of any other breach of that or any other provision of this Agreement; and no waiver of any remedy for any such breach shall operate as a waiver of any other remedy for such breach.
- d. HEADINGS; The article and other headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.
- e. GOVERNMENT LAW: This Agreement shall be construed and the legal relations hereunder of the persons bound hereby will be determined according to the laws of the State of New York.
- f. COUNTERPARTS; This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original, and it will not be necessary in making proof of this Agreement to produce or account for more than one (1) of such counterparts.
- g. NOTICES: Any notices required to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed sufficient, if in writing and delivered personally or sent by U.S. mail, certified return receipt requested, to the County of Niagara, as its business address, or to the DISTRICT'S business address and shall be deemed served as of the date of personal service or the date of postmark, as the case may be.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The County of Niagara and the City School District City of Niagara Falls, New York have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers the day and year first above written.

DATE:

COUNTY OF NIAGARA NEW YORK City School District City of Niagara Falls, New York

By:  
REBECCA J. WDYSH, CHAIRMAN

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATOR  
APPROVED AS TO FORM  
NIAGARA COUNTY ATTORNEY

#### SCHEDULE A

Variable Costs (All prices are estimated and subject to change per school district):

1. Transportation

a. Truck rental \$1000.00  
Plus \$200 Fuel

2. Personnel

a. Machines Technicians/Clerks \$35.47/hr. \$36.06/hr.

3. Machine Transport: 3 Employees for 16 hours \$1/469.12

Such above person perform the following duties:

A. Program Machines/ memory cards and 1-buttons: read memory cards after election and print results report

B. Inventory machine and equipment before each election and after election.

C. Oversee Custodian work at BOE warehouse.

D. Oversee delivery and pick-up of voting equipment.

E. Acceptance test machines upon their return to the BOE warehouse.

F. Reimburse for mileage for travel to BOE warehouse to perform above services.

4. Supplies (as invoiced)

Schedule B

#### Requirements for Contracted Services

##### Insurance and Certification Requirements

A Certificate of Insurance acceptable to the County of Niagara must meet the following requirements:

- List the type of insurance coverages and acceptable limits, as required by the County of Niagara.
- Name the Certificate holder as County of Niagara, 111 Main Street, Suite 102, Lockport, NY 14094.
- Name the County of Niagara, its agents, officers, and employees (without reference to a specific department) as an additional insured on each Certificate of Insurance for all liability policies. This can be provided in the caption or in the comments section of the certificate.
- Each certificate of insurance is required, and each endorsement, must be signed by a licensed registered agent. In the event of self-insurance, by an authorized signatory.
- In the event of any material alteration or cancellation of any insurance coverage/thirty (30) days written notice shall be given to the Niagara County Director of Risk Management, 111 Main Street/ Lockport, NY 14094.
- Insurance carriers should be admitted in the State of New York, unless an exception is approved by Niagara County.
- The Certificate of Insurance shall be submitted to the Niagara County Office of Risk Management for compliance review/ approval and retention at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of work.

SPECIFIC INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: The following are the minimum insurance types, documentation and limits acceptable to the County of Niagara:

#### INSURANCE COVERAGES, DOCUMENTS AND MINIMUM LIMITS for Contracted Services Coverage and Documents Limits

A General Liability (GL) \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate

B Auto Liability \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit

C Excess/Umbrella Liability \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence



D Workers' Compensation and Statutory Limits  
Employers Liability  
CE-200,C-105.2,orSI~12

E Disability Benefits Statutory Limits  
CE-200/ DB-120.1,  
DB-820/829orDB-155

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Commissioner  
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NIAGARA COUNTY  
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BOARD OF ELECTIONS Commissioner

III MAIN STREET SUITE 100  
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LOCKPORT, NEW YORK 14094-3791  
(716) 438-4054 Fax

Name of entity requesting usage? Niagara Falls Board of Education  
What is the date of your election? May 18, 2021  
What type of voting machines will be requested and how many?  
Image Cast Precinct (scanner only device) Quantity 24 (23 +1 for training)  
How many polling sites do you use? 23 (22 plus 1 extra Maple Ave School)  
Please list sites below: (Attach additional sheet if necessary)  
ATTACHED

Will you be requesting use of any of the following items? If so, how many will be needed?  
Metal Voting booths (regular) Quantity 46  
Metal Voting booths (handicap) Quantity 23  
Table Top Voting booths Quantity 23

Will you be requiring the Board of Elections to read memory cards to confirm election night results which replaces recanvassing?

Yes || No  
x

If yes/ one memory card must be removed from the voting machine on election night and delivered to the Board of Elections on the following day. Also please inc. in contract Board of Elections provide training May 17,2021.

SCHEDULE a

2021 POLLING PIACES  
arc SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE avf OF NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT	ELECTION DISTRICT
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1	3rd	*1, 11	Board of Education Admin. Bldg.	630 – 66 <sup>th</sup> Street
2		*2 , 3	St. John DeLaSalle	8469 Buffalo Ave.
3		*4 , 8, 13	Grace Lutheran Church	736 Cayuga Dr.
4		*5	LaSalle Senior Citizens Ctr.	9501 Colvin Blvd.
5		*6 , 7	Geraldine J. Mann School	1330 – 95 <sup>th</sup> Street
6		*9 , 10	79 <sup>th</sup> Street School	551 – 79 <sup>th</sup> Street
7		*12	Community Education Center	6040 Lindbergh Ave.
8	4 <sup>th</sup>	*1	St. John AME Church	917 Garden Ave.
9		*2 , 4	V.F.W. Post 917	2435 Seneca Ave.
10		*3	Wrobel Towers	800 Niagara Ave.
11		*5 , 6	Niagara Falls Public Library	1425 Main Street
12		*7 , 8	Niagara Arts & Cultural Ctr.	1201 Pine Ave.
13	5 <sup>th</sup>	*1 , 2, 3	Maple Avenue School	952 Maple Ave.
14		*4	Spallino Towers	720 Tenth Street
15		*5 , 6	John Duke Senior Citizens Ctr.	<b>1201 Hyde Park Blvd.</b>
16	6 <sup>th</sup>	*1	Hyde Park School	1620 Hyde Park Blvd.
17		*2	Gaskill Prep School	910 Hyde Park Blvd.
18		*3 , 4 , 8	Cristoforo Columbo Society	2223 Pine Ave.
19		*5	City Hall	745 Main Street
20		*6 , 7	Niagara Street School	2513 Niagara Street
21		*9	Packard Court Center	4300 Pine Ave.
22		*10	LaSalle Prep School	7436 Buffalo Ave.

#### SCHEDULE D

##### Niagara County Board of Elections Ballot Programming Timeline

Vendor Approve ballot/ must receive written approval (faxes are acceptable)  
Order test & live ballots From printer deliver ballot return information questionnaire return signed agreement to BOE  
custodians to set send agreement up machines for elections  
to school board at NCBOE warehouse send agreement to county attorney Send agreement to approve copy county attorney  
agreement goes delivery/return before Legislature of voting machines

send questionnaire for approval burn election files to vendor onto memory cards  
send PDF of ballot to printer

Board of Program proofing ballots  
Elections

Depending on the size of the ballot and the number of machines being used, this timeline may take up to 6 weeks for completion. Please contact the Board of Elections for further details.

#### **6.05 Approval of Appointment of Voting Machine Custodians for 2021 (SG 4)**

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education appoint as Voting Machine Custodians for 2021 the following four people:

Ann Marie Hauptner, Head  
628 Chestnut Avenue  
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

Dale Boos  
301 Main Street  
Youngstown 14174

Sami Grawe  
762 4th St  
Niagara Falls, NY 14301

John L. Szczepczenski  
1246 89th St.  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

RESOLVED, That Head Voting Machine Custodian Ann Marie Hauptner be paid \$600.00 for her services, and therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Voting Machine Custodians John Szczepczenski, David Tothill, and Amber Hill Donhauser each be paid \$450.00 for their services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Head Voting Machine Custodian Ann Marie Hauptner is authorized, if needed, to assist the District Clerk at workshops to be held for election inspectors on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Head Voting Machine Custodian Ann Marie Hauptner be compensated \$25.00 for each workshop.

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### **Items 6.06 through 6.08 taken together.**

##### **6.06 Approval of Filing of Proposed District Code of Conduct, as Amended, for Public Comment and Notice of Public Hearing (May 6, 2021) (SG 1, 2)**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education receive the Code of Conduct, as amended, and be it further RESOLVED, that the Code of Conduct, as amended, be filed in the District Clerk's office for public comment on April 23, 2021, and remain on file for at least 30 days prior to approval by the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on May 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the District Administration Building, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, immediately prior to the regular scheduled Board meeting for participation of school personnel, parents, students, and other interested parties, provided such public hearing could be held in accordance with all the Emergency Declarations of the President of the United States and/or the Governor of New York, otherwise such public hearing will be dispensed with to the extent permitted by the law and/or Emergency Declarations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board and the District Clerk are hereby directed to prepare such notice(s) as required and necessary to advise the public of the availability of the proposed Code of Conduct in the District Clerk's office as of April 23, 2021, for public comment for a period of at least 30 days prior to its adoption and the public hearing as required by law scheduled for May 6, 2021, all as provided in this Resolution; and to do any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

**6.07 Approval of Filing Of Summary of Building-Level School Safety Plans as Amended, For Public Comment and Notice of Public Hearing (May 6, 2021) (SG 1, 2)**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the Building-Level School Safety Plans, as amended, and submitted by the Building-Level School Safety Teams for the respective schools, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a summary of the Building-Level School Safety Plans, as amended, be filed in the District Clerk's office for public comment on May 6, 2021, and remain on file for at least 30 days prior to approval by the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on May 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the District Administration Building, 630-66<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, New York, immediately prior to the regular scheduled Board meeting for participation of school personnel, parents, students, and other interested parties; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board and the District Clerk are hereby directed to prepare such notice(s) as required and necessary to advise the public of the availability of the Summary of the Building-Level School Safety Plans, as amended, in the District Clerk's office as of April 23, 2021, for public comment for a period of at least 30 days prior to its adoption and the public hearing as required by law scheduled for May 6, 2021, all as provided in this Resolution; and to do any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

**6.08 Approval of Filing Of Proposed Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan, as Amended, For Public Comment and Notice of Public Hearing (May 6, 2021) (SG 1, 2)**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education receive the Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan, as amended, anticipated to be filed by the District-Wide School Safety team, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan, as amended, be filed in the District Clerk's office for public comment on May 6, 2021, and remain on file for at least 30 days prior to approval by the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on May 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the District Administration Building, 630-66<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, New York, immediately prior to the regular scheduled Board meeting for participation of school personnel, parents, students, and other interested parties; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board and the District Clerk are hereby directed to prepare such notice(s) as required and necessary to advise the public of the availability of the proposed Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan, as amended, in the District Clerk's office as of April 23, 2021, for public comment for a period of at least 30 days prior to its adoption and the public hearing as required by law scheduled for May 6, 2021, all as provided in this Resolution; and to do any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**Items 6.09 and 6.10 taken together.**

**6.09 Approval of 2020-2021 Health Service Fees for Non-Resident Private and Parochial Students (SG 3)**

RESOLVED, That the 2020-2021 health service fee for non-resident private and parochial school students be established at the rate of \$546.62 therefore, be it.

RESOLVED, That the attached contract be approved to be used when billing each school district.

**CONTRACT FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT made in duplicate \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by  
and between the Board of Education of \_\_\_\_\_ as

trustee(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, Country of \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_, N.Y., party of the first part, and the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls as trustee of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, County of Niagara, N.Y., party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That whereas party of the first part has been duly empowered by the provisions of Section 912 of the Education Law to enter into a contract for the purpose of providing health and welfare services for children residing in said school district and attending non-public schools in the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, County of the Niagara, N.Y., to begin \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 and to end June 30th, 2021.

Now, therefore, the said party of the first part hereby agrees to pay the party of the second part the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for health and welfare services to be provided under Section 912 of the Education Law for approximately \_\_\_\_\_ children residing in the District of \_\_\_\_\_ County Of \_\_\_\_\_ N.Y., and attending non-public schools in the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, County of Niagara, N.Y.

And the party of the second part agrees with the part of the first part as follows:

1. That the Health and Welfare Services provided under Section 912 shall consist of the following:
  - Physician Services
  - Nurse Services
  - School Psychologist Services
  - School Social Work Services
  - School Speech and Hearing Services

Such services may include, but not limited to all services performed by a physician, nurse, school psychologist, school social worker or school speech therapist, and may also include vision and hearing test, taking of medical histories, and the administration of health screening test, and maintenance of cumulative health records and the administration of emergency care programs for all or included pupils.

2. The party of the second part will also furnish the following equipment to be used in providing such services if requested by the authorities in charge of the non-public school:

Supplies and equipment for use by physician, school nurse, psychologist, social worker and speech therapist (i.e. scales, vision and hearing testing devices, health record forms, first aid supplies, an all other readily transportable equipment and supplies pertaining to delivery of services).

It is expressly agreed by and between the parties hereto that the services agreed under this contract shall not include any teaching service.

It is mutually agreed that this contract shall not become valid and binding upon either party thereto until the same shall be approved by the (District) Superintendent of Schools

#### APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT

I have examined the above contract and hereby approve the same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent of Schools

Party of the Second Part:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent of Schools

### 6.10 Approval of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) In Response to The District Internal Audit Report for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (SG 2)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education affirm and approve the CAP attached hereto, and

RESOLVED, that said CAP be forwarded to the NYSED.

April 22, 2021

Niagara Falls City School District  
Report of Examination  
Independent Internal Audit Reports February 2021  
Corrective Action Plan

FOOD SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS  
OBSERVATION: Manual Collection of Meal Counts

Cause:

One of the areas that resulted in a change of process due to the pandemic was the collection of daily meal totals. Historically the students would key in their student ID and the program totals would be automatically collected through the point-of-sale system (Primero). However, the system is not currently set-up to collect both in-school and pick-up information. Additionally, health concerns related to the keying of Student ID's and the potential spread of covid-19 through the keypad were determined on the Primero system is not currently being used. Furthermore, because the pick-up locations are not near the cafeteria facility, use of the Primero system is not available.

Audit Recommendation:

Due to the manual nature of the current process, this could lead to mistakes or misreporting. When operations return to "normal" the previous process of using the Primero point of sale system will be reinstituted and this issue will be eliminated. If the manual process continues beyond the current school year, the NFCSD should evaluate possible options for long-term consideration. Until that time, we are not making any recommendations for this issue because we believe it to be temporary and not requiring a recommendation, however we wanted to bring awareness to this concern.

Implementation Plan of Action(s):

The District plans to resume in-person instruction for all students for the 2021/22 academic year. There will be no pick-up points of distribution at the school buildings as there was during the pandemic. This will eliminate the manual record keeping of meal distribution and mitigate potential errors inherent in the manual process. The Primero point-of-sale system will be used at all school buildings.

Implementation Date:

2021-2022 academic year and ongoing.

Person(s) Responsible for Implementation:

Those responsible for the oversight will include the Food Service Administrator, and the Administrator for School District Business Services.

FOOD SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS  
OBSERVATION: Support and Backup Strategies for Food Services Administration Personnel  
Cause:

Upon observing the distribution of meals and the collection of data at the site locations, it was very evident the Food Services Administrator is backfilling for personnel shortages at locations and performing many additional operational functions (daily challenges exist related to staffing fulfillment especially during covid-19 testing and quarantining requirements).

Audit Recommendation:

A key to strong internal controls is having an infrastructure with a sufficient backup-up plan if personnel require assistance or are unable to perform their functions. Additionally, work schedules should allow all staff to exercise use of personnel time off (PTO) to reduce work stress and ensure operational processes and internal controls

are effective. This area should be reviewed by the NFCSD for consideration of a more robust support and back-up strategy for the Food Services Administration.

Implementation Plan of Action(s):

The Food Services Administrator will assign administrative and production related tasks to staff members based on skill, position, and location in the event of his or her absence. District to review staff levels to determine hiring need for upcoming academic year. Pandemic related staff shortages are expected to diminish and will reduce use of FSA time on operational functions.

Implementation Date:

Immediately, task distribution list is being established and oversight to be on-going.

Person(s) Responsible for Implementation:

Those responsible for the oversight will include the Administrator for School Business Services and Food Service Administrator.

These plans were approved by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls at their meeting of April 22, 2021.

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph A. Giarrizzo  
Administrator for School Business Services

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

*Prior to the vote on 6.11, Mr. Laurie shared an email from a teacher who expressed her deep appreciation of the diversity training being provided by the NFJC of WNY, Inc.*

**6.11 Approval of Professional Development Contract with the National Federation of Just Communities of WNY, Inc. (SG 1)**

RESOLVED, That the Contract for delivery of consulting services between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and National Federation of Just Communities of WNY, Inc. be and is hereby approved; and

RESOLVED, That the agreed upon fee for the period April 14, 2021 through May 31, 2021 is not to exceed \$21,600; and

RESOLVED, That the Contract is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said Contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 22nd day of April, 2021, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and the National Federation of Just Communities of WNY, Inc. (hereinafter NFJC)

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby MUTUALLY AGREE as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_, to me known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of the individual acted, executed the instrument.



Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
COUNTY OF NIAGARA ) ss:

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of New York, personally appeared James Cancemi, President of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, to me known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

Motion by Rob Bilson, second by Anthony F Paretto. Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas  
Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Items taken together 6.12 - 6.13.

**6.12** Approval of Extensions of Transportation Contracts and Contract Between The School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc. for Transportation Services July 1, 2021 – August 31, 2025 (SG 1)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the extensions of the Transportation Contracts listed below, with the District's current Contractor, Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc. for transportation services, for a period of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2021 and terminating August 31, 2025, at a cost not to exceed the 2020-2021 contract costs together with an increase in an amount not to exceed the Consumer Price Index, as provided in the law, for the year 2021-2022:

E/6/1/1/3/5/6D

Summer School Regular

E/6/1/1/3/5/7D

## Summer School Special Needs

and further

RESOLVED, That such action is subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education as provided by applicable provisions of New York State Education Law; and further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the Contract between the District and Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc. providing for terms and conditions of performance required of Niagara Falls Coach

Lines, Inc.; and further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute the extensions of the Transportation Contracts hereto attached and the Contract, subject to other terms and conditions as may be required by the School District Attorney; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board on the Transportation Contracts and the Contract.

TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS and NIAGARA FALLS COACH LINES, INC.

This Agreement made the 23rd day of April 2020 by and between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York ("District") and Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc. ("NFCL").

WHEREAS, Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc. has been providing services for transportation of District's students pursuant to Contracts for Summer School; and

WHEREAS, the District and NFCL desires to extend the Contracts for a period of five (5) years.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and conditions herein contained the District and NFCL agree as follows:

(1) The District agrees to extend contracts E|6|1|1|3|5|7D and E|6|1|1|3|5|6D, to commence July 1, 2021 and terminate August 31, 2025.

(3) Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc. agrees to provide all services required to be performed by it pursuant to Contracts for Summer School Year 2021- 2025 and to indemnify the District for any damages resulting from the performance of such services and provide liability insurance naming the District as an additional party acceptable to the District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their signatures and seals on the date first written above.

City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Laurrie  
Superintendent of Schools

Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc.  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

City School District of the  
City of Niagara Falls, New York

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Vincent A. Cancemi  
President of Board

### **6.13 Approval of Extensions of Transportation Contracts and Contract Between the School District of The City of Niagara Falls, New York and First Student, Inc. for Transportation Services July 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022 (SG 1)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the extensions of the Transportation Contracts listed below, with the District's current Contractor, First Student, Inc. for transportation services, for a period of two (2) years commencing July 1, 2021 and terminating August 31, 2022, at a cost not to exceed the 2019-2020 contract costs together with an increase in an amount not to exceed the Consumer Price Index, as provided in the law, for year 2020-20

451S Summer School Out of District Transportation

452S Summer School Visually Challenged Transportation

454S Summer School Wheelchair Transportation

and further

RESOLVED, That such action is subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education as provided by applicable provisions of New York State Education Law; and further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the Contract between the District and First Student, Inc. providing for their agreement to the extension of all the Transportation Contracts and for other terms and conditions of performance required of First Student, Inc, a copy of which is attached; and further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and the Superintendent of Schools as may be required, be and hereby are authorized to execute the extensions of the Transportation Contracts hereto attached and the Contract, subject to other terms and conditions as may be required by the Superintendent of Schools or School District Attorney; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the required signatures of the President of the Board and the Superintendent as may be required on the Transportation Contracts and the Contract.

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT BETWEEN NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
and FIRST STUDENT, INC.

This Contract made the 24th day of January 2020 by and between the  
the City School District School of the City of Niagara Falls ("District") and  
First Student, Inc. ("First Student").

WHEREAS, the First Student has been providing services for transportation of District's students pursuant to Contracts 451S, 452S and 454S for Summer School and Contracts 451, 452, 453 and 454 for the Regular School Year, all scheduled to terminate August 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the District and First Student desire to extend the Contracts for a period of two (2) years, to commence on September 1, 2020 and to terminate August 31, 2022

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and conditions herein contained the District and First Student agree as follows:

(1) The District and First Student agree to extend the Summer School Contracts Numbers 451S, 452S, and 454S for transportation of students during Summer School for a period of two (2) years to commence September 1, 2020 and terminate August 31, 2022.

(2) The District and First Student agrees to extend the Regular School Year Contracts 451, 452, 453, and 454 for transportation of students during Regular School Year for a period of two (2) years to commence September 1, 2020 and to terminate August 31, 2022.

(3) First Student agrees to provide all services required to be performed by it pursuant to Contracts 451S, 452S and 454S for Summer School and 451, 452, 453 and 454 for Regular School Years 2020-2022 and to perform all conditions therein required for it to perform including but not limited to indemnifying the District for any damages resulting from the performance of such services and provide liability insurance naming the District as an additional party acceptable to the District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their signatures and seals on the date first written above.

City School District of the  
City of Niagara Falls, New York

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Laurrie  
Superintendent of Schools

First Student, Inc.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Sean McCabe  
Regional Manager

City School District of the  
City of Niagara Falls, New York

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Vincent J Cancemi  
President of Board

STATE OF NEW YORK:  
COUNTY OF NIAGARA: ss.:

On this \_\_\_\_ day of January, Two Thousand and Twenty, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in the said state, personally appeared, Mark Laurrie, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her capacity, and that by her signature on the instrument, the individual or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK:  
COUNTY OF NIAGARA: ss.:

On this \_\_\_\_ day of January, Two Thousand and Twenty, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in the said state, personally appeared, Vincent J Cancemi, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK:

COUNTY OF NIAGARA: ss.:

On this \_\_\_\_ day of January, Two Thousand and Twenty, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in the said state, personally appeared, \_\_\_\_\_, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi,  
Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**Items 6.14 through 6.16 taken together.**

**6.14** Approval of Amendment to Contract between Buffalo Construction Consultants, Inc. serving as Construction Manager for the Stewardship Capital Project for the Demolition of the District Maintenance Garage Destroyed by Fire and to Oversee its Reconstruction and the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls [\(SG 3\)](#)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the amendment to "AIA C1032-2009 Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Construction Manager as Advisor" dated September 19, 2019 be amended for such services; and further

RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to such other and further terms and conditions acceptable to the Superintendent and School District Attorney; and further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute such Agreement; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board on the Construction Management Agreement .



**Amendment No. 3 dated August 11, 2020, Revised March 8, 2021**

Amendment No. 3 is written to the AIA C132-2009 "Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Construction Manager as Advisor", dated September 19, 2017 for the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls 2017 Capital Project.

Amendment No. 3 includes the cost to provide preconstruction and construction management services associated with the demolition and reconstruction of the Niagara Falls CSD Maintenance Garage. The cost for these services is outlined on the attached letter proposal for the Maintenance Garage demolition revised on August 11, 2020, and the DPE/ Fee breakdown on the Maintenance Building reconstruction proposal. These management services will be provided in accordance with all requirements of the original contract.

BCC costs for Maintenance Garage demolition scope of work:	\$7,287
BCC costs for Maintenance Garage reconstruction scope of work:	<u>\$88,247</u>
<b>Total cost Amendment No. 3:</b>	<b>\$95,534</b>

Please note: Amendment No. 3 is revised on March 8, 2021, adjusting the fee amount based upon the sum of the actual construction contracts.

**OWNER**  
City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**  
Buffalo Construction Consultants Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name and title)

**STEVEN P. DECHERT - PM**  
(Printed name and title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**3-8-21**  
(Date)

496 Kennedy Road ■ Buffalo, New York 14227 ■ 716.302.4040 ■ [buffaloconstruct.com](http://buffaloconstruct.com)

**6.15 Award** of Bid, Contract 116 – Roofing Construction Stewardship Project Phase III Capital Project, Bid No. 13 for the 2020/2021 School Year ([SG 3](#))

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York award this bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Elmer W. Davis Inc., in accordance with all the specifications:

Contract No.	Contractor	Amounts
Contract 116	Elmer W. Davis Inc.	\$397,677.00
Contract 116 – Alternate #1	Elmer W. Davis Inc.	\$249,000.00
Contract 116 – Alternate #2	Elmer W. Davis	\$15,000.00
Total Award		\$661,677.00

**6.16 Approval** of Contract 116 – Roofing Construction Stewardship Project Phase III Capital Project, Bid No. 13 for the 2020/2021 School Year ([SG 3](#))

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves Contract 116 – Roofing Construction Stewardship Project Phase III Capital Project, Bid No. 13 for the 2020/2021 School Year for the amount of \$661,677.00, to Elmer W. Davis Inc. 1217 Clifford Avenue Rochester, NY 14214 and approves the Contract hereto attached, between the School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Elmer W. Davis Inc. 1217 Clifford Avenue Rochester, NY 14214 for the construction of the Project according the Contract Documents; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Contract is subject to such other and further terms and conditions that the Superintendent and School District Attorney may deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute attached Contract; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

**AGREEMENT** made as of the «Twenty-Third» day of «April» in the year «Two Thousand Twenty-One»  
(In words, indicate day, month and year.)

**BETWEEN** the Owner:

(Name, legal status, address and other information)

«City School District of Niagara Falls »« »  
«630 66<sup>th</sup> Street »  
«Niagara Falls, NY 14304 »  
«716-286-4211 »

and the Contractor:

(Name, legal status, address and other information)

«Elmer W. Davis, Inc. »« »  
«1217 Clifford Ave »  
«Rochester, NY 14621 »  
«585-546-2846 »

for the following Project:

(Name, location and detailed description)

«City School District of Niagara Falls  
Roof Replacement  
Henry J. Kalfas Elementary School »  
«1730 Beech Ave. »  
«Niagara Falls, NY 14305  
716-286-4211 »  
«Contract C116 – Roof Construction »

The Construction Manager:

(Name, legal status, address and other information)

«Buffalo Construction Consultants, Inc. »« »  
«496 Kennedy Road »  
«Buffalo, NY 14227 »  
«716-302-4040 »

The Architect:

*(Name, legal status, address and other information)*

«Clark Patterson Lee »«  
«26 Mississippi Street, Suite 100 »  
«Buffalo, NY 14203  
716-852-2100 »  
« »

The Owner and Contractor agree as follows.

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## EXHIBIT A DETERMINATION OF THE COST OF THE WORK

### ARTICLE 1 THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The Contract Documents consist of this Agreement, Conditions of the Contract (General, Supplementary and other Conditions), Drawings, Specifications, Addenda issued prior to execution of this Agreement, other documents listed in this Agreement and Modifications issued after execution of this Agreement, all of which form the Contract, and are as fully a part of the Contract as if attached to this Agreement or repeated herein. The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. An enumeration of the Contract Documents, other than Modifications, appears in Article 9.

### ARTICLE 2 THE WORK OF THIS CONTRACT

The Contractor shall fully execute the Work described in the Contract Documents, except as specifically indicated in the Contract Documents to be the responsibility of others.

### ARTICLE 3 DATE OF COMMENCEMENT AND SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

§ 3.1 The date of commencement of the Work shall be the date of this Agreement unless a different date is stated below or provision is made for the date to be fixed in a notice to proceed issued by the Owner.

*(Insert the date of commencement, if it differs from the date of this Agreement or, if applicable, state that the date will be fixed in a notice to proceed.)*

« »

If, prior to the commencement of the Work, the Owner requires time to file mortgages, mechanics' liens and other security interests, the Owner's time requirement shall be as follows:

« »

§ 3.2 The Contract Time shall be measured from the date of commencement.

§ 3.3 The Contractor shall achieve Substantial Completion of the entire Work not later than « » ( « » ) days from the date of commencement, or as follows:

*(Insert number of calendar days. Alternatively, a calendar date may be used when coordinated with the date of commencement. If appropriate, insert requirements for earlier Substantial Completion of certain portions of the Work.)*

«Refer to Bid Schedule Dated February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and Milestone Dates listed in Specification Section 01 1200.»

**Substantial Completion Date**

«September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021»

, subject to adjustments of this Contract Time as provided in the Contract Documents.

*(Insert provisions, if any, for liquidated damages relating to failure to achieve Substantial Completion on time or for bonus payments for early completion of the Work.)*

« »

**ARTICLE 4 CONTRACT SUM**

§ 4.1 The Owner shall pay the Contractor the Contract Sum in current funds for the Contractor's performance of the Contract. The Contract Sum shall be one of the following:

*(Check the appropriate box.)*

[ ☒ ] Stipulated Sum, in accordance with Section 4.2 below

[ ☐ ] Cost of the Work plus the Contractor's Fee without a Guaranteed Maximum Price, in accordance with Section 4.3 below

[ ☐ ] Cost of the Work plus the Contractor's Fee with a Guaranteed Maximum Price, in accordance with Section 4.4 below

*(Based on the selection above, complete Section 4.2, 4.3 or 4.4 below. Based on the selection above, also complete either Section 5.1.4, 5.1.5 or 5.1.6 below.)*

**§ 4.2 Stipulated Sum**

§ 4.2.1 The Stipulated Sum shall be «Six Hundred, Sixty-One Thousand and Six Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars» (\$ «661,677.00»), subject to additions and deletions as provided in the Contract Documents.

§ 4.2.2 The Stipulated Sum is based on the following alternates, if any, which are described in the Contract Documents and are hereby accepted by the Owner:

*(State the numbers or other identification of accepted alternates. If the bidding or proposal documents permit the Owner to accept other alternates subsequent to the execution of this Agreement, attach a schedule of such other alternates showing the amount for each and the date when that amount expires.)*

«Alternate #1: B.1-B.5 Roof Replacement»

«Alternate #2: C.1-C.2 Roof Edge Reinforcement»

**§ 4.2.3 Unit prices, if any:**

*(Identify and state the unit price, and state the quantity limitations, if any, to which the unit price will be applicable.)*

**Item**

«RC-1: Repair Deteriorating Concrete Roof Deck»  
«RC-2: Wet Insulation Replacement»

**Price per Unit (\$0.00)**

«Add \$140.00SF»  
«Add \$6.50SF»

**§ 4.2.4 Allowances included in the Stipulated Sum, if any:**

*(Identify allowance and state exclusions, if any, from the allowance price.)*

**Item**

«Allowance RC-1: Owner Instructions»  
«Allowance RC-2: Contingency Unforeseen»

**Allowance**

«\$20,000.00»  
«\$10,000.00»



§ 4.3 Cost of the Work Plus Contractor's Fee without a Guaranteed Maximum Price – Not Applicable

§ 4.4 Cost of the Work Plus Contractor's Fee with a Guaranteed Maximum Price – Not Applicable

§ 4.4.7 Guaranteed Maximum Price – Not Applicable

ARTICLE 5 PAYMENTS

§ 5.1 Progress Payments

§ 5.1.1 Based upon Applications for Payment submitted to the Construction Manager by the Contractor, and upon certification of the Project Application and Project Certificate for Payment or Application for Payment and Certificate for Payment by the Construction Manager and Architect and issuance by the Architect, the Owner shall make progress payments on account of the Contract Sum to the Contractor as provided below and elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

§ 5.1.2 The period covered by each Application for Payment shall be one calendar month ending on the last day of the month, or as follows:

« »

§ 5.1.3 Provided that an Application for Payment is received by the Construction Manager not later than the «27<sup>th</sup>» day of a month, the Owner shall make payment of the certified amount in the Application for Payment to the Contractor not later than the «30<sup>th</sup>» day of the «following» month. If an Application for Payment is received by the Construction Manager after the application date fixed above, payment shall be made by the Owner not later than «forty-five» («45») days after the Construction Manager receives the Application for Payment.

*(Federal, state or local laws may require payment within a certain period of time.)*

§ 5.1.4 Progress Payments Where the Contract Sum is Based on a Stipulated Sum

§ 5.1.4.1 Each Application for Payment shall be based on the most recent schedule of values submitted by the Contractor in accordance with the Contract Documents. The schedule of values shall allocate the entire Contract Sum among the various portions of the Work and be prepared in such form and supported by such data to substantiate its accuracy as the Construction Manager and Architect may require. This schedule, unless objected to by the Construction Manager or Architect, shall be used as a basis for reviewing the Contractor's Applications for Payment.

§ 5.1.4.2 Applications for Payment shall show the percentage of completion of each portion of the Work as of the end of the period covered by the Application for Payment.

§ 5.1.4.3 Subject to the provisions of the Contract Documents, the amount of each progress payment shall be computed as follows:

- .1 Take that portion of the Contract Sum properly allocable to completed Work as determined by multiplying the percentage completion of each portion of the Work by the share of the total Contract Sum allocated to that portion of the Work in the schedule of values, less retainage of «five» percent («5» %). Pending final determination of cost to the Owner of changes in the Work, amounts not in dispute may be included as provided in Section 7.3.9 of the General Conditions;
- .2 Add that portion of the Contract Sum properly allocable to materials and equipment delivered and suitably stored at the site for subsequent incorporation in the completed construction (or, if approved in advance by the Owner, suitably stored off the site at a location agreed upon in writing), less retainage of «five» percent («5» %);
- .3 Subtract the aggregate of previous payments made by the Owner; and
- .4 Subtract amounts, if any, for which the Construction Manager or Architect has withheld or nullified a Certificate for Payment as provided in Section 9.5 of the General Conditions.

§ 5.1.4.4 The progress payment amount determined in accordance with Section 5.1.4.3 shall be further modified under the following circumstances:

- .1 Add, upon Substantial Completion of the Work, a sum sufficient to increase the total payments to «ninety-five» percent («95» %) of the Contract Sum, less such amounts as the Construction Manager recommends and the Architect determines for incomplete Work and unsettled claims; and
- .2 Add, if final completion of the Work is thereafter materially delayed through no fault of the Contractor, any additional amounts payable in accordance with Section 9.10.3 of the General Conditions.

§ 5.1.4.5 Reduction or limitation of retainage, if any, shall be as follows:

*(If it is intended, prior to Substantial Completion of the entire Work, to reduce or limit the retainage resulting from the percentages inserted in Sections 5.1.4.3.1 and 5.1.4.3.2 above, and this is not explained elsewhere in the Contract Documents, insert here provisions for such reduction or limitation.)*

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§ 5.1.5 Progress Payments Where the Contract Sum is Based on the Cost of the Work without a Guaranteed Maximum Price – Not Applicable

§ 5.1.6 Progress Payments Where the Contract Sum is Based on the Cost of the Work with a Guaranteed Maximum Price – Not Applicable

## § 5.2 Final Payment

§ 5.2.1 Final payment, constituting the entire unpaid balance of the Contract Sum, shall be made by the Owner to the Contractor when

- .1 the Contractor has fully performed the Contract except for the Contractor's responsibility to correct Work as provided in Section 12.2 of AIA Document A232–2009, and to satisfy other requirements, if any, which extend beyond final payment;
- .2 the Contractor has submitted a final accounting for the Cost of the Work, pursuant to Exhibit A, Determination of the Cost of the Work when payment is on the basis of the Cost of the Work, with or without a Guaranteed Maximum payment; and
- .3 a final Certificate for Payment or Project Certificate for Payment has been issued by the Architect; such final payment shall be made by the Owner not more than 30 days after the issuance of the final Certificate for Payment or Project Certificate for Payment, or as follows:

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## ARTICLE 6 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

### § 6.1 Initial Decision Maker

The Architect will serve as Initial Decision Maker pursuant to Section 15.2 of AIA Document A232–2009, unless the parties appoint below another individual, not a party to this Agreement, to serve as Initial Decision Maker.

*(If the parties mutually agree, insert the name, address and other contact information of the Initial Decision Maker, if other than the Architect.)*

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### § 6.2 Binding Dispute Resolution

For any Claim subject to, but not resolved by, mediation pursuant to Section 15.3 of AIA Document A232–2009, the method of binding dispute resolution shall be as follows:

*(Check the appropriate box. If the Owner and Contractor do not select a method of binding dispute resolution below, or do not subsequently agree in writing to a binding dispute resolution method other than litigation, Claims will be resolved by litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction.)*

[ ☐ ] Arbitration pursuant to Section 15.4 of AIA Document A232–2009.

[ ☒ ] Litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction.

[ ☐ ] Other: *(Specify)*

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## ARTICLE 7 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

### § 7.1 Where the Contract Sum is a Stipulated Sum

§ 7.1.1 The Contract may be terminated by the Owner or the Contractor as provided in Article 14 of AIA Document A232–2009.

§ 7.1.2 The Work may be suspended by the Owner as provided in Article 14 of AIA Document A232–2009.

§ 7.2 Where the Contract Sum is Based on the Cost of the Work with or without a Guaranteed Maximum Price – Not Applicable

## ARTICLE 8 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 8.1 Where reference is made in this Agreement to a provision of AIA Document A232–2009 or another Contract Document, the reference refers to that provision as amended or supplemented by other provisions of the Contract Documents.

§ 8.2 Payments due and unpaid under the Contract shall bear interest from the date payment is due at the rate stated below, or in the absence thereof, at the legal rate prevailing from time to time at the place where the Project is located.  
(Insert rate of interest agreed upon, if any.)

«0» % «Zero»

§ 8.3 The Owner's representative:  
(Name, address and other information)

«Mark Laurie»  
«Superintendent of Schools; or his designee»  
«City School District of Niagara Falls »  
«630 66th Street»  
«Niagara Falls, NY 14304»  
«716-286-4211 »  
« »

§ 8.4 The Contractor's representative:  
(Name, address and other information)

«Stephen Muhs»  
«Vice President»  
«Elmer W. Davis, Inc.»  
«1217 Clifford Avenue»  
«Rochester, NY 14621»  
«585-546-2846 »

§ 8.5 Neither the Owner's nor the Contractor's representative shall be changed without ten days written notice to the other party.

§ 8.6 Other provisions:

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## ARTICLE 9 ENUMERATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

§ 9.1 The Contract Documents, except for Modifications issued after execution of this Agreement, are enumerated in the sections below.

§ 9.1.1 The Agreement is this executed AIA Document A132–2009, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, Construction Manager as Adviser Edition.

§ 9.1.2 The General Conditions are AIA Document A232–2009, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, Construction Manager as Adviser Edition.

§ 9.1.3 The Supplementary and other Conditions of the Contract:

Document	Title	Date	Pages
N/A			

§ 9.1.4 The Specifications:  
(Either list the Specifications here or refer to an exhibit attached to this Agreement.)

«Exhibit A – Enumeration of Contract Documents Dated February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021»

Section	Title	Date	Pages
N/A			

**§ 9.1.5 The Drawings:**

*(Either list the Drawings here or refer to an exhibit attached to this Agreement.)*

«Exhibit A – Enumeration of Contract Documents Dated February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021»

Number	Title	Date
N/A		

**§ 9.1.6 The Addenda, if any:**

Number	Date
«Addendum No. 1»	«March 8, 2021»

Portions of Addenda relating to bidding requirements are not part of the Contract Documents unless the bidding requirements are also enumerated in this Article 9.

**ARTICLE 10 INSURANCE AND BONDS**

The Contractor shall purchase and maintain insurance and provide bonds as set forth in Article 11 of AIA Document A232–2009.

*(State bonding requirements, if any, and limits of liability for insurance required in Article 11 of AIA Document A232–2009.)*

Type of Insurance or Bond	Limit of Liability or Bond Amount (\$0.00)
See Project Specification Manual	

This Agreement is entered into as of the day and year first written above.

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OWNER (Signature)

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(Printed name and title)

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CONTRACTOR (Signature)

«Stephen Muhs» «Vice President»

(Printed name and title)

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**Items taken together 6.17 - 6.22**

**6.17** Approval of Payment No. 1 to CamCo General Contracting Inc. for General Contractor Work, Contract #112, for the Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage (SG 3)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$67,887.50 to CamCo General Contracting Inc., 10994 Tinkham Rd Darien, NY 14040 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #1; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the General Fund and submitted as a claim for reimbursement through the School District's insurance company, NYSIR.

**6.18** Approval of Payment No. 1 to MLP Plumbing & Mechanical Inc. For Plumbing Work, Contract #113, for the Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage (SG 3)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$43,771.70 to MLP Plumbing & Mechanical Inc, 3198 Union Rd. Cheektowaga, NY 14227 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #1; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the General Fund and submitted as a claim for reimbursement through the School District's insurance company, NYSIR.

**6.19 Approval of Payment No. 1 to Mollenberg-Betz, Inc. For Mechanical / HVAC Work, Contract #114, for the Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage (SG 3)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$9,850.00 to Mollenberg-Betz Inc., 300 Scott St. Buffalo, NY 14201 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #1; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the General Fund and submitted as a claim for reimbursement through the School District's insurance company, NYSIR.

**6.20 Approval of Payment No. 1 to Ferguson Electric Construction Co., Inc. For Electrical Work, Contract #115, for the Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage (SG 3)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$5,000.00 to Ferguson Electric Co., Inc. 333 Ellicott St. Buffalo, NY 14203 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #1; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the General Fund and submitted as a claim for reimbursement through the School District's insurance company, NYSIR.

**6.21 Approval of Payment No. 12 to Scrufari Construction Co, LLC. For General Contractor Work, Contract #106, for the Stewardship Capital Project (SG 3)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$105,601.88 to Scrufari Construction Co LLC, 3925 Hyde Park Blvd Niagara Falls, NY 14305 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #12; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

**6.22 Approval of Payment No. 13 to Johnson Controls Inc. For Temperature Control Work, Contract #111, for The Stewardship Capital Project (SG 3)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$16,418.00 to Johnson Controls Inc. 130 John Muir Drive, Suite 100 Amherst, NY 14228 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #13; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Motion to add item 6.23 to agenda:

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**6.23 Approval of Resolution Requesting That the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Suspend its Review of the Project Air Permit Application, or in the Alternative, Extend the Public Comment Period (SG 2, 4)**

RESOLVED, that the District requests that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation suspend its review of the project air permit application, or in the alternative, extend the public comment period until July 2, 2021 in order to give all parties time to resolve confusion about the project applications and then prepare comments, accordingly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to NYSDEC Region 9 - Permit Administration before May 3, 2021, with a copy to the City of Niagara Falls, the Town of Niagara, the Niagara County Legislature, Niagara University, Congressman Brian Higgins, State Senator Rob Ortt and New York State Assemblyman Angelo Morinello with the request they support these District requests of NYSDEC.

Certificate of Clerk

I, JUDITH M. GLASER, Clerk of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the aforementioned resolution requesting that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation suspend its review of the project air permit application, or in the alternative, extend the public comment period on the 22nd day of April, 2021, and of the whole thereof, and that the said resolution remains in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed the seal of said School District and subscribed this certificate on the 22nd day of April, 2021.

Seal

Judith M. Glaser, District Clerk

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

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

**7.01** None

## **8. Information and Reports**

**8.01** Superintendent's Report

Thanks to Mr. Kudela and Mr. Massaro for their work standing in opposition to the asphalt plant. Mr. Kudela's information is that the proposed plant could be very dangerous.

Thank you for approval of the personnel reports and the budget. Mr. Laurie will send a reminder email regarding the May 10 ceremony at the Building Trades Office, where they will award OSHA cards to students. The next planned learning will involve confined spaces training, followed by work zone training, and construction math, through which students can earn more cards. Look for a press event regarding this in the future.

Please remember May 13 Rev. Dr. Beaman will be named an Outstanding Alumnus; LINKS, and the OG Car Club Men will receive awards as well. The ceremony will be restricted in number due to COVID and will take place at the PAC from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will be live-streamed. Mrs. Glaser will remind the Board.

Naming Group: Mrs. Glaser produced a serviceable binder containing communications from residents who would like to participate in the renaming committee. That committee 10 needs to be named. Perhaps May 6 would be a time to discuss whom to choose.

Mr. Kudela: Thanked the finance team for their work on the budget, his colleagues for their support of item 6.23, and Mr. Laurie for his leadership.

Mrs. Dunn: Attended a meeting April 8<sup>th</sup> with Mayor Restaino who seeks to identify a group to network with whom to meet regularly whose members will promote positivity in regard to what he (the Mayor) has done since he took office. Among his goals is to establish a Task Force to improve the graduation rate.

Mr. Laurie reminded the Board of current initiatives to address student achievement and has no knowledge of the Mayor's plan.

Mr. Bilson: Thanked the finance team for their work on the budget; thanked Mr. Laurie,

Mr. Kudela and Mr. Massaro for their work related to item 6.23; Encouraged residents to come to meetings and hear what is going on in the District with respect to Sister Schools, Pathways, and other academic programs.

Mr. Paretto: Thanked the finance team for their work on the budget; expressed that he is offended by the Mayor's proposed task force related to the graduation rate, when he recently sat on the Board of Education himself. The Mayor should come to meetings to hear about the trades initiatives and all other academic programs. Biggest mistake ever made was closing trades out of Trott/LSHS. We have underprivileged students but wonderful people. Mr. Paretto expressed that although many students are underprivileged sometimes with familial challenges they are wonderful people and many individuals are trying to assist them by being involved as he himself is.

Mr. Vilardo: Expressed that the most important decision the Board makes is whom to hire as Superintendent and they have done an excellent job making that decision.

Dr. Barstys: Offered kudos to the cabinet as well as the Superintendent.

Mr. Petrozzi: Expressed that for the first time in his 21 years as a Board member the District finally has an adequately funded budget and he is confident the District will deliver the academic results to justify its expenditures.



Mr. Bass: appreciates everyone's hard work.

Mr. Cancemi: Thanked Mrs. Dunn for bringing the information to the Board.

## 8.02 Board Members Report and Comments

## 9. Advanced Planning

### 9.01 Future Agenda Items

### 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

<b>Special Board Meetings</b> <b>Tuesday, April 27, 2021 - REMOTE</b> School District and BOCES Agenda Items
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<b>Thursday, May 6<sup>h</sup></b> <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>Board Review Session (BRS)/</b> <b>Special Meeting/Public Hearing Budget/</b> <b>Public Hearing Safety Plans</b>	<b>ARS/ / Regular Meeting/Statutory Meeting</b> <b>Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Agenda Review Session</b> <b>(5:30 pm)</b> <b>Topics</b> 1. Capital Projects 2. COVID 19 Updates 3. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items– May 19 <sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting – M. <i>Laurrie/M. Massaro</i> <b>6:30 pm</b> <b>Public Hearing on Safety Plans</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Public Hearing – Budget 20/21</b> <b>Administration Office Board Auditorium</b>	<b>Agenda Review Session</b> <b>(5:30 pm)</b> <b>Topics</b> 1. International Kite Festival 2. Career Pathways 3. Sister Schools 4. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items– May 19 <sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting – M. <i>Laurrie/M. Massaro</i> <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Regular Board Meeting</b> <b>8:00 pm</b> <b>Statutory Meeting – Certify Election Results</b>

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Bilson, for the purpose of discussing an item related to an investigation which if disclosed could imperil law enforcement; three cases on collective bargaining negotiations under the Taylor Law; one matter related to the possible appointment of promotion of an individual. All in favor. The Board exited executive session at 8:45 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Vilardo. All in favor.

## 10. Adjournment

### **10.01 Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn in memory of the following who recently passed away made by seconded by

Carol Bonanno, retired teacher, mother of NSS teacher Maria D'Antonoli, sister of retired teacher Angela Ruggerio.

James Max Carruthers, father-in-law of special education teacher Lisa Carruthers

Dr. Melvin Dyster, father of retired LaSalle health teacher Mary Pat Young.

Joseph Insana, brother of retired assistant superintendent for human resources Thomas Insana

Robert Krieger, father of TSA in the Committee on Special Education Ken Krieger.

Joyce Lombardi, mother of 79th Street School grade one teacher Jerri Presutti.

Philip Panepinto, retired maintenance, brother in law of records specialist Tina Panepinto.

William J. Pasek, father of LPS maintenance worker Jamie Pasek and the father-in-law of 79th Street School grade two teacher Lynn Pasek.

Janette Schiesser, former teacher.

Marty Stevens, father-in-law of grade six teacher Caren Stevens.

Xavair Travis, cousin of school office support clerk Bertha Travis.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Glaser  
District Clerk

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS  
Niagara Falls, New York

**Agenda**

**04/27/2021 Special Board 6 p.m. HELD REMOTELY**

PRESENT: Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Petrozzi

Excused: Dr. Barstys, Mr. Kudela, Mr. Paretto

**1. Call to Order** by Mr. Cancemi at :01 6 p.m.

**2.01** Pledge of Allegiance

**2.02** Prayer offered by Mrs. Dunn.

**2.03** Roll Call – all present.

**2. New Business** ([see BoardDocs](#))

**2.01** Approval of the Election of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Board Members

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education approves the election of Wayne Wadhams of Albion Central School District, Joanne Woodside of Lockport City School District, and Edward Grabowski of Medina Central School District, and Keith Bond, Royalton-Hartland Central School District and be it further

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be authorized to complete the ballot and certification per instruction.

Motion by Rob Bilson, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**2.02** Approval of the 2021-2022 Administrative Budget for the Orleans/Niagara Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls hereby approves the proposed 2021/22 Administrative Budget for the Orleans/Niagara Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$2,859,519.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

**3. Information and Reports**

**3.1** Superintendent's Report –

Mr. Laurie thanked the 1458 elementary students, the staff and parents, as those students returned to physical school ; he advised the Board that a presser will take place May 10 with respect to the trades education students are receiving; he offered a reminder of the ceremony May 13 to recognize Rev. Dr. Beaman, OG Cruisers and the LINKS; he announced that the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation has rescinded its negative declaration with respect to the proposed asphalt plant and re-opened the public comment period. He cited the work of the Board and Niagara University as being a catalyst to this change.

**3.2** Board Members Report and Comments

## 4. Adjournment

### **401 Meeting Adjourned**

Motion by Clara Dunn, second by Earl F Bass.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Glaser  
District Clerk



CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Falls, New York

**Agenda**

**05/6/2021 Regular Board 7 p.m.**

**1. Board Review Session**

PRESENT: Mr. Cancemi, Dr. Barstys, Mr. Bass\*, Mr. Bilson, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Kudela, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi,

\*Mr. Bass participated remotely.

**Capital Projects April Bradley, Brin Trott, Anne Dafchick, Joe Tillman, of BBC & CPL:**

**Maple is 100 years old in 2022.**

There are no change orders to report.

Ms. Bradley offered the following report:

- Maple stage: installed drop grid ceiling; painted it; installed new curtains;
- New site parking painting; decorative fencing shipped May 3; it is on its way.
- LPS: two of three bottle fillers were installed; eventually there will be one will be on each floor.
- NFHS: fixture upgrades, plumbing re-work.
- Project Highlights: 93.8% complete.
- 1.9% change orders Phases 1 & 2
- Contingency savings allowed for Kalfas roof reconstruction. Will start as soon as school June 28, 2021.
- Maintenance Barn construction is underway and ahead of schedule.

**COVID – 19 Update** Mr. Laurie offered the following update:

- COVID-related expenses - \$3172.75 since April 8
- \$541,571.40 spent to date
- No issues have surfaced with elementary students returning to school.
- COVID cases are steady, not rising, for students, staff
- The State's target to re-open secondary schools is 100 cases per 100,000; time is running out for secondary to return to school.
- The NFHS track team is on a 10-day pause.
- Mr. Laurie, Ms. Doerr and Mrs. Jones met with Seniors regarding end of year activities. Students are very cooperative. They would like a community parade on June 12<sup>th</sup> and a picnic with pre-packed food;
- They want one, outdoor graduation. They are still discussing the inclusion of parents/spectators. A plan is also needed for inclement weather. Mr. Laurie encouraged students to get vaccinations. Prom activity is still an open question, but they are exploring two locations for a socially distanced prom.

**Update on Naming Committee:** Mr. Laurie offered the following update:

- Mrs. Glaser distributed a notebook containing communications about interest in the renaming committee.
- A procedure should be set up to name the committee.

A discussion was held. Topics included: A Board member needs to sit on the committee. Perhaps all those who expressed interest should be interviewed. Will there be an agenda to stay on task? Will the Board first decide how many schools will be renamed?

The discussion will be held again when all members can be present. Perhaps a scheduled meeting can be reserved for this topic. The Superintendent suggested May 19, but reminded the Board that the issue is their decision as elected officials. The Board asked him to write prompting questions to aide in their discussion. Mr. Kudela stressed the importance of having a structure going in so the process can be effective.

Mr. Massaro cautioned that individuals being reviewed for selection should not be discussed publicly, as this is a sensitive issue.

**Review of Agenda for May 19** A review of the agenda for May 19 Regular and Statutory meetings was held.

## **1. Public Hearing Safety**

**Call to Order:** 6:56 pm - Public Hearing - District's Safety Plans

### **1.02 Pledge of Allegiance**

1.03 Prayer offered by Mrs. Dunn.

1.03 Roll Call – all present \* Mr. Bass participating remotely.

Overview: Code of Conduct, Comprehensive District-Wide School Plan, and Building-Level School Safety Plan

1. Ms. Massaro presented an overview of the SAVE Committee/Safety Plans. Committee members are prescribed according to Section 2801. Highlights included the addendum regarding a public emergency safety plan. There were no comments.

1.02 Public Comment – None.

1.03 Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 7:04p.m. by Dr. Barstys, seconded by Mr. Kudela. All in favor.

**Public Hearing 2021 – 2022 School District Budget**

**1.01 Call to Order:** 7:05 pm - Public Hearing - Budget

1.02 Roll Call all present - \* Mr. Bass participating remotely.

1.03 Budget Review Mr. Giarrizzo presented an overview of the budget.

1.04 Public Comment - none

2. Consideration of such other matters as may arise. None.

3. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. by Mr. Petrozzi seconded by Mr. Kudela. All in favor.

The Superintendent offered this information:

A presser will take place at Monday Laborers Local 91 at 10 am for students who have earned trades training and OSHA cards.

Also, Monday, the NFPD Police Graduation will be held at NFHS; 130 guests coming; the District hopes to have a Junior Police Academy program in future.

On May 13 Rev. Beaman will be honored as an Outstanding Alumnus at 6 o'clock

Mayor Restaino alluded to an announcement regarding social justice in education at a recent event where the Superintendent and Board President were in attendance. No further communication has been received.

The Superintendent wished Mrs. Dunn a Happy Mothers Day.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Barstys, seconded by Mr. Kudela, for the purpose of discussing two contracts, one of which is covered by the Taylor Law.

All in favor.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:15pm on a motion by Mr. Kudela seconded by Mr. Bilson. All in favor.



Board Review Session  
May 19, 2021

Topic: Renaming Schools

Present: Mr. Cancemi, Dr. Barstys, Mr. Bass (remote), Mr. Bilson, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Kudela, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

The Board held a discussion regarding renaming schools and forming a committee to study the issue and make recommendations to the Board of Education. Below are the main points discussed:

Sister Schools research showed that a name change may cost approximately \$10,000 each.

Questions for a framework were discussed:

Is NFHS open for consideration of being renamed? The consensus was no.

Cataract: Maybe, as it was last named. However, is NSS more diverse, and so may be more appropriate.

How many schools? One. Likely one of these two schools.

Should the committee rename a school already named for a person? Perhaps only if the person has not weathered history well.

Students should be able to identify with/take pride in potential person.

A discussion was held about whether the renaming committee should be limited to selecting an African American. Consensus was reached that yes, that is the case. The impetus for the discussion came from the Black community; they presented petitions from the community.

Should the committee choose a name and then select which school would be named? The Board reached consensus on that.

The yet to be named committee should be provided a framework so that it can be successful, however there needs to be enough latitude to allow the group some freedom to accomplish its goal.

Gender doesn't matter.

Deceased persons to be considered only? Yes.

Will there be an independent member of staff who will vet the proposed name? Yes.

Preference for local? Yes. Niagara Falls roots, preferably.

How frequently will they report to BOE? Periodically.

After committee recommends, will a Public Hearing be held? No.

Should the person have contributed to the NF public schools/education? That has been the traditional path.

How to Select Committee:

To be discussed at a future meeting, perhaps the June 10 Board Review Session, where consensus might be reached on broad strokes, with specific conversations about individuals would be help in Executive Session.

An agenda review was held.

## 2. 7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting

Information: 2.01 Call To Order at 7 p.m.

Information: 2.02 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 2.03 Prayer

Action, Information: 2.04 Roll Call

## 3. Letters and Communications

Information: 3.01 Oral Communications - Special Presentations

Kyle Lynn: Mr Laurie was joined by Mrs. Tompkins and Mrs. Manella is honoring Ms. Lynn, a Building-based Substitute, for her work as a student teacher who organized a meaningful event for students at Halloween. Students received pumpkins during COVID and she organized a socially distant Harvest Festival with 600 jars peanut butter and jelly, bread, gloves/scarves/socks were given to all HF Abate School students.

Connie Merante: A lunch associate and senior citizen celebrating her birthday this week. The Cataract ES courtyard was cleaned and rededicated, where a birthday event was hosted for Mrs. Merante.

Elsie Glahe, sophomore, Chris Ju Alejandro, 1552 Center Ave fresh: spoke on upgrading the menstrual products made available at NFHS and encouraged the to be made available at elementary schools, as well. Some girls need products by 10 years of age, however younger students should not have access to them. Many students live in poverty. These products should be provided.

Gloria Dolson 1502 Ontario: Spoke on renaming of the schools. Niagara Falls is the Honeymoon Capital of the world; there are tourists who would see the names. Students would be proud to have street-named schools renamed after African American people. She encourages the Board to act.

Rodney Sheard: 404 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Spoke on renaming the schools. It has been almost a year since the idea was first raised; it is time to act. He would also like to see more African American history in schools, not merely lessons involving the slave trade. Regarding school renaming, certainly people of other heritages also did great things, but the group here is concerned with African American history.

Vincent Cauley: 1777 Welch Class of 2002: remembers all his teachers; never felt that they didn't relate to him as a Black student. However, he feels Critical Race Theory he feels is unproductive; and asks if there been discussion of this. Further he asked what the current

diversity training looks like, adding he feels sometimes diversity training sounds good, but isn't. He thrived based on his education: reading, learning, staying on track.

Rev. Fred Chambers: 544 7<sup>th</sup> Street: Spoke on renaming the schools. In the strongest terms he urges the Board to act.

Hugh Leftwich: spoke on renaming the schools; the names are important to youth – of all races. Also, Mr. Paretto promised an undefeated football season, so it is expected.

Gwendolyn Streeter Walker: 1055 Garden Ave: Thanked everyone who voted for her in the Board of Education election. She asks the Board to please rename schools and implement the Black National Anthem at graduation and other appropriate times.

Information: 3.02 Written Communications

#### 4. Recommended Actions - Routine Items

Action: 4.01 Minutes - April 2021 Meetings

Motion to approve of minutes for April 2021 meetings

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.02 Budget Transfer #10

Approval of Budget Transfer #10

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Earl F Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.03 Bids - none

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.04 Treasurer's Report - April 2021

Information, Discussion, Report, Receive and File: 4.05 Budget Status Report - May 2021

Action: 4.06 Personnel Report – Certificated

I	RETIREMENT	
	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/LOCATION</u>
	Ani Avdoian 503 16 <sup>th</sup> St. Niagara Falls, NY 14301	Teacher Kindergarten Cataract
*	Cheryl Johnson 1211 Ethel Ave. Niagara Falls, NY 14304	Teacher Grade 2 Abate

*	Frank Orfano Jr. 710 Maple Ave. Niagara Falls, NY 14305	Teacher Business NFHS
*	Patricia Sahagian 446 10 <sup>th</sup> St. Niagara Falls, NY 14303	Teacher Grade 2 Niagara St.

## II LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/LOCATION</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
Jordin Frethhold 8650 Rivershore Dr. Niagara Falls, NY 14304	Teacher Special Education Hyde Park	FMLA (without pay)
Angela Frommert 431 Vanderbilt Ave. Niagara Falls, NY 14305	Teacher Music Gaskill	Personal (without pay)

## \*III PER DIEM

### SISTER SCHOOLS LIBRARY (ABATE, NIAGARA ST., KALFAS) RECONFIGURATION – 6 DAYS/EA. – A2110.140.058.2280

Lori Moskaluk - \$502.58 (.056)	Cheree Copelin - \$414.05 (.056)	Jessica Kulbago-Onevelo - \$524.55 (.059)
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## IV SCHEDULE B

### ART MURALS HYDE PARK ELEMENTARY – NTE 14 HRS/GROUP – A2110.140.058.2280

Mike Johnson	Terri Ryan
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## \* TRC COURSE: BOOK STUDY, “WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU: CONVERSATIONS ON TRAUMA, RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY” – F2070.151.045.8121

Tiffany Bradberry

## \*CPU 101 ASSESSMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION UNITS – NTE 3 HRS/EA. F2110.140.098.0221

Catherine Touma-D'Angelo

## \*EMBC 01 ELEMENTARY MATH: IMPLEMENTING BRAINING CAMP – NTE 9 HRS/EA. – F2110.140.098.0121

Brianne Bellavia	Amylynn Benjamin	Makeesha Booker	Kristen Brosius
Ronald Capone	Colleen Caprio	Lisa Carruthers	Marissa Chapman
Taylor Cochran	Stefany Critelli	Janyl Drozek	Pamela Garabedian
Terri Gregg	Melissa Huffman	Geraldine Koch	Cheryl LaBelle

## IV SCHEDULE B (Cont'd.)

## \*EMBC 01 ELEMENTARY MATH: IMPLEMENTING BRAINING CAMP – NTE 9 HRS/EA. – F2110.140.098.0121 (Cont'd.)

Joanna Monaco-Cracknell	Margaret Mozell	Anthony Navarolli	Lauren Nelson
Joni Ann Orfano	Diane Pati	Jaime Pero	Natalie Polka
Angela Ruffolo	Kalie Sonneberg	Megan Strassburg	Lisa Supo
Sophia Williams			

## EMP MANN 3-6 GJ MANN ELEMENTARY AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM TEACHERS GRS. 3-6 – NTE 45 HRS/MO. PER SCHOOL/6 F2110.140.098.9720

Philip Briatico

**ENL204 AMENDED: ENL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT KALFAS – NTE 92 HRS. - F2110.140.098.2921**

Dasha Colvin	Chelsea Elledge	Geri Koch	Mallory Leo
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**\*ESD 20-21 NFHS EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM TEACHERS – NTE 50 HRS/ EA. – F2110.140.098.6621**

Mia Crumpton	Ka-Shara Jordan
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**FF21-GD THE FOUNDATIONAL FIVE: STUDENT OWNERSHIP OF LEARNING 2.0 – NTE 5 HRS/EA. – F2110.140.098.0321**

Amylynn Benjamin	Renee Bodkin	Makeesha Booker	Kristen Brosius
Tammy Capatosto	Lisa Carruthers	Ashley Chambers	Marissa Chapman
Katie Churakos	Madison DalPorto	April Dubois	Catherine Dunstan
Chelsea Elledge	Thomas Filosofo	Melissa Franke	Rick Forgione
David Glahe	Megan Glasser	Cheryl Labelle	Matthew Laurrie
Tina Ligammare	Teresa Loiacano	Lisa Malpica	Maria Martin
Kristen Mihalko-Hyland	Carrie Murray	Amanda Norwich	Erik Olander
John Pero	Marie Ponzi	Nancy Porto	Marissa Rogers
Kalie Sonnenberg	Sarah Sperry	Sunnie Ventry	Karen Waugaman
Jennifer Yost	Tammy Zaker		

**IV SCHEDULE B (Cont'd.)****FFSSE THE FOUNDATIONAL FIVE: STRENGTHENING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT – NTE 8 HRS/EA. – F2110.140.098.0321**

Lisa Adams	Saladin Allah	Brianne Bellavia	Amylynn Benjamin
Bernadette Boland	Brianna Boliver	Makeesha Booker	Kristen Brosius
Jamie Calarco	Martin Campbell	Tammy Capatosto	Lisa Carruthers
Sheila Chille	Cheree Copelin	Deborah Costanzo	Stefany Critelli
Maria D'Antonoli	Danielle Depalma	Janyl Drozek	Catherine Dunstan
Nicole Ennett	Lauren Falsetti	Thomas Filosofo	Melissa Franke
David Glahe	Megan Glasser	Lisa Graff	Lyndie Granto
Michelle Hudson	Allison Jaworski	Kaitlyn Jensen	Lisa Kladke
Heidi Korzelius	Cheryl LaBelle	Matthew Laurrie	Patrina Leo
Giannina Lucantoni	Christina Magnuson	Lisa Malpica	Susan Marcolini
Colene Melson	Kristopher Melson	Lori Moskaluk	Carrie Murray
Amanda Norwich	Mary Alice O'Donnell	Erik Olander	Colleen Pascuzzi
Jamie Pero	John Pero	Marie Ponzi	Nancy Porto
Marissa Rogers	Nancy Sarkees	Carla Sauberan	Christina Schove
Caryn Skowronek	Kalie Sonnenberg	Sarah Sperry	Rebecca Tantillo
Sunnie Ventry	Karen Waugaman	Andrea Woyksnar	Meredith Wustrack
Tammy Zaker	*Michelle Pirolli	*Deborah Mineo	*Deanna Cudahy
*Kristen Mihalko-Hyland			

**FFTGD FOUNDATIONAL FIVE: CONVERGING INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY TRAINING – NTE 2 HRS/EA. – F2110.140.098.0321**

Martha Amoretti	Renee Bodkin	Bernadette Boland	Brandi Brown
Martin Campbell	Katie Churakos	Cheree Copelin	Madison DalPorto
Melissa Franke	Megan Glasser	Terese Loiacano	Michelle Melohusky

	Amanda Norwich	Erik Olander	John Pero	Carrie Roeser
<b>IV</b>	<b>SCHEDULE B (Cont'd.)</b>			
<b>FFTGD</b>	<b>FOUNDATIONAL FIVE: CONVERGING INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY TRAINING – NTE 2 HRS/EA. – F2110.132.098.3121</b>			
	Sarah Sperry	Meredith Wustrack		
<b>KTT21</b>	<b>KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION TEAM – NTE 3 HRS. – F2510.132.098.3121</b>			
	Ani Avdoian	Domenica Kutis	Kimi Watroba	
<b>*MTIP-PD</b>	<b>MTIP TEACHER NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY AND PD PLANNING – NTE 5 HRS/EA. – F2110.1140.050.2221</b>			
	Thomas Fisher	Karen Waugaman		
<b>P&amp;FE-NSS-001</b>	<b>STUDENT PROGRESS REPORT CREATION NTE 12 HRS/GROUP – F2110.140.061.0121</b>			
	Marissa Chapman	Jennifer Everts	Lyndie Grant	Raquela McCleod
	Tammy Zaker			
<b>*PKTT</b>	<b>SPRING 2021 KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION TEAM – NTE 3 HRS/EA. - F2510.132.098.3121</b>			
	Amy Burkestone	Danielle Dionne	Domenica Kutia	Margaret Rhodes
<b>WBL01</b>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL WORK-BASED LEARNING COORDINATOR – NTE 120 HRS/GROUP – A2110.140.098.0221</b>			
	Julia Conti	Marc Daul	Maria Mascaro-Sinatra	
<b>V</b>	<b>SCHEDULE C</b>			
	<b>REVISION: SCHEDULE C – FALL SPORTS COACHING POSITIONS – 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR - A2855.141.098</b>			
	<u><b>NAME</b></u>	<u><b>POSITION</b></u>		
	William Whisker	Assistant Boys Volleyball		\$3,742 St
<b>SP143</b>	<b>SPRING 2021 SPORTS COACHING POSITION - A2855.141.098</b>			
	<u><b>NAME</b></u>	<u><b>POSITION</b></u>		
	Martin DeRosa	Assistant Softball		\$4,076 Ste
	Edward Kladke	Assistant Baseball		\$4,076 Ste
<b>SP144</b>	<b>SPRING 2021 ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS TESTING – NTE 8 HRS/EA. – A2855.140.025</b>			
	Martha Amoretti	Robert Augustino		
<b>*SP146</b>	<b>SPRING 2021 UNIFIED BASKETBALL – A2855.141.098</b>			
	<u><b>NAME</b></u>	<u><b>POSITION</b></u>		
	Salvatore Constantino	Coach		\$2,645 St
	Matthew Leo	Assistant Coach		\$1,329 St
	Kelvin Martin	Special Ed. Teacher		\$2,645 St
<b>VI</b>	<b>APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULES D, E, F, G</b>			
	<b>SCHEDULE E – AM/PM DUTY 2020-21</b>			
	1. <b>ADDITION: NIAGARA ST. - C2860.141.061</b>			
	<u><b>NAME</b></u>	<u><b>FTE</b></u>	<u><b>ACTIVITY</b></u>	
	Ashley Andreana	.5	Lunch Duty	
	Kim Jasek	.25	Lunch Duty	
	<b>SCHEDULE F</b>			
	<b>CORRECTION: ENL DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR</b>			

Joseph Tiberi - \$3,696

**1. Revised: LASALLE PREP SCHOOL – A2110.141.050**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Cassandra Lutey	.25	Math
Justine Speidel	1.75	Math

**SCHEDULE G**

**PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS – A2110.141.098**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Richard Meranto	2.0	Technical Director
Veronica Schucker	1.0	Choral Director
Thomas Vitello Jr.	1.0	Assistant Director (Producer)

**PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS – A2110.141.098 (Cont'd)**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Thomas Vitello Jr.	1.0	Stage Director (Costumer)
Dennis Wilson	1.0	Director
Dennis Wilson	1.0	Stage Director (Costumer)

Approval of Personnel Report for Certificated Staff

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.07 Personnel Report – Classified

**\*I RESIGNATION**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/LOCATION</u>
Cortez Bradberry 435 22 <sup>nd</sup> St. Niagara Falls, NY 14303	Safety Officer Gaskill
* Matthew Hudson 1689 Caravelle Dr. Niagara Falls, NY 14304	Physical Ed. Associate Abate

**II PROVISIONAL**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/LOCATION</u>	<u>SALARY/ACCOUNT CODE</u>
Tommy Chandler 176 68 <sup>th</sup> St. Niagara Falls, NY 14304 <u>R</u>	Computer Application Specialist Information Services	\$33,939 Step 1 A1680.166.020
Terence Pratt 515 26 <sup>th</sup> St. Niagara Falls, NY 14304	Computer Application Specialist Information Services	\$33,939 Step 1 A1680.166.020

**\*III**                      **R**  
**VOLUNTARY TRANSFER**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
James Collquitt 665 Ashland Ave. Niagara Falls, NY 14301	General Laborer Maintenance A1621.162.016	Cleaner (8 hrs.) Districtwide (NFHS) A1621.167.045

**IV**                      **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/LOCATION</u>	<u>TYPE OF LEAVE</u>
Ardell Dolson 1555 Willow Ave Niagara Falls, NY 14305	Secretary I Kalfas	Personal (without pay)
Jennifer Maines 6006 Frontier Ave. Niagara Falls, NY 14304	Assistant Child Care Assoc. Cataract	Medical (without pay)

**V**                      **ADDITIONAL HOURS**

**P&FE-      SEL FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT - MAY 12, 2021 - NTE 4 HRS/GROUP – F2110.177.061.0121**  
**NSS-002**

Angie Harrigan	Theresa Yale-Carson
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Approval of Personnel Report - Classified

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.08 Committee on Special Education Report

Approval of Committee on Special Education Report

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 4.09 Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

Approval of Committee on PreSchool Special Education Report

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

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

Short-Term Contracts –

1.	Niagara University	REACH Course Instruction and materials	\$5,000.00 F2110 404 098 6621 Extended Day	May- July 2021
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2.	UB for Assistive Technology Evaluation	Assistive Technology Evaluation	\$1100 plus \$32 per hour transportation F2250. 404. 098. 0721	completed by June 25
3.	The Center for Applied Behavioral Analysis through Daemen College	Work with a student at Newfane Learning Center to improve maladaptive behaviors	\$125 per hour for 6 hours F2250. 404. 098. 0721	May - June 25, 2021

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

5. Unfinished Business

Information: 5.01 None

6. New Business

Action, Information, Discussion: 6.01 Acceptance of Funds for the 2020-2022 CARES ACT – GEER

Motion to accept Funds for the 2020-2022 CARES ACT – GEER

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2020-2022 CARES ACT - GEER;

and

RESOLVED, That the grant award of \$648,079 be credited to Revenue Account A4286 Federal CARES ACT Stabilization Funds; and

RESOLVED, That the money be expended in the following function/object codes:

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	
	A2110.120.058.5895	K-6 TCHR H/P CARES GEER	\$93,3
	A2110.120.059.5895	K-6 TCHR KALFAS CARES GEER	91,6
	A2110.120.061.5895	K-6 TCHR NIAG ST CARES GEER	130,583
	A2110.120.065.5895	K-6 TCHR 79 <sup>TH</sup> CARES GEER	116,2
	A2110.130.045.5895	7-12 TCHR NFHS CARES GEER	88,4
	A2110.130.049.5895	7-12 TCHR GPS CARES GEER	50,8
	A2110.130.050.5895	7-12 TCHR LOS CARES GEER	44,3
	A2110.400.098.5895	NON-PUB CARES ACT OUTSIDE SRVCS GEER	24,8
	A9020.802.096.5895	TCHR RETIREMENT DW CARES GEER	7,7
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$648,0</b>

Revenue Code: A4286 Federal CARES ACT Stabilization Funds

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action, Information, Discussion: 6.02 Acceptance of Funds for the 2020-2022 CARES Act – ESSERF

Motion to accept Funds for the 2020-2022 CARES Act – ESSERF

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2020-2022 CARES ACT - ESSER;

and

RESOLVED, That the grant award of \$3,823,861 be credited to Revenue Account A4286 Federal CARES ACT Stabilization Funds; and

RESOLVED, That the money be expended in the following function/object codes:

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	
	A2110.120.056.5890	K-6 TCHR ABATE CARES ESSER	\$162,2
	A2110.120.057.5890	K-6 TCHR CATARACT CARES ESSER	\$128,6
	A2110.120.058.5890	K-6 TCHR H/P CARES ESSER	\$188,2
	A2110.120.059.5890	K-6 TCHR KALFAS CARES ESSER	\$374,6
	A2110.120.060.5890	K-6 TCHR MAPLE CARES ESSER	\$21,8
	A2110.120.061.5890	K-6 TCHR NIAG ST CARES ESSER	\$400,6
	A2110.120.065.5890	K-6 TCHR 79TH CARES ESSER	\$69,2
	A2110.120.067.5890	K-6 TCHR GJ MANN CARES ESSER	\$10,3
	A2110.130.045.5890	7-12 TCHR NFHS CARES ESSER	\$662,1
	A2110.130.049.5890	7-12 TCHR GPS CARES ESSER	\$213,4
	A2110.130.050.5890	7-12 TCHR LPS CARES ESSER	\$207,3
	A2250.133.045.5890	K-12 TCHR SP NEEDS NFHS CARES ESSER	\$391,2
	A2250.133.049.5890	K-12 TCHR SP NEEDS GPS CARES ESSER	\$111,5
	A2250.133.050.5890	K-12 TCHR SP NEEDS LPS CARES ESSER	\$108,3
	A2250.133.056.5890	K-12 TCHR SP NEEDS ABATE CARES ESSER	\$111,7
	A2250.133.057.5890	K-12 TCHR SP NEEDS CATARACT CARES ESSER	\$64,8
	A2250.133.058.5890	K-12 TCHR SP NEEDS HP CARES ESSER	\$212,6
	A2250.133.061.5890	K-12 TCHR SP NEEDS NIAG ST CARES ESSER	\$219,7
	A2110.400.098.5890	NON-PUBS CARES ACT OUTSIDE SRVCS ESSER	\$9,5
	A2110.450.098.5890	NON-PUBS CARES ACT SPPLY ESSER	\$136,9
	A9020.802.096.5890	TCHR RETIREMENT DW CARES ESSER	\$18,4
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			\$3,823,861

Revenue Code: A4286 Federal CARES ACT Stabilization Funds

## ABSTRACT

1. School District: School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York
2. Title of Project: CARES ACT - ESSER
3. Funding Source: NYS Education Department
4. Total Budget: \$3,823,861
5. Total Staff: 0
6. Number of Clients Served: 7,000 students
- 7-9 . Major Objectives/Activities/Evaluation:
  - Funds will be used to partially offset the state share of state aid to school districts.

Motion by Paul Kudela, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.03 Approval of Submission of Candidate for The Everett R. Dyer Award for Distinguished School Board Service

Motion to approve Submission of Candidate for The Everett R. Dyer Award for Distinguished School Board Service

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education hereby nominates Russell Petrozzi for the Everett R. Dyer Award for Distinguished School Board Service presented by The New York State School Boards Association and directs and empower staff to submit then required nominating form by the deadline; and

RESOLVED, That the nominating form be submitted to the attention of the Distinguished Service Award Committee at the New York State School Boards Association's Albany Office.

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Abstain: Russell Petrozzi

Action, Information, Discussion: 6.04 Approval of Designation of Friday June 18, 2021 as a Holiday for Staff and Students of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York in Observance of Juneteenth

RESOLVED that in observance of Juneteenth, and to acknowledge the importance of this date in American History, the Niagara Falls City School District shall be closed on Friday June 18th; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent, the Administrator for Human Resources and the District Clerk are hereby directed to complete any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

Motion to approve of Designation of Friday June 18, 2021 as a Holiday for Staff and Students of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York in Observance of Juneteenth

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

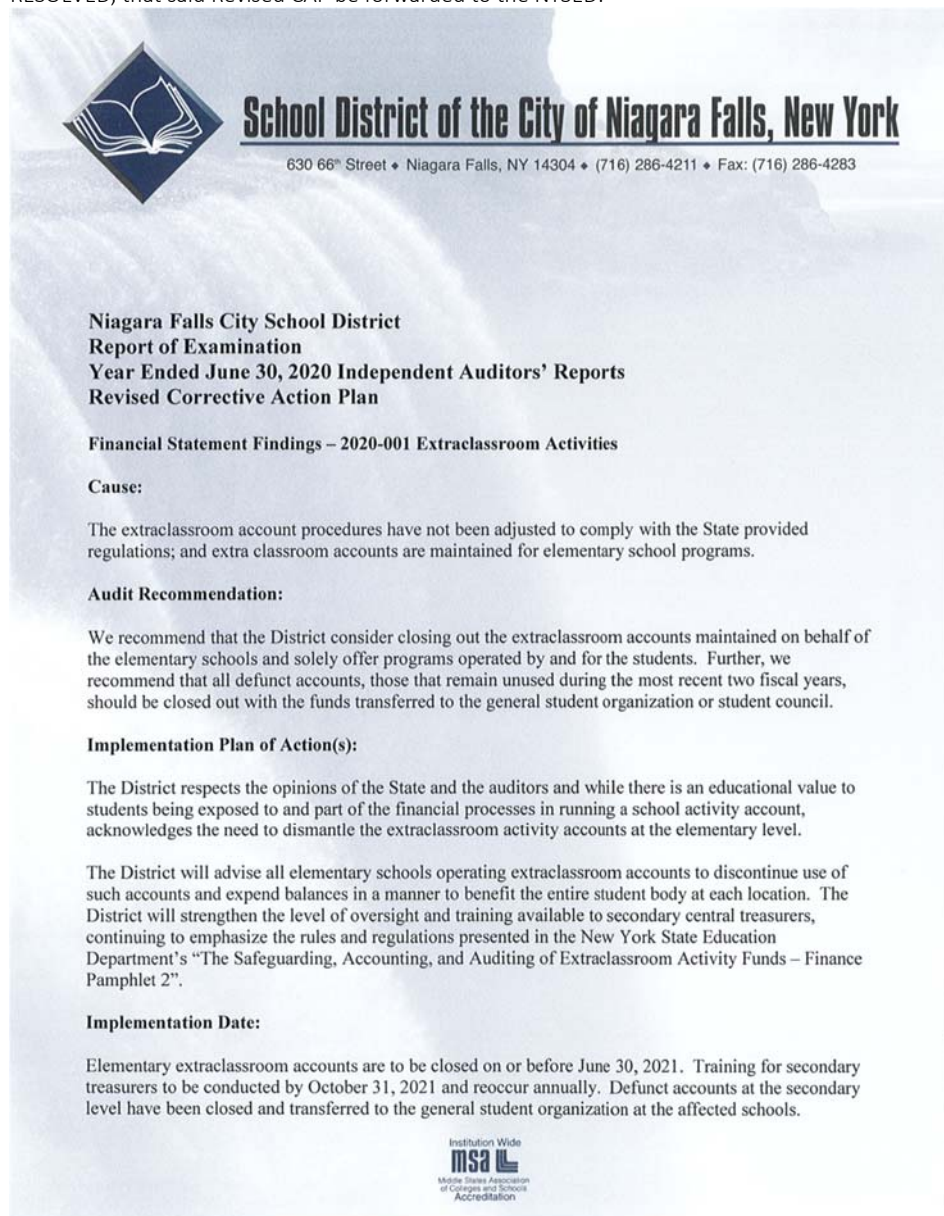
Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.05 Approval of the Revised Corrective Action Plan (CAP) in Response to the District External audit for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Motion to approve the Revised Corrective Action Plan (CAP) in Response to the District External audit for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education affirm and approve the Revised CAP attached hereto, and

RESOLVED, that said Revised CAP be forwarded to the NYSED.



Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.06 Approval Of Extension of Superintendent Mark R. Laurie's Term as Superintendent of Schools and of the Second Amendment to Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Mark R. Laurie

RESOLVED, The Board hereby extends Superintendent Mark R. Laurie's term as Superintendent of Schools

for an additional two (2) years and appoints him Superintendent of Schools for a five (5) year term to immediately commence on July 1, 2021 and terminate on June 30, 2026; and further

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the attached Second Amendment to the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Mark R. Laurie effective July 1, 2021, which Second Amendment provides for the Contract as amended, to continue in effect and to terminate on June 30, 2026, or the date of sooner termination of the Superintendent's term as provided in the Contract as amended by the First and Second Amendments, and further providing that all terms and conditions of the Contract except as modified by the First and Second Amendments to remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board of Education be and he hereby is authorized to execute the attached Second Amendment to the Contract on behalf of the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board on the attached Second Amendment and to do all acts necessary to implement this Resolution.

## SECOND AMENDMENT

This Agreement made this 19th day of May, 2021, between the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK ("Board") 630-66<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, New York, 14304 and MARK R. LAURRIE, the Superintendent of Schools, ("Superintendent") 630-66<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304.

WHEREAS, the Board appointed Mark R. Laurie Superintendent of Schools for a term of five (5) years to commence July 1, 2016 and terminate June 30, 2021 all in accordance with Section 2507 of the Education Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Board provided the Superintendent an Employment Contract containing terms and conditions and benefits of his employment ("Contract") for the term of his appointment, which Contract was approved by Resolution dated January 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Contract provided among other things, for a certain fixed salary to be paid for the period of the Contract July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 and for the parties to determine the salary to be paid to the Superintendent for school year 2019-2020 and the school year 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board of Education on April 11, 2019, the Board extended the term of the Superintendent, Mark R. Laurie, appointing him for an additional three (3) years for a five (5) year term, commencing on July 1, 2019 and terminating June 30, 2024, (hereinafter referred to as the First Extension) all in accordance with the applicable provisions of law; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2019 the Board approved the first amendment to the Superintendent's Contract (First Amendment) wherein the parties amended and modified the Contract so as to fix the salary for school year 2019-2020 and school year 2020-2021 and to provide a fixed salary for each of the three (3) years of the extended term and the Contract;

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board of Education on May 19, 2021, the Board extended the term of the Superintendent, Mark R. Laurie, appointing him for an additional two (2) years for a five (5) year term, commencing on July 1, 2021 and terminating June 30, 2026, (hereinafter referred to as the Second Extension) all in accordance with the applicable provisions of law; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of May 19, 2021, the Board agreed and to amend and modify the Contract as amended, so as to provide a fixed salary for each of the two (2) years of the extended term (Second Amendment).

Now therefore, the parties mutually agree as follows:

1. Schedule "A" Section 1. Salary shall be amended as follows:

Salary:

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022	\$189,738.36
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	\$193,533.13
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	\$197,403.79
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025	\$225,000.00 *
July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	\$250,000.00 *

- Unless the Board agrees to a greater amount for each of the last two years.

2. Paragraph 2 of the First Amendment amending Paragraph 3 of the Contract by deleting July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021 and inserting July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024 is amended as follows:

Delete June 30, 2024; and  
Insert June 30, 2026.

3. Paragraph 3 of the First Amendment amending Paragraph 4 of the Contract by deleting June 30, 2021 and inserting June 30, 2024 and deleting ninety (90) days and inserting one (1) year is amended as follows:

Delete June 30, 2024; and  
Insert JUNE 30 2026; and

4. Delete Paragraph 4 of the Contract as amended by Paragraph 3 of the First Amendment and insert the following:

"4. The parties agree that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, that should the Superintendent resign as Superintendent of Schools and terminate this Contract as amended, at any time prior to June 30, 2026, that he shall give the Board one (1) year written notice of his resignation and termination of the Contract as amended, except that if his resignation is for health condition(s) resulting in his inability to perform the duties of his position or his assuming a position in the community determined to be for the betterment of the community, as determined by the Board, the one (1) year notice will be not required. Upon the giving of such one (1) year written notice of his resignation as Superintendent of Schools and the termination of the Contract as amended, or if such one (1) year notice is not required, upon the date of his notice of resignation, the Superintendent shall be entitled to all benefits and accumulated benefits to which he would be entitled, to and including the date his resignation and termination of this Contract as amended are effective, as are contained in Schedule "A" Benefits-Mark R. Laurie Superintendent of Schools", Schedule "B" Accumulated Benefits-Mark R. Laurie Superintendent of Schools" and Schedule A-1 Insurance, respectively.

5. Paragraph 10 and the First Amendment are amended as follows:

Delete "effective on July 1, 2019 and continue until June 30, 2021"; and  
Insert "effective on July 1, 2021 and continue until June 30, 2026"

6. Schedule "A" is amended as follows:

Delete paragraph 4 Vacation Days in its entirety and add the following:

"4. Vacation Days

20 days per year with no maximum in the number of days that may be carried over into the next year.  
Limited to use of 30 days in a given school year.

Upon resignation or retirement the superintendent shall be paid for the remainder of is accumulated vacation days not to exceed 75 days."

7. All other terms and conditions of the Contract and First Amendment , including but not limited to, the terms and conditions in Schedules A and A-1 except as herein modified or amended shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their signatures and seals on the date first written above.

City School District of the  
City of Niagara Falls, New York

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark R. Laurie  
Superintendent of Schools

City School District of the  
City of Niagara Falls, New York

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Vincent Cancemi  
President of Board

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NIAGARA: ss.:

On this \_\_\_\_ day of May 2021, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in the said state, personally appeared, Mark R. Laurie, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK:  
COUNTY OF NIAGARA: ss.:

On this \_\_\_\_ day of May 2021, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in the said state, personally appeared, Vincent J. Cancemi, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

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Notary Public

Motion to approve Extension of Superintendent Mark R. Laurie's Term as Superintendent of Schools and of the Second Amendment to Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Mark R. Laurie

Motion by Anthony F Paretto, second by Rob Bilson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action, Information, Discussion: 6.07 Approval of Consultant/Broker Agreement and Business Associate Agreement Between City School District of The City of Niagara Falls, New York And M&T Insurance Agency, Inc. For 7/1/2021-6/30/2024

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the consultant/broker agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and the M&T Insurance Agency Inc.; and further

RESOLVED, That the agreement is subject to further modifications as may be required by the Superintendent and the School District Attorney; and further

RESOLVED The President be and is hereby authorized to execute the attached contract and any and all documents necessary to implement this Resolution including, but not limited to, execution of provider contracts and or rate schedules that may be required; and further

RESOLVED, The District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board on the attached contract and all documents necessary to implement this Resolution.

#### CONSULTING BROKER AGREEMENT

SERVICE AGREEMENT, dated as of July 1, 2021 ("Agreement"), between the City School

District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York ("Client") and M&T Insurance Agency, Inc.

("Contractor").

#### Recitals

A. Client maintains one or more group life and/or health insurance plans, pharmacy drug plans and dental plans for the benefit of its employees.

B. Contractor is in the business of providing various consulting, broker and administrative services to employers that maintain group life, health insurance and dental plans for their employees.

C. Client wishes to retain Contractor to provide consulting, broker and administrative services with respect to Client's group life/health/dental plans, and Contractor is willing to provide such services to Client, all on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and for other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are the hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Interpretation. The descriptive headings of the several Sections and subsections of the Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be a part of the Agreement for purposes of interpretation or otherwise. Section,

Subsection, Schedule and Exhibit references contained herein are references to Sections, Subsections, Schedules and Exhibits of this Agreement and are part of this Agreement, unless otherwise specified. Terms such as "herein," "hereunder" and "hereof" refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any specific section or subsection unless otherwise specified. With respect to all terms in this Agreement, the singular includes the plural and the plural the singular, and words importing any gender include the other genders.

## 2. Retention; The Services.

(a) Client retains Contractor to perform certain consulting, broker and administrative services with respect to the group life and/or health insurance and pharmacy drug plans maintained by Client for the benefit of its employees that are listed on Schedule A (the "Plans"), and Contractor hereby agrees to provide such services on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Contractor represents and covenants that each Plan is or is not covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), as indicated on Schedule A.

(b) During the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall provide the Consulting and Broker and administrative services listed on Schedule B ("Consulting/Broker Services") and such other services as the parties may agree upon from time to time.

(c) The relationship of Contractor, its employees, subcontractor, subcontractor's employees and agents to Client is that of an independent contractor, and Contractor, and/or its employees, and/or its subcontractor and/or its subcontractor's employees and/or their agents: (i) will not be, and will not hold itself/themselves out as, an agent or representative of Client; and (ii) shall not have any claim that any employee and/or subcontractor and/or subcontractor's employee and/or agent of Contractor is an employee of Client or has any right to compensation from Client or is entitled to retirement benefits, health and welfare benefits or any other benefit that Client may make available to any of its employees or agents.

(d) This Agreement shall not constitute or be deemed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or similar cooperative effort or arrangement between Client and Contractor and/or its Subcontractor, and Contractor and/or its Subcontractor shall have no right to or interest in any assets or property of Client under the terms of this Agreement.

(e) Contractor and/or its subcontractor shall not be a "fiduciary," as such term is defined in ERISA, respect to any Plan.

3. Fees and Expenses. (a) Client shall pay the Contractor for a three-year term, the annual sum of \$5,000.00 for its services as Consultant/Broker as detailed in Schedule B attached hereto and made a part hereof. Any service requests or additional projects not listed in Schedule B will be quoted upon request (e.g. Personal Auto and Home, Workers Compensation, New York State Disability, etc.). Client shall pay Contractor the further sum for its Third Party Administrator services as detailed in Schedule B attached hereto and made a part hereof, which may be performed by it or its Subcontractor. Consultant/Broker shall be eligible for standard commissions on programs it negotiates and implements on behalf of the District.

(b) Payment for Consultant/Broker services shall be fully earned. Payments shall be made monthly commencing for the month of July 2021, in an amount equal to 1/36th of the total sum payable for Consultant/Broker services and paid in accordance with subparagraph (d) of this paragraph.

c) Payment for Third Party Administration services shall be made monthly commencing for the month of July 2021, in the annual amount of \$60,000. Payments shall be made monthly to the Consultant/Broker commencing for the month of July 2021, for a three-year term in amounts equal to 1/36th the total sum payable for Third Party Administration services. The open of any new Health Reimbursement Accounts or increase in participation for any reason may be subject to additional fees.

(d) Any subcontract entered into by the Contractor shall contain the provision that the Contractor shall be responsible for payment for services under the subcontract and the subcontractor shall not make claim for services rendered against the Client.

(e) Payment checks payable to the order of the Contractor shall be deemed full payment for all services rendered whether by the Contractor or its subcontractor.

(f) Except as expressly provided herein, each party shall bear its own expenses in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby.

4. Duties and Responsibilities (a) Contractor shall have those duties and responsibilities as expressly set forth in this Agreement including but not limited to the services and duties detailed in Schedule B or as may be reasonably implied from such detailed duties and services, unless additional duties and services are agreed to in writing signed by the parties.

(b) Without limiting the effect of Section 4(a) hereof, Contractor shall in addition to the duties and services detailed in Schedule B, have the duty and obligation to Client or any Plan participant or beneficiary (or any person claiming through any of them): (i) to review, examine, administer or take notice of any agreement, instrument or document other than this Agreement and the governing documents for the Plans listed on Schedule A; and (ii) to review or make any determination with respect to any claim for benefits under a Plan.

(c) Contractor may execute any of its powers and perform any of its duties hereunder by or through attorneys, agents or employees and sub-contractor for TPA services.



5. Indemnification and Insurance: (a) To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Client, its employees, servants and agents, including but not limited to its contractors and subcontractors from and against any and all costs, losses and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of attorneys and other professionals, and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of the performance of services by it and/or its subcontractor and/or its subcontractor's employees under this Agreement including but not limited to such costs, losses and damages caused by the negligent acts or omissions of Contractor, its agents, servants, employees and/or its subcontractors and/or its subcontractor's employees in the performance and furnishing of services under this Agreement. The client agrees to hold the contractor harmless for errors of omission created by the client in servicing this agreement.

(b) Contractor shall maintain errors and omissions (professional liability) insurance in amount of not less than \$5,000,000.00 or such other amount acceptable to the Client, together with general liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence with aggregate amount of \$2,000,000.00 and excess liability coverage of \$5,000,000.00.

Where applicable all policies shall name the Client, School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York as additional party insured. Certificates of insurance shall be filed with the Client prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificates. The certificates shall contain provision that coverage's afforded under the policies will not be cancelled until at least thirty days' prior written notice is given to the Client.

6. The Client shall have the right to renew this Agreement for an additional one year period.

7. Term; Termination. (a) This Agreement shall commence on the 1st day of July

2021 and shall continue to and terminate on the 30th day of June 2024, unless sooner terminated or renewed as herein provided.

(b) Client may terminate this Agreement for any reason and without penalty upon 30 days' prior written notice to the other party, provided however Client shall pay Contractor for Third Party Administrator Services to the date of termination.

8. Representations, Warranties and Covenants. (a) Each party represents and warrants to, and covenants with, the other party as follows:

(i) The party is a legal entity duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation and has the power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations and consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

(ii) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby by such party have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary action on the part of the party, and this Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by the party.

(iii) This Agreement constitutes the valid and binding agreement of the party, enforceable against the party in accordance with its terms.

(iv) There is no proceeding pending or, to the best of the party's knowledge, threatened that would call into question the validity or enforceability of this Agreement against such party or would adversely affect the party's ability to consummate this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) Contemporaneously with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, each party shall deliver an incumbency certificate, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the other, as to the officers authorized to act on its behalf under this Agreement. Each party shall update its respective incumbency certificates from time to time to reflect any changes in such authorized officers.

9. Notices. All communications and notices permitted or required under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be sent: (i) by hand delivery; or (ii) by commercial overnight courier; or (iii) by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested to a party using the following information, or such other information as a party has given to the other party in the manner specified in this Section 9:

If to Contractor:  
M&T Insurance Agency, Inc.

285 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14202  
Attn:

If to Client: City School District of the City of

Niagara Falls, New York  
630 66th Street

Niagara Falls, NY 14304  
Attn: Superintendent of Schools

With Copy To:  
City School District Clerk  
630 66th Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

A notice hereunder shall be deemed given: (a) upon receipt, in the case of hand delivery; or (b) one day after delivery to the courier, in the case of commercial overnight courier; or (c) five calendar days after deposit in the U.S. mail, in the case of certified mail, regardless of the date of actual delivery or whether delivery is ever in fact made. If a notice under this Agreement is refused by the addressee thereof, then the notice shall be deemed to have been given and effective as of the date provided in this Section 9.

10. Assignment: The services to be rendered by the Contractor under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, except as may otherwise be provided in this Contract, the Contractor shall not transfer or assign any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Contract and any attempted such transfer, assignment or delegation shall be wholly void.

11. Other Agreements. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to choice of law principles. This Agreement (including the above recitals which are a substantive part hereof) and the schedules and exhibits hereto constitute the complete and exclusive expression of the terms of the agreement between the parties, and supersede all prior or contemporaneous oral or written agreements, arrangements and understandings among the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. No amendment to this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of each of the parties hereto. A purported waiver of any right or condition set forth herein shall not be valid for any purpose unless in writing and signed by the party against whom such waiver is asserted. This Agreement is for the sole and exclusive benefit of, and shall be binding upon, the parties hereto and their successors and permitted assigns, and there are no third party beneficiaries of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, by their duly authorized officers, have executed this Agreement as of the date set forth above.

M&T INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

By:

Title:

Name:

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

By: Title:

Name:

Schedule A Plans

- Medicare- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York  
\$10.00- \$15.00 Per Contract Per Month- Included in the Monthly Premium
- Medicare- United Healthcare  
\$14.00 Per Contract Per Month- Included in the Monthly Premium
- Delta Dental- No Commissions

- Guardian- Standard Commissions

#### Schedule B Consultant/Broker/Administrative Services

The services to be performed by the Contractor as Consultant/Broker and Administrator shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Ongoing monitoring of Healthcare Reform
2. Negotiations of Medicare medical and prescription drug plan designs and premium proposals for active and retired employees.
3. Design and administration of HRA, FSA and Dependent Care Accounts for both Active and Retiree programs. Including Summary Plan Descriptions (SPD) for all.
4. COBRA Services, including Initial and Qualifying Event notices and premium remittance.
5. Providing a thorough analysis of clients' current benefit methodologies for active and retired employees and benchmark them against regional and national platforms.
6. Providing funding alternatives customized around the Client's Claims Experience and

#### Fiscal Needs.

7. Purchasing insurance benefits as Broker when applicable
8. Providing updates in legislation and information from DOL website and other pertinent information specific to the Client.
9. Coordinating and assisting in conjunction with the District's renewal process.
10. Assisting in reviewing, evaluating, developing, customizing, implementing for post 65 medical and entire district's population for dental, life, FSA and HRA programs.
11. Performing due diligence on all the vendors that could fit the Client's needs.
12. Assisting participants with HIPAA compliance questions to choose the appropriate health plan to meet their family needs for Medicare eligible retirees.
13. Advising and consulting with management on all areas of employee benefits, identify problem areas or areas of concern and recommend solutions to resolve any such problems or concerns.
14. Preparing and assisting in developing a long-term cost controlling strategy for the Client.
15. Performing third party administration for the District's Flexible spending and Health

#### Reimbursement accounts.

16. Developing strategy for implementing group benefit meetings for the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York.

Motion to approve Consultant/Broker Agreement and Business Associate Agreement Between City School District of The City of Niagara Falls, New York And M&T Insurance Agency, Inc. For 7/1/2021-6/30/2024

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Clara Dunn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.08 Approval of Payment to NYS Association of Small City School Districts For 2021-2022 Membership In Association

Motion to approve Payment to NYS Association of Small City School Districts For 2021-2022 Membership In Association

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the payment of Annual Membership Dues to New York Association of Small City School Districts in the amount of \$9,880; and

RESOLVED, That the contract is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to approve the invoice for these fees for Fiscal year 2021-2022; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board on this Invoice once it has been received by the District.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.09 Approval for the Construction of Walk-In Freezer at Harry F. Abate Elementary School

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the proposed project to build a new walk-in freezer at Harry F. Abate Elementary School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the District submit all the requisite plans and documents required to the State Education Department for their review.

Motion to approve the Construction of Walk-In Freezer at Harry F. Abate Elementary School

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

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.10 Approval of Standardization Purchase of Motorola Two-Way Radio Systems For All Buildings In The District As Part of The City School District of The City of Niagara Falls

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the standardization for the purchase of Motorola Two-way Radio System in accordance with all applicable provisions of General Municipal Law Section 103 for installation in its Buildings as part of its IT Project Inventing Tomorrow Capital Project.

Motion to approve Standardization Purchase of Motorola Two-Way Radio Systems For All Buildings In The District As Part of The City School District of The City of Niagara Falls

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.11 Approval of Use of Pesticide on the Grounds of Niagara Falls High School for the Control of Ticks

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of pesticide for the control of ticks on school grounds at Niagara Falls High School; and

RESOLVED that the Board directs the Administrator for School Business Services provide at least 48-hour prior notification to all required and appropriate parties; and further

RESOLVED the Director of Facilities prepare the appropriate notifications and signage and he is hereby directed to post such signage around the affected grounds warning of the use of pesticide.

Motion to approve Use of Pesticide on the Grounds of Niagara Falls High School for the Control of Ticks

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.12 Approval of Payment No. 13 to Scrufari Construction Co, LLC. For General Contractor Work, Contract #106, for the Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$111,863.43 to Scrufari Construction Co LLC, 3925 Hyde Park Blvd Niagara Falls, NY 14305 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #13; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion to approve Payment No. 13 to Scrufari Construction Co, LLC. For General Contractor Work, Contract #106, for the Stewardship Capital Project

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.13 Approval of Payment No. 14 to John W. Danforth Company for Mechanical / HVAC Work, Contract #108/109, for the Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$61,332.80 to John W. Danforth Company, 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #14; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the Capital Fund and submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings.

Motion to approve Payment No. 14 to John W. Danforth Company for Mechanical / HVAC Work, Contract #108/109, for the Stewardship Capital Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$153,197.71 to CamCo General Contracting Inc., 10994 Tinkham Rd Darien, NY 14040 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #2; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the General Fund and submitted as a claim for reimbursement through the School District's insurance company, NYSIR.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.14 Approval of Payment No. 2 to CamCo General Contracting Inc. for General Contractor Work, Contract #112, for the Reconstruction Of The Maintenance Garage

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$153,197.71 to CamCo General Contracting Inc., 10994 Tinkham Rd Darien, NY 14040 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #2; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the General Fund and submitted as a claim for reimbursement through the School District's insurance company, NYSIR.

Motion to approve Payment No. 2 to CamCo General Contracting Inc. for General Contractor Work, Contract #112, for the Reconstruction Of The Maintenance Garage

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.15 Approval of Payment No. 2 to MLP Plumbing & Mechanical Inc. for Plumbing Work, Contract 113, for the Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$4,801.10 to MLP Plumbing & Mechanical Inc, 3198 Union Rd. Cheektowaga, NY 14227 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #2; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the General Fund and submitted as a claim for reimbursement through the School District's insurance company, NYSIR.

Motion to approve Payment No. 2 to MLP Plumbing & Mechanical Inc. for Plumbing Work, Contract 113, for the Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.16 Approval of Payment No. 2 to Mollenberg-Betz, Inc. For Mechanical / HVAC Work, Contract 114, for the Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage

Motion to approve Payment No. 2 to Mollenberg-Betz, Inc. For Mechanical / HVAC Work, Contract 114, for the Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$38,060.00 to Mollenberg-Betz Inc., 300 Scott St. Buffalo, NY 14201 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #2; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the General Fund and submitted as a claim for reimbursement through the School District's insurance company, NYSIR.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Action: 6.17 Approval of Payment No. 2 to Ferguson Electric Construction Co., Inc. for Electrical Work, Contract #115, for the Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of \$27,900.00 to Ferguson Electric Co., Inc. 333 Ellicott St. Buffalo, NY 14203 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #2; and further

RESOLVED, That the appropriation be expended from the General Fund and submitted as a claim for reimbursement through the School District's insurance company, NYSIR.

Motion to approve Payment No. 2 to Ferguson Electric Construction Co., Inc. for Electrical Work, Contract #115, for the Reconstruction of the Maintenance Garage

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

7. Review of Proposed Policies

Table: 7.01 None

8. Information and Reports

COMMENTS:

Superintendent of Schools: Expressed being humbled and honored by the support of his contract extension, appreciates support of community and Board. He reminded all that accomplishments are achieved through a team, including all staff and the Board itself. Congratulated Messrs. Bass, Bilson and Ms. Street Walker for running and supporting public education.

Friday will turn on Air Conditioning 1 year ahead of schedule so nine of 11 schools will be fully climate controlled year-round.

Graduation update will be held June 26 on the football field; each graduate will receive four tickets. The following dates have been established:

June 21: Senior awards and scholarships

June 18: prom – masquerade ball-themed – and a post prom celebration.

June 12: city wide parade.

Signing day for the trades, now PTECH, for prep schools June 30 at 4 p.m.

Mr. Laurrie also thanked the Rev. Dr. Beaman for attending the celebration naming him an Outstanding Alumni.

#### ADDRESSING SPEAKERS:

Students: The students are right and spoke with eloquence and skill. Congratulations to them on that. A meeting should be arranged with Mr. Laurrie and Mr. Smeal.

Mr. Cauley: Regarding diversity training: all NFT staff have been trained through an introductory course. This is not enough alone, but two follow-ups are coming; nonteaching staff will be included as well and the District is planning next year's round of training around addressing implicit bias. Regarding Critical Race Theory – the Superintendent was approached on the topic, has not discussed, and is not in support of it.

Those concerned with Renaming: The topic was the sole discussed this evening and the process is moving forward.

Mrs. Dunn: Thanked the young people who spoke, congratulated all the candidates for stepping up. To the Men Standing Strong Group, the Board heard you. Congratulated Mr. Laurrie on his contract extension.

Mr. Paretto: Congratulated Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, and Mr. Laurrie; thanked Mrs. Glaser for her running of the lection; she is an asset to this district. The District is lucky to have Mr. Laurrie.

Mr. Bilson: Congratulated Mr. Laurrie; the speakers, especially the youth. Thanked Board for its welcoming and guidance in the last year. Thanked Mr. Petrozzi advice. Thanked his fellow candidates.

Nick: Congratulated Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson.

Mr. Kudela: Congratulated Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, and Mr. Laurrie.

Dr. Barstys: To Ms. Street-Walker – it took class and courage to show up and meet board after standing for election unsuccessfully; congratulations and good for her. Dr. Barstys thanked the speakers, other candidates and Mrs. Glaser for her efforts.

Mr. Petrozzi: Congratulated Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, and Mr. Laurrie Speakers – its coming. Youth speakers - great job. Thanked the Board for its nomination for the Dyer award.

Mr. Cancemi: Thanked all, congratulated the candidates and Mr. Laurrie. The District is lucky to have him.

9. Advanced Planning

Information: 9.01 Future Agenda Items

Information: 9.02 Future Meeting Dates

10. Adjournment

Information: 10.01 Meeting Adjourned

11. Statutory Meeting 8 p.m.

Information: 11.01 Call to Order

Information: 11.02 Purpose of Statutory Meeting

Information: 11.03 Tabulation of Results

Action: 11.04 Certification of Election/Budget Vote Results

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, in the County of Niagara and the State of New York, hereby certify that the following is a correct statement of the results of the Annual School Election/Budget Vote held in said City on the 18th day of May in the year two thousand and twenty-one; namely: That the number of votes tabulated pursuant to the recanvass conducted this date (May 18, 2021) resulted in the following candidates and proposition receiving the votes listed:

Earl F. Bass	<b>1132</b>
Robert Bilson	<b>900</b>
Gwendolyn Streeter-Walker	<b>365</b>
Write-Ins	<b>10</b>

and,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the School District of the

City of Niagara Falls, in the County of Niagara and the State of New York, hereby certify that the following is a correct statement of the result of the Annual School Election/Budget Vote held in said City on the 18th day of May in the year two thousand and twenty-one; on **Proposition Number One:**

“Shall the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the proposed 2021-2022 budget in the total amount of \$153,148,179 and to levy the necessary tax?”

The whole number of votes given for Proposition No. 1 was 1,251 of which		
Yes	Received	<b>1084</b>
No	Received	<b>167</b>

and,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the School District of the

City of Niagara Falls, in the County of Niagara and the State of New York, hereby certify that the following is a correct statement of the result of the Annual School Election/Budget Vote held in said City on the 18th day of May in the year two thousand and twenty-one;



FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in accordance with Section 2610 of the Education Law, *Earl F. Bass and Robert Bilson*, the two candidates who received the largest number of votes, will each be entitled to serve a five-year term of office beginning on July 1, 2021, be it;  
FURTHER RESOLVED, That in accordance with Section 2610 of the Education Law, that **Proposition No. 1** - General Budget, receiving **1,084** votes cast in the affirmative be declared adopted.

#### Adoption of Resolution Certifying the School Election/Budget Vote Results

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

#### Action: 11.06 Adjournment

Motion to enter executive session at 8:30 for the purpose of discussing two instances of a possible promotion of a person; one instance of possible prosecution of a criminal offense; one issue which could impair public safety if publicly discussed.

Motion by Ronald J Barstys, second by Paul Kudela.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Motion to exit Executive Session at adjourn in memory of:

Gail Andres, aunt of Central Office Secretary Linda Hohmann.

Gregory Hawk, NYSIR Regional Manager for Member Support and Marketing with whom the District worked closely.

Brian Kurtis, father of Hyde Park PEP Teaching Assistant Laura Hood, father-in-law of Niagara Falls High School Safety Officer Eric Hood.

JoAnn H. Rand, retired teacher, mother in law of Elizabeth Carroll.

at 9p.m on a motion by Mr. Kudela seconded by Mr. Bilson.

Yes: Ronald J Barstys, Vincent Cancemi, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Paul Kudela, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser

\*P = Presentation  
(Information Sharing)

PS = Problem Solving  
(Information Processing)

D = Decision Making  
(Information Sharing)

F = Feedback

BOARD REVIEW SESSION  
NIAGARA FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
June 10, 2021

PRESENT: Dr. Barstys, Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

EXCUSED: Mr. Kudela

**Seal of Bi-Literacy** - Mrs. Capone and Mrs. Baldassarre presented the following information regarding the Seal of Bi-Literacy:

The Seal indicates a graduating student has achieved fluency in two languages. Presentations must be made in both languages, and a level of mastery in each must be achieved, demonstrated by passing a Checkpoint C exam. The number of students has doubled since the District began offering a pathway to the NYS Seal of Bi-Literacy. This is an achievement both academically and in terms of diversity.

The following students earned the Seal of Bi-Literacy in the indicated areas:

Emma Cook – English/Spanish  
Isabella Finklea – English/Spanish  
Ashardeep Gill – Punjabi/English  
Hina Khalid – Urdu/English  
Hayley Mundy – English/Spanish  
Ali Nagi – Arabic/English  
Thi Mong Thy Nguyen – Vietnamese/English  
Neelam Qadus – Urdu/English  
Heriberto Rivera-Rodriguez – Spanish/English  
David Wagner – English/Spanish

**International Kite Festival** – Guest Ken Hamilton presented information on the topic and offered a written document explaining the benefits of studying kites and cross curricular connections that can be realized by undertaking a study of kites and participation in the International Kite Festival, planned for the third week in October, possibly at Gratwick Park or behind NFHS.

**Capital Projects** – The following update was provided by Anne Dafchik and April Bradley (Buffalo Building Consultants, Clarke Patterson Lee, respectively):

Air conditioning running at Maple Avenue, Hyde Park, GJ Mann; at 79<sup>th</sup> Street still working on the air conditioning.

Change Orders were explained and discussed (for work at Mann and LaSalle Prep); these will be voted on June 24.

**NFHS Year End Events** - Following are End of Year Activities for the Class of 2021:

**DISTRIBUTION DAY Cap/Gown/Tassel, Yearbook Pickup, Adopt a Senior, Lawn Sign sales, Class Day Picnic ticket sales** - Wednesday June 2nd (2:00 - 7:30 pm) Students were given their times in the Class of 2021 Student Only Team and are posted on both sides of the first floor of NFHS

**Souvenir Journal** (Grad Book) Ads - Due Monday, June 7th

**Class Day Parade and Picnic** - Saturday June 12 (Parade) 11:00 am - 12:30 pm (Picnic) 1:00 pm - 3 pm

**Senior Celebration Extravaganza and Masquerade** - Friday, June 18 –6:00 –12:00 a.m. –

**Senior Awards and Scholarships Night** - Monday June 21 (6:00 pm)

**Graduation Rehearsal** Friday, June 25th-MANDATORY GRADUATION REHEARSAL -10:30 A.M.-

**Graduation** - Saturday, June 26th-GRADUATION-2:00 P.M.- Graduation (Rain Date) -

Sunday, June 27th-GRADUATION (RAIN DATE)-2:00 P.M.- Graduation (STUDENTS ONLY) (Rain Date #2) - Sunday, June 27th-ALTERNATE INDOOR GRADUATION CEREMONY (IF IT RAINS ON JUNE 26 AND 27) -2:00 P.M., IN THE P.A.C.

**Selecting A Naming Committee** – A discussion was held. The following is a summary of consensus reached:

- The Committee will be comprised of 10 people plus a Board member.
- A Board member will chair the committee per policy, and will run the meetings, perhaps the President.
- At least one of the two representatives of Men Standing Strong will be included.
- The Board will use an affinity chart to winnow the list and will do so by July 1.
- Interested Board members will declare their interest separately to the Board President by July 1.
- Updates: minutes will be taken by the Clerk, shared with Board periodically.

**Review of June 24 Agenda** – A review of the June 24 agenda was held.

Other updates:

COVID related expenses:

\$12,193 is all State is still withholding in grant money.

LaSalle Educational Club dinner 6 p.m. tomorrow NFHS; 20 scholarships to be awarded.

Wednesday- District met with Standard & Poors; District rating is likely to improve.

Have not heard back from NYS on Sister Schools.

CFE: Successful in Maisto case; Attorney General doesn't know if Governor will appeal.

Report on Social Justice from city: the Superintendent and Board members were taken aback by the report; somewhat far-reaching as the City does not run the school district. The District is run by the School Board. The Superintendent will not respond to report.

Putting together team of NFHS staff with the sole purpose of reconnecting NFHS students.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo and seconded by Mr. Bilson for the purpose of discussing the possible suspension or dismissal of individuals; contract negotiation under Taylor Law. All in favor.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bass and seconded by Mr. Vilardo.