

DATE: December 5, 2024

KIND OF MEETING: BRS

PLACE: Board of Education Board Room

AGENDA REVIEW: A Board Review Session was held at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Petrozzi at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass (remote), Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi (remote), Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Other staff in attendance: Ms. Massaro, Mr. Schwertfager, Ms. Doerr, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Smeal, Mr. Carella, Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Granieri, Mrs. Glaser. Attorneys Mr. Massaro and Mr. Roscetti.

My Ride Bus Application – Mrs. Holody, Mrs. Dixon

Mr. Laurrie explained that Mrs. Dixon handles NF Coachlines, Mr. Schwenkbenk handles First Student. They serve as one another's back-ups.

Mrs. Dixon shared the new bus application, My Ride, and explained that parents can use the application to see in real time the location of the NF Coachlines bus carrying their child(ren) to and from school.

A parent or guardian downloads the application and sets a username and password and then can add their child(ren) and can choose to share the application with other parties.

Parents or guardians can add all of their children on one platform. To add other children, like friends of their child(ren), the parent of said child(ren) would have to share the access with them.

In cases of a split household, another link can be added to give access to both parents.

Schools will not give any information for any student to anyone who may be requesting it. Parents can only access their child's information.

Updated route information will reflect within five minutes of the update to the route. For example, if a bus is running late, the application will update to reflect that.

It also can send a message about a delayed start plan, or canceled school day.

The application should be monitored daily, as changes are made often, and busses can be made late by any circumstances on the road.

Parents can send a message through the app that will come to the Transportation Department- e.g., student will not be on bus.

The application does not show children boarding or disembarking from the school bus.

Mr. Laurrie asks that parents not track the buses physically. Students will not be released from the bus at a location other than the assigned stop. He also commended Alexis Chappell from NF Coachlines who works in the District a couple days a week; also, Senior School Monitors, who assist students with transportation at the schools.

A review of the agenda was held. The Audit Committee will meet December 19; the Bonadaio Group will start its internal audit, to be completed by April 30, 2025.

A grade three GJ Mann student who received a perfect score on her ELA assessment will attend the December 19, 2024 regular meeting.

Mr. Cancemi inquired whether the schools could be opened in the evening for the public to use the athletic facilities. *Mr. Laurrie will look into that and feels it is a good idea to reprise this practice.*

COMMENTS:

Mr. Laurrie offered the following remarks:

Cataract City Classic takes place this weekend at NFHS. One Ohio team had to cancel due to weather, but an Albany team will take its place. Mr. Hayes' jersey will be retired during the Classic. Proceeds from the event will fund 40 scholarships for Seniors through the Niagara Falls Education Foundation.

Tomorrow at 7:00 p.m., in Elma, James Starks will be inducted into Section VI Hall of Fame.

The Niagara Falls Firefighters Toy fund will be held at the NFHS PAC on Saturday, December 7th from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. The OSC will stream the telethon again on Channel 1302.

Last evening at the Wurlitzer, the Niagara Region Construction Alliance Lighthouse Award was presented to Matt Rajczak. Trades students, who built the Hyde Park gazebo, have requested a house from City to rehabilitate. The trades professionals are impressed that 200 students have earned OSHA cards; they also appreciate that NFHS is training students in all trades. Thank you to Mr. Dave Norton of LaFarge, who presented the award, and has agreed to be a partner for students to work with. He also purchased all tickets to the dinner for the NFCS.

The coming of January means it is time to start planning the budget. Starting in the new year, the Board will be presented the staff's work on the 2025-2026 budget. Also, Mr. Granieri, Mr. Granieri, and Mr. St. Onge, will share with the Board their purchase of 1500 Apple tablets for Pre-Kindergarten through grade two students.

Safety and snow days are taken seriously, if school were to be canceled, the plan is to try to call off the night before for the convenience of parents.

Mr. Cancemi offered kudos regarding the mural at Abate School; it is unbelievable. *Mr. Laurrie will try to show pictures and hopes to have the artist at a meeting.*

The vestibule is also phenomenal. See you all Saturday at 4 p.m. for Mr. Hayes' jersey retirement.

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Petrozzi at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass (remote), Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi (entered 5:42 pm), Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Bilson, Mr. McLeod (excused)

Introduction of BOCES Superintendent Dr. Farrar Mr. Laurie welcomed and introduced Dr. Taweepon Farrar, District Superintendent of the Orleans/Niagara BOCES. Dr. Farrar was the Superintendent of the West Valley Central School District. She began her public education career as a School Counselor and Department Chairperson in West Seneca Central School District. Dr. Farrar then spent fourteen years in the Akron Central School District having been promoted a number of times, a building administrator, Director of Special Education and then as the Director of Educational Services and District Data Coordinator at the time she departed to take the position in West Valley. Prior to her educational professional career, Dr. Farrar served for six years in the United States Navy. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Maryland, a Master of Science degree in School Counseling and Human Services and another Master of Science degree in School Administration and Supervision from Canisius College, and her Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Management from Capella University in Minneapolis, MN. The District looks forward to working collaboratively with Dr. Farrar.

Also present from Orleans Niagara BOCES were Ms. Melanie Conley, Business Official; Mr. Karl Kristoff, attorney; Mr. Bob McDermott, Niagara Wheatfield representative; and Mr. Dan Connolly, Director of Facilities.

Mr. Kristoff discussed the Opioid Crisis Trust and encouraged the District to apply for a grant to help pay for the needs of students who were born addicted to opioids.

Everyday Labs

Mr. Laurie introduced this topic by discussing family support centers at the schools, and that of Bloneva Bond in particular. He relayed a story of how this center assisted a family in meeting basic needs, like housing, insurance, immunizations, counseling, clothes, and food. Mr. Laurie received an email from the mother, expressing her appreciation.

Mr. Carella and Mr. Wojton explained that the program is designed to address absenteeism, defined as students missing 10% or more of school days (18 days or more). National trends for chronic absenteeism have shown an increase from 18.6% in 2018/2019 to 29.1% in 2022/2023.

Some factors which contribute to chronic absenteeism include health issues, socioeconomic challenges such as unstable housing, lack of transportation, or the need to work; family responsibilities, such as caring for younger siblings or other family members; fear of bullying

or other student conflict, general unease in the school setting; disengagement and boredom; and punitive for absenteeism, which can exacerbate the problem.

Chronic absenteeism can result in inconsistent instruction and failure to develop basic skills, boding ill for future achievement. For certain students, this is doubly challenging:

Children with learning differences, or English Language Learners, are especially vulnerable due to lost access to needed extra supports and interventions

Students who fail to read at grade level by the end of grade three are four times more likely to drop out of high school.

Poor attendance also has a negative effect on social and emotional development and the development of skills such as critical thinking, problem solving and creative thinking.

Additionally, students with poor attendance may fail to develop relationship with their teachers and peers, leading to interpersonal issues and office discipline referrals.

The chronic absenteeism rate at Niagara Falls High School is 66.7%; the rate at District elementary and prep schools is 46.4%.

Mr. Laurrie pointed out that attendance has always been a problem, citing a Fifth Street report from 1898 in which attendance rate was 71% and Cleveland Avenue School's rate was 63%.

The District has formulated a comprehensive improvement plan, prioritizing the development of sustainable interventions which address barriers to regular student attendance, and utilizing the EveryDay Labs Intervention System, piloted during the 2023-2024 school year.

EveryDay Labs Intervention System replaces the attendance section of District's school data Dashboard with required EveryDay Pro reporting; sets attendance improvement targets for each school; and allows the planning and distribution of positive, monthly attendance reminders/nudges to the entire school community through various delivery systems.

Additionally, it holds a District repository of activities to engage families with attendance improvement/promote regular attendance;

Each school community will select a Family and Community Outreach liaison, and school counselors will create early warning target lists of pupils in need of attendance intervention.

The system will send four to six reminders to students with rates of five to 95% absenteeism, and bi-weekly text "nudges." It has multi-lingual capabilities and resources parents can utilize. It generates reports on attendance.

The system is designed to improve family understanding of attendance and outcomes. Messaging is non-punitive and supportive. There is also a family support team that can assist families, without needing school staff.

The software also categorizes students' attendance rates as indicating a student's attendance indicates a student's attendance is satisfactory, at-risk, moderate chronic, severe chronic, or extreme chronic.

Mr. Laurrie posited that one answer would be to bus all children, while admitting there are some barriers to this solution. The District is making strides in improving attendance through the program described.

A review of the agenda was held.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Reflection was offered by Mr. Paretto.

Roll Call

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Bilson, Mr. McLeod (excused)

Presentation: Perfect Score – Mr. Laurrie recognized Shanaya Shah, a student in grade three at G.J. Mann Elementary School, for achieving a perfect score on the ELA assessment.

Oral Communications - Public Comment on Agenda-related Items

None.

There were no written communications.

Recommended Actions from the Superintendent of Schools - Routine Matters

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Paretto seconded by Mr. Cancemi.

Minutes – November 21, 2024

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Paretto seconded by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER - #3(SG3)

WHEREAS, §170.2 of the Commissioner's Regulations authorized the Niagara Falls Board of Education to make transfers within its General Fund Budget; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education approve the transfer of \$ 2,315,005.46 among the following fund, function, object, and location codes:

General Fund:	\$	1,467,114.14
Cafeteria Fund:	\$	97,015.39
Special Aid Fund:	\$	301,333.30
Capital Projects Fund:	\$	449,542.63

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BIDS NONE (SG3)

The following were received and filed.

Treasurer's Report – November 2024 (SG3)

Budget Status Report – December 2024 (SG3)

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Paretto seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

PERSONNEL REPORT – CERTIFICATED (SG2) (attached)

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

Personnel Report - Classified (SG2) (attached)

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi seconded by Mr. Paretto.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (SG1)

The Committee on Special Education met on March 3, 2024; and October 2, 9, 11, 15, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 2024; and November 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 2024; and December 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 2024 to review Annual Reviews, and September 30, 2024; and October 10, 25, 28, 30, 2024; and November 1, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 2024; and December 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 2024 to review and initiate the placement of students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Committee on Special Education to make known its recommendations to the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is required by law to take action on the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the attached recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education for the 2024-2025 school year.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION (SG1)

The Committee on Pre-School Special Education met on November 7, 12, 18, 21, and 25, 2024; and December 3, 4, 5, and 16, 2024; to review and initiate the placement of preschool students with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education to make known its recommendations to the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is required by law to take action on the recommendations made by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the recommendations made by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education for the placement of students in the LOCAL SPECIAL EDUCATION programs listed for the 2024-2025 school year.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Paretto seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

SHORT-TERM CONTRACTS (SG3)

1. A Grey Area Co. Attn: Justin M.S. Gilmore Film Festival for NFHS Students \$15,000.00 A2280.404.007 April - June 2025
2. Anne Kent -Kwasniewski Teaching with Poverty in Mind \$2,000.00 F2070.400.045.8125 Feb 10 – April 5, 2025
3. Dr. Lynn Lubecki Workshop: Pedagogy in Early Childhood Education \$2,500.00 F2330.404.096 TT25 F2330.404.098 TT25 January 17, 2025
4. D&F Travel GPS 8th Grade Enrichment Field Trip \$14,000.00 A 2110.409.049.2280 April 9-11, 2024
5. Hilton Garden Inn – BWI Airport GPS 8th Grade Enrichment Field Trip NTE \$25,000.00 A 2110.409.049.2280 April 9-11, 2024
6. Stacey Pellicano/Dyslexia Services of WNY, LLC In-person workshops for elementary teachers \$800 F2110 404 098 0125 January 17, 2025 and March 27, 2025

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi seconded by Mr. Capizzi.

HEAD START REPORTS (attached)

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

5. Unfinished Business

5.01 None

6. New Business

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Paretto seconded by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF RECEIPT OF GIFT FROM CANCEMI FURNITURE (SG 4)

WHEREAS, It has been a practice for organizations and individuals to make contributions to the City of Niagara Falls City School District; and

WHEREAS, Cancemi Furniture has donated furniture to G.J. Mann Elementary School and to the City of Niagara Falls City School District; and

WHEREAS, This donation will be used to create a welcoming entrance-way and to honor former G.J. Mann student Luke Nichols;

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education gratefully accept the donation of furniture values at \$3,000 to create a welcoming entrance-way to Geraldine J. Mann Elementary School and to honor former G.J. Mann student Luke Nichols.

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

James Cancemi
Cancemi Furniture
551 Sixth Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14301

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Paretto seconded by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF RECEIPT OF GIFT FROM TRINITY UNITED METHODIST (SG 4)

WHEREAS, It has been a practice for organizations and individuals to make contributions to the Niagara Falls Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, The Trinity United Methodist Women has donated \$100.00 to the Niagara Falls City School District's Focus on Families Program; and

WHEREAS, This donation will be used to purchase food and clothing to those families in need; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education gratefully accept the donation of \$100.00; and

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

Carrie Mesmer,
Trinity United Methodist Women
2100 Whitehaven Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi seconded by Mr. Paretto.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR 2024/2025 MCKINNEY-VENTO GRANT (SG 1)

WHEREAS, The McKinney-Vento Grant Program was created for the purposes of facilitating the improved attendance, engagement and academic success of homeless children and youth. The McKinney-Vento Grant Program also addresses students social and emotion needs, academic needs and physical/emotion needs in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, District staff prepared and submitted an application for the 2024/2025 McKinney-Vento Grant; and

WHEREAS, Official notification of approval of the application and award in the amount of \$125,000.00 has been received; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2024/2025 McKinney-Vento Grant; and

RESOLVED, that the grant award of \$125,000.00 be credited to revenue account code F4289.540.25; and

RESOLVED, that the money be expended from the following function/object:

Account	Description	Budget
F 2110.138-014-5425	24/25 MCKINNY/VENTO - PROG COORD	\$51,415
F 2110.140-098-5425	24/25 MCKINNY/VENTO - SCH B	\$50,127
F 2110.167-061-5425	24/25 MCKINNY/VENTO - HRLY CLSFD	\$23,458
	Total	\$125,000
Revenue Code: F4289.540.25		

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi seconded by Mr. Paretto.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR THE 2024/2025 TITLE I – PART A IMPROVING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, TITLE IIA – TEACHER/PRINCIPAL TRAINING AND TITLE IV – PART A GRANTS (SG 1, 2)

WHEREAS, ESEA Title I – Part A Improving Academic Achievement Funds provide compensatory education programs for schools serving students who require remediation; and

WHEREAS, The No Child Left Behind Act of 2002 re-authorized Title II-A Teacher/Principal Training to include funds that support improving the quality of teaching and instruction; and

WHEREAS, The SSAE Title IV – Part A program is intended to improve students’ academic achievement by increasing the capacity of State educational

agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), and local communities to provide all students with access to a well-rounded education; improve school conditions for student learning; and improve the use of technology to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students; and

WHEREAS, District staff prepared and submitted an application for the grants mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, Official notification of approved of the applications and awards in the following amounts of:

- ESEA Title I Part A Improving Academic Achievement award - \$5,184,310.00

- Title II-A Teacher/Principal Training award - \$486,099.00

- SSAE Title IV – Part A award - \$394,317.00; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Acceptance of Funds for the 2024/2025 ESEA Title I Part A Improving Academic Achievement Grant, 2024/2025 Title II-A Teacher/Principal Training Grant and 2024/2025 SSAE Title IV – Part A; and

RESOLVED, that the grant award of \$5,184,310.00 be credited to revenue account code F4126.010.25 ESEA Title I Part A Improving Academic Achievement Grant, the grant award of \$486,099.00 be credited to the revenue account code F4289.430.25 Title II-A Teacher/Principal Training Grant and the grant award of \$394,317.00 be credited to the revenue account code F4289.020.25 SSAE Title IV – Part A Grant; and

RESOLVED, that the money be expended from the following codes:

Title I		
Account	Description	Budget
F 2010.150-014-0125	24/25 TITLE I - RTI COORDINATOR	\$125,968
F 2110.130-045-0125	24/25 TITLE I - P2E TCHR - NFHS	\$363,851
F 2110.130-060-0125	24/25 TITLE I - READING RECOVERY - MAPLE	\$56,421
F 2110.130-061-0125	24/25 TITLE I - READING RECOVERY - BBPS	\$23,022
F 2110.132-050-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PER DIEM - LPS	\$5,600
F 2110.132-056-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PER DIEM - ABATE	\$5,600
F 2110.132-057-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PER DIEM - CATARACT	\$5,600
F 2110.132-058-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PER DIEM - H/P	\$5,600
F 2110.132-059-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PER DIEM - KALFAS	\$5,600
F 2110.132-060-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PER DIEM - MAPLE	\$5,600
F 2110.132-061-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PER DIEM - BBPS	\$5,600
F 2110.132-067-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PER DIEM - MANN	\$5,600
F 2110.132-098-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PER DIEM - DIST-WIDE	\$46,400
F 2110.133-049-0125	24/25 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - GPS	\$80,121
F 2110.133-056-0125	24/25 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - ABATE	\$270,652
F 2110.133-057-0125	24/25 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - CATARACT	\$161,151
F 2110.133-058-0125	24/25 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - H/P	\$239,996
F 2110.133-059-0125	24/25 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - KALFAS	\$112,399
F 2110.133-060-0125	24/25 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - MAPLE	\$70,211
F 2110.133-061-0125	24/25 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - BBPS	\$86,171
F 2110.133-065-0125	24/25 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - 79TH	\$114,041
F 2110.133-067-0125	24/25 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - MANN	\$69,065

F 2110.138-045-0125	24/25 TITLE I - INST COACH - NFHS	\$115,108
F 2110.138-049-0125	24/25 TITLE I - INST COACH - GPS	\$119,998
F 2110.138-050-0125	24/25 TITLE I - INST COACH - LPS	\$119,998
F 2110.138-059-0125	24/25 TITLE I - INST COACH - KALFAS	\$34,559
F 2110.138-061-0125	24/25 TITLE I - INST COACH - BBPS	\$34,559
F 2110.138-096-0125	24/25 TITLE I - HOMELESS LIASON	\$41,376
F 2110.140-050-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - LPS	\$1,778
F 2110.140-056-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - ABATE	\$1,778
F 2110.140-057-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - CATARACT	\$1,778
F 2110.140-058-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - H/P	\$1,778
F 2110.140-059-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - KALFAS	\$1,778
F 2110.140-060-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - MAPLE	\$1,778
F 2110.140-061-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - BBPS	\$1,778
F 2110.140-067-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - MANN	\$1,778
F 2110.140-098-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - DIST-WIDE	\$22,757
F 2110.140-145-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - NFHS - P&F ENGAGE	\$10,194
F 2110.140-150-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - LPS - P&F ENGAGE	\$2,371
F 2110.140-156-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - ABATE - P&F ENGAGE	\$2,845
F 2110.140-157-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - CATARACT - P&F ENGAGE	\$2,276
F 2110.140-158-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - H/P - P&F ENGAGE	\$1,897
F 2110.140-159-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - KALFAS - P&F ENGAGE	\$1,186
F 2110.140-160-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - MAPLE - P&F ENGAGE	\$1,186
F 2110.140-161-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - BBPS - P&F ENGAGE	\$949
F 2110.140-165-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - 79TH - P&F ENGAGE	\$1,707
F 2110.140-167-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SCH B - MANN - P&F ENGAGE	\$1,755
F 2110.143-045-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PEP TA - NFHS	\$16,837
F 2110.143-056-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PEP TA - ABATE	\$184,215
F 2110.143-057-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PEP TA - CATARACT	\$115,108
F 2110.143-058-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PEP LEAD - H/P	\$74,820
F 2110.143-059-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PEP LEAD - KALFAS	\$60,191
F 2110.143-060-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PEP LEAD - MAPLE	\$84,731
F 2110.143-061-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PEP TA - BBPS	\$134,971
F 2110.143-065-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PEP TA - 79TH	\$48,131
F 2110.143-067-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PEP LEAD - MANN	\$86,331
F 2110.164-014-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SECRETARY	\$35,567
F 2110.168-007-0125	24/25 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD DPC	\$8,840
F 2110.177-145-0125	24/25 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - NFHS - P&F ENGAGE	\$578
F 2110.177-150-0125	24/25 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - LPS - P&F ENGAGE	\$248
F 2110.177-156-0125	24/25 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - ABATE - P&F ENGAGE	\$450
F 2110.177-157-0125	24/25 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - CATARACT - P&F ENGAGE	\$646
F 2110.177-158-0125	24/25 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - H/P - P&F ENGAGE	\$748
F 2110.177-159-0125	24/25 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - KALFAS - P&F ENGAGE	\$200
F 2110.177-160-0125	24/25 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - MAPLE - P&F ENGAGE	\$737
F 2110.177-161-0125	24/25 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - BBPS - P&F ENGAGE	\$315
F 2110.177-165-0125	24/25 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - 79TH - P&F ENGAGE	\$298

F 2110.177-167-0125	24/25 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - MANN - P&F ENGAGE	\$142
F 2110.400-056-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - ABATE	\$27,227
F 2110.400-057-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - CATARACT	\$37,095
F 2110.400-058-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - H/P	\$24,738
F 2110.400-059-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - KALFAS	\$24,738
F 2110.400-060-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - MAPLE	\$24,738
F 2110.400-061-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - BBPS	\$21,026
F 2110.400-065-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - 79TH	\$37,095
F 2110.400-067-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - MANN	\$29,672
F 2110.400-069-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - BUFF HEARING & SPEECH	\$3,823
F 2110.400-071-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - CARDINAL O'HARA	\$9,558
F 2110.400-072-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - MT ST MARY	\$1,911
F 2110.400-073-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - SACRED HEART	\$7,646
F 2110.400-075-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - STELLA NIAGARA	\$9,557
F 2110.400-077-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - BEYOND SUPPORT	\$2,867
F 2110.400-078-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - CANISIUS H/S	\$2,867
F 2110.400-079-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - CATH ACAD	\$41,612
F 2110.400-083-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - CHRIST ACAD OF WNY	\$5,734
F 2110.400-084-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - CTK	\$6,766
F 2110.400-087-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - ST PETER LUTHERAN	\$4,779
F 2110.400-089-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - ST JOHN LUTHERAN	\$5,734
F 2110.400-090-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - HOLY GHOST	\$8,602
F 2110.400-093-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - BAKER HALL	\$6,690
F 2110.400-098-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - DIST-WIDE	\$86,000
F 2110.400-107-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - UNIVERSAL SCHOOL	\$956
F 2110.400-108-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - AL RASHEED 6108	\$956
F 2110.400-110-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - AL RASHEED 6697	\$4,779
F 2110.400-115-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - ARC ERIE CNTY-GREEN ACRES	\$2,867
F 2110.400-120-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - DARUL IMAN ACADEMY	\$5,734
F 2110.400-145-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - NFHS - P&F ENGAGE	\$859
F 2110.400-181-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - SGF - ROOSEVELT	\$16,784
F 2110.400-281-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - SGF - CAMBRIDGE	\$20,000
F 2110.400-681-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - SGF - MULLEN	\$8,392
F 2110.429-079-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - CATH ACAD - P&F ENGAGE	\$420
F 2110.450-045-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - NFHS	\$2,047
F 2110.450-049-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - GPS	\$4,657
F 2110.450-050-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - LPS	\$6,940
F 2110.450-056-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - ABATE	\$38,958
F 2110.450-057-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - CATARACT	\$33,399
F 2110.450-058-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - H/P	\$25,643
F 2110.450-059-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - KALFAS	\$11,579
F 2110.450-060-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - MAPLE	\$22,119
F 2110.450-061-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - BBPS	\$12,882
F 2110.450-065-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - 79TH	\$20,220

F 2110.450-067-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - MANN	\$18,741
F 2110.450-069-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - BUFF HEARING & SPEECH	\$0
F 2110.450-074-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - ST JOSEPH COLLEGIATE	\$956
F 2110.450-084-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - CTK	\$800
F 2110.450-088-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - ST PETER RC	\$8,601
F 2110.450-091-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - ST STEPHEN	\$956
F 2110.450-098-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - DIST-WIDE	\$1,800
F 2110.450-181-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - SGF - ROOSEVELT	\$6,155
F 2110.450-281-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - SGF - CAMBRIDGE	\$8,674
F 2110.450-681-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - SGF - MULLEN	\$3,077
F 2110.454-045-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - NFHS - P&F ENGAGE	\$1,910
F 2110.454-049-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - GPS - P&F ENGAGE	\$3,486
F 2110.454-050-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - LPS - P&F ENGAGE	\$110
F 2110.454-056-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - ABATE - P&F ENGAGE	\$1,854
F 2110.454-057-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - CATARACT - P&F ENGAGE	\$385
F 2110.454-058-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - H/P - P&F ENGAGE	\$907
F 2110.454-059-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - KALFAS - P&F ENGAGE	\$1,092
F 2110.454-060-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - MAPLE - P&F ENGAGE	\$593
F 2110.454-061-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - BBPS - P&F ENGAGE	\$1,987
F 2110.454-065-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - 79TH - P&F ENGAGE	\$16
F 2110.454-067-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - MANN - P&F ENGAGE	\$61
F 2110.454-079-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - CATH ACAD - P&F ENGAGE	\$23
F 2110.454-084-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SPLS - CTK - P&F ENGAGE	\$81
F 2110.800-096-0125	24/25 TITLE I - ERS	\$663
F 2110.802-096-0125	24/25 TITLE I - TRS	\$2,664
F 2110.803-096-0125	24/25 TITLE I - FICA/MED	\$2,338
F 2250.130-045-0125	24/25 TITLE I - P2E SPED TCHR - NFHS	\$124,888
F 2250.147-045-0125	24/25 TITLE I - PSA - NFHS	\$144,692
F 2259.130-045-0125	24/25 TITLE I - ENL TCHR - NFHS	\$115,108
F 2810.133-045-0125	24/25 TITLE I - COUNSELOR - NFHS	\$404,162
F 2810.133-050-0125	24/25 TITLE I - COUNSELOR - LPS	\$159,871
F 2825.133-045-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SOCIAL WORKER - NFHS	\$134,442
F 2825.133-049-0125	24/25 TITLE I - SOCIAL WORKER - GPS	\$115,233
	Total Title I Budget	\$5,184,310
Revenue Code: F4126.010-25		

Title IIA		
Account	Description	Budget
F 2110.132-098-4325	24/25 TITLE IIA - PER DIEM - D/W	\$53,145
F 2110.138-056-4325	24/25 TITLE IIA - INST COACH - ABATE	\$179,997
F 2110.138-060-4325	24/25 TITLE IIA - INST COACH - MAPLE	\$115,108
F 2110.138-061-4325	24/25 TITLE IIA - INST COACH - BBPS	\$59,999
F 2110.140-098-4325	24/25 TITLE IIA - SCH B - D/W	\$46,004
F 2110.400-079-4325	24/25 TITLE IIA - PRCHD SRVCS - CATH ACAD	\$8,518

F 2110.400-084-4325	24/25 TITLE IIA - PRCHD SRVCS - CTK	\$2,078
F 2110.400-098-4325	24/25 TITLE IIA - PRCHD SRVCS - DIST-WIDE	\$7,500
F 2110.409-098-4325	24/25 TITLE IIA - TRAVEL - DIST-WIDE	\$13,750
	Total Title IIA Budget	\$486,099
Revenue Code: F4289.430-25		

Title IV		
Account	Description	Budget
F 2110.132-098-0225	24/25 TITLE IV - PER DIEM - D/W	\$13,800
F 2110.138-049-0225	24/25 TITLE IV - INST COACH - GPS	\$46,043
F 2110.138-050-0225	24/25 TITLE IV - INST COACH - LPS	\$46,043
F 2110.138-056-0225	24/25 TITLE IV - INST COACH - ABATE	\$23,022
F 2110.140-098-0225	24/25 TITLE IV - SCH B - D/W	\$22,053
F 2110.400-079-0225	24/25 TITLE IV - PRCHD SRVCS - CATH ACAD	\$6,910
F 2110.400-098-0225	24/25 TITLE IV - PRCHD SRVCS	\$75,150
F 2110.409-098-0225	24/25 TITLE IV - TRAVEL	\$5,366
F 2110.450-098-0225	24/25 TITLE IV - SPLS - CTK	\$1,685
F 2630.138-045-0225	24/25 TITLE IV - CLSRM TECH INT - NFHS	\$39,137
F 2630.138-098-0225	24/25 TITLE IV - CLSRM TECH INT - DW	\$115,108
	Total Title IV Budget	\$394,317
Revenue Code: F4289.020-25		

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND CUNY RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS TO BECOME THE SUBRECIPIENT OF A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM SUCH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
[\(SG 1\)](#)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls (the District) applied to the CUNY Initiative on Immigration and Education to received funds from the CUNY Research Foundation to support District teachers in Professional Development related to immigrant education; and

WHEREAS, The District received notification that it was awarded the amount of \$7,174.52 from the CUNY Research Foundation to assist the District in providing Professional Development to 4 ENL teachers during the 2024/2025 school year; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), heretofore attached, with CUNY Research Foundation for CUNY to provide

such professional development services as described in the MOU to District teachers; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education shall act on this item now so that funds may be encumbered; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the MOU between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and CUNY Research Foundation be hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the MOU is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent of Schools 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 MOU; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board of Education, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the funds appropriated in the MOU; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the grant award of \$7,174.52 be credited to revenue code F3289.300.25; and be it further

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

Account	Description	Budget
F2010.400-098-3025	24/25 CUNY – PRCHD SRVCS	\$7,174.52
	Total	\$7,174.52
Revenue Code: F3289.300.25		

LaSalle Preparatory School

7436 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Memorandum of Understanding

CUNY-Initiative on Immigration and Education

December 2024 – June 2025

LaSalle Preparatory School

SCOPE OF WORK

LaSalle Preparatory School is a public school based in Niagara Falls, NY.

LaSalle Preparatory School will partner with the CUNY-Initiative on Immigration and Education(CUNY-IIE) for the 2024-2025 school year for targeted professional development and support.

CUNY-IIE will work with LaSalle Preparatory School educators to collaboratively generate immigrant-centered support and resources grounded in the lived experiences of immigrant-origin students and their communities. These collaborations center on learning from and with students, families and educators, as well as developing and disseminating robust knowledge about immigration and education.

During the school year, LaSalle Preparatory School will:

- Assign a small team of educators (3-4) to work closely with CUNY-IIE staff
- Meet regularly (virtually and in-person) with CUNY-IIE staff between December 2024 and May 2025
- Create and implement a project that meets the unique needs of their immigrant-origin students
- Participate in two CUNY-IIE summits with other Partner Schools in NYC, which will take place on Friday, December 6, 2024 and Friday, May 9, 2025 at the CUNY-IIE office at The City College of New York. (Transportation costs for 4 educators will be reimbursed directly.)
- Engage in opportunities to disseminate their work to others.
- Share information on school demographics and immigrant-student make up.

Activity	Amount
Partnership Work	
Per session compensation for (7) 1.5-hour professional development meetings for 4 educators with CUNY-IIE staff outside of school hours (@ \$58.99/hour)	\$2,477.58
Per session compensation for 8.5 hours for 4 educators in support of material development/planning outside of school hours (@ \$58.99/hour)	\$2,005.66
Supplies and materials for LaSalle Preparatory School to support the school-based CUNY-IIE project	\$1,000.00
Partner School Summits	
Substitute Teachers during Partner School Summits on Friday, December 6 and Friday, May 9 for 4 teachers (@\$211.41/day)	\$1,691.28
Total	\$7,174.52

Payments from the CUNY Research Foundation will be disbursed to schools in two installments (in January and May 2025) after invoices have been received.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Website: www.nfschools.net/Domain/554

Contact Info

Italo Baldassarre, Principal
LaSalle Preparatory School
Email: ibaldassarre@nfschools.net

Approval: _____

Mr. Russell Petrozzi
President, City School District of the City of Niagara Falls Board of Education

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL ELECTION PROCEDURES, POLLING SITES, AND DESIGNATION OF DAY AND TIME OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOL BUDGET FOR THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NIAGARA COUNTY, NEW YORK (SG 4)

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Approval of School Election Procedures, Polling Sites, and Designation of Day and Time of Public Hearing on School Budget for the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York

WHEREAS, The annual school election/budget vote of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Education Law requires the Board of Education to follow specific directions with regard to the election; and

WHEREAS, In addition the law also requires that a public hearing on the budget be held not less than seven (7) days or no more than fourteen (14) days before the budget vote; and

WHEREAS, This resolution provides those directions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the following be adopted and implemented as official procedure for the 2025 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 8, 2025, 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 20, 2025, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. to 8 o'clock p.m. (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, 2025.

2. To adopt the annual budget of the school district for the fiscal year 2025/26 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 11:00 o'clock until 8:00 o'clock p.m. and for such longer period of time as may be necessary to enable voters then present to cast their ballots. Applications for early vote by mail ballots as provided by Education Law may be made to the district clerk no earlier than April 20, 2025.

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 December 21, 2023, 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 December 21, 2023, Regular Meeting. A list of such school election district polling site for each shall be as set forth in Schedule A, as follows:

SCHEDULE A:
2025 POLLING PLACES
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT	ELECTION DISTRICT	Polling Place	Polling Address
1	3rd	*1,	Board of Education Admin. Bldg.	630 – 66 th Street
2		*2 , 3	St. John De La Salle	8469 Buffalo Ave.
3		*4 , 5, 7	Grace Lutheran Church	736 Cayuga Dr.
4		*6	Geraldine J. Mann School	1330 – 95 th Street
5		8	79 th Street School	551 – 79 th Street
6	4 th	*1 st	St. John AME Church	917 Garden Ave.
7		*2	V.F.W. Post 917	2435 Seneca Ave.
8		*3	Wrobel Towers	800 Niagara Ave.
9		*4	Niagara Falls Public Library	1425 Main Street
10		*5	Niagara Arts & Cultural Ctr.	1201 Pine Ave.
11	5 th	*1 , 2	Maple Avenue School	925 Maple Ave.
12		*3	Gaskill Prep School	910 Hyde Park Blvd.
13		*4	Hyde Park School	1620 Hyde Park Blvd.
14		*5 ,	John Duke Senior Citizens Ctr.	1201 Hyde Park Blvd.
15		1	City Hall	745 Main Street
16	6 th	2, 3	Cristoforo Columbo Society	2223 Pine Ave.
17		4	Bloneva Bond School	2513 Niagara Street
18		5	Packard Court Center	4300 Pine Ave.

19	6	Community Education Center	6040 Lindbergh Ave.
20	7	LaSalle Prep School	7436 Buffalo Ave.
20	8	Spallino Towers	720 Tenth Street

***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 5, 2025) 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: **December 21, 2024**

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 2025-25 budget and expenditure of funds vote will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, 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, 2025-25, 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 9th through May 20st 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 9th through May 20th.

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 20, 2025, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. (E.D.S.T.) to 8:00 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, 2025. 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 May 1, 2025. 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 2025/25 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 11:00 o'clock a.m. until 8:00 o'clock p.m. and for such longer period of time as may be necessary to enable voters then present to cast their ballots. Applications for early vote by mail ballots as provided by Education Law may be made to the district clerk no earlier than April 20, 2025.

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 December 21, 2023. Polling sites for the election/budget vote to be held on **May 20, 2025**, 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 **2025/26** 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 2025-2026 budget submitted to the Annual Meeting on May 20, 2025, 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 applications for applications for early vote by mail ballots may be applied for at the office of the clerk of the district at 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, NY, on or after April 20, 2025. 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 applications for military ballots may be applied for at the office of the clerk of the district at 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, NY, or by e-mailing jglaser@nfschools.net on or before May 6, 2025. Military voters who are registered may elect to receive their military ballot application and military ballot by mail, email, or facsimile. However, if no preference is selected (or the necessary fax number or email address is not provided), the District Clerk will transmit the military ballot application or military ballot by mail to the military voter's district residence.

The military voter must return the original signed Military Ballot Application and military ballot by mail (or in person) to the District Clerk, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 regardless of how the or military ballot was received.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the board of registration shall meet to prepare the register of the school district on **Monday, April 28, 2025** between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the City of Niagara Falls City School District Administration Building, located at 630 66th Street, 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 29, 2025 until the day of election, May 20, 2025.

SCHEDULE A

**2025 POLLING PLACES
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.**

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT	ELECTION DISTRICT	Polling Place	Polling Address
1	3rd	*1,	Board of Education Admin. Bldg.	630 – 66 th Street
2		*2 , 3	St. John De La Salle	8469 Buffalo Ave.
3		*4 . 5. 7	Grace Lutheran Church	736 Cavuga Dr.
4		*6	Geraldine J. Mann School	1330 – 95 th Street
5		8	79 th Street School	551 – 79 th Street
6	4 th	*1 st	St. John AME Church	917 Garden Ave.
7		*2	V.F.W. Post 917	2435 Seneca Ave.
8		*3	Wrobel Towers	800 Niagara Ave.
9		*4	Niagara Falls Public Library	1425 Main Street
10		*5	Niagara Arts & Cultural Ctr.	1201 Pine Ave.
11	5 th	*1 , 2	Maple Avenue School	925 Maple Ave.
12		*3	Gaskill Prep School	910 Hyde Park Blvd.
13		*4	Hyde Park School	1620 Hyde Park Blvd.
14		*5 ,	John Duke Senior Citizens Ctr.	1201 Hyde Park Blvd.
15		1	City Hall	745 Main Street
16	6 th	2, 3	Cristoforo Columbo Society	2223 Pine Ave.
17		4	Bloneva Bond School	2513 Niagara Street
18		5	Packard Court Center	4300 Pine Ave.
19		6	Community Education Center	6040 Lindbergh Ave.
20		7	LaSalle Prep School	7436 Buffalo Ave.
20		8	Spallino Towers	720 Tenth Street

***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 5, 19, & May 12/13 & 16 2025

Judith Glaser
**Clerk of the Niagara Falls
Board of Education**

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Paretto seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND THE NIAGARA ALLIANCE FOR RESTORATIVE PRACTICES, INC. (JANUARY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2025) (SG 1)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls is committed to ongoing professional development for staff members in the area of student mental health; and

WHEREAS, In previous school years, the District has contracted with the Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. to provide training on the use of restorative circles in classrooms; and

WHEREAS, The Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. has extensive experience in promoting positive school culture and peer mediation to resolve student conflicts; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with the Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. to provide six (6) full day trainings on Restorative Practices including Restorative Circles; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with the Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$15,000 for period effective 1-1-2025 and to terminate 6-30-2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. to provide six (6) full day trainings at a sum not to exceed \$15,000 for the period January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, attached hereto, be 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
THE NIAGARA ALLIANCE FOR RESTORATIVE PRACTICES, INC.**

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 19th day of December 2024, 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 Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc., 5585 Mapleton Road, Lockport, NY 14094.

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 the Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the STOP School Violence Grant, Mental Student Mental Health Supports Grant, and School-Based Mental Health Services Grant. The Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: The Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the STOP School Violence Grant, Student Mental Health Supports Grant, and School-Based Mental Health Services Grant for the school year (January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025), including:

- Six (6) full day trainings to staff members on Restorative Practices
- All instructional materials needed for implementation of Restorative circles
- Instructors for the trainings
- Trainings will be at elementary, prep, and high school level

All of these functions shall be performed under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, who shall also maintain oversight of the Second Party's performance to ensure that it is performing in accordance with the terms, and conditions specified in the contract. Such evaluation will be aligned to the terms of the agreement, and may include, but are not limited to, on-site visits and observations, participant surveys and/or interviews, and document collection and review.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. The Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. shall not be an employee of the District. The Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. 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. The Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. 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 the Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. for services hereunder a sum not to exceed \$15,000 for six (6) full day trainings to staff members on Restorative Practices. The District shall pay \$2,500 after completion of each full day training for a total sum not to exceed \$15,000 by June 30, 2025. Payment checks payable to the order of the Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by the Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. 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. The Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. The Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. 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 January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025, 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 the Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, the Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices, Inc. 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 Contract. This Contract 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 Contract on the date and year first above written.

THE NIAGARA ALLIANCE FOR RESTORATIVE PRACTICES, INC.

Courtney Santasero,
Co-Founder

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Paretto seconded by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 9 TO SCRUFARI CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. FOR GENERAL CONTRACTING WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) (SG 3)

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract dated January 25, 2024, with Scrufari Construction Company for General Contracting work for the A Breath of Fresh Air Capital Improvement Project, which provides for payment to it for services rendered and materials furnished, upon the filing and approval of AIA Document G732, "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 Company has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G732, for services rendered and material furnished in the amount of \$689,194.17; and

WHEREAS, The Application has been reviewed, approved and recommended for by the Architect, Clark Patterson Lee, construction managers Buffalo Construction Consultants, and Rebecca Holody, 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 \$34,459.72; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be \$689,194.17 less the required 5% retainage (\$34,459.72) as outlined in the contract, \$654,734.45; 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 \$654,734.45 to Scrufari Construction Company 3925 Hyde Park Blvd Niagara Falls, NY 14305 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #09; and further

RESOLVED, 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.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Paretto seconded by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 9 TO JOHN W. DANFORTH FOR HVAC CONTRACTING WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) CONTRACT 123B (SG 3)

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract dated January 25, 2024, with John W. Danforth for HVAC work on the A Breath of Fresh Air Capital Improvement Project, which provides for payment to it for services rendered and materials furnished, upon the filing and approval of AIA Document G732, "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, John W. Danforth has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G732, for services rendered and material furnished in the amount of \$133,372.00; and

WHEREAS, The Application has been reviewed, approved and recommended for by the Architect, Clark Patterson Lee, construction managers Buffalo Construction Consultants, and Rebecca Holody, 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 \$6,668.60; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be \$133,372.00 less the required 5% retainage (\$6,668.60) as outlined in the contract, \$126,703.40; 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 \$126,703.40 to John W. Danforth 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #09; and further

RESOLVED, 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.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.
Nays: None.
Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Paretto seconded by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 9 TO JOHN W. DANFORTH FOR HVAC CONTRACTING WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) CONTRACT 123C (SG 3)

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract dated January 25, 2024, with John W. Danforth for HVAC work on the A Breath of Fresh Air Capital Improvement Project, which provides for payment to it for services rendered and materials furnished, upon the filing and approval of AIA Document G732, "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, John W. Danforth has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G732, for services rendered and material furnished in the amount of \$70,944.78; and

WHEREAS, The Application has been reviewed, approved and recommended for by the Architect, Clark Patterson Lee, construction managers Buffalo Construction Consultants, and Rebecca Holody, 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 \$3,547.24; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be \$70,944.78 less the required 5% retainage (\$3,547.24) as outlined in the contract, \$67,397.54; 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 \$67,397.54 to John W. Danforth 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #09; and further

RESOLVED, 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.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.
Nays: None.
Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Paretto seconded by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 9 TO FREY ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. FOR ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) (SG 3)

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract dated January 25, 2024, with Frey Electrical Construction Corp. for Electrical work on the A Breath of Fresh Air Capital Improvement Project, which provides for payment to it for services rendered and materials furnished, upon the filing and approval of AIA Document G732, "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, Frey Electrical Construction Corp. has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G732, for services rendered and material furnished in the amount of \$179,539.18; and

WHEREAS, The Application has been reviewed, approved and recommended for by the Architect, Clark Patterson Lee, construction managers Buffalo Construction Consultants, and Rebecca Holody, 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 \$8,976.97; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be \$179,539.18 less the required 5% retainage (\$8,976.97) as outlined in the contract, \$170,562.21; 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 \$170,562.21 to Frey Electrical Construction Corp. 100 Pearce Ave Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #09; and further

RESOLVED, 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.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Paretto seconded by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 9 TO STARK TECH FOR TECHNOLOGY CONTRACTING WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) (SG 3)

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract dated January 25, 2024, with U&S Services (Stark Tech) for Technology work on the A Breath of Fresh Air Capital Improvement Project, which provides for payment to it for services rendered and materials furnished, upon the filing and approval of AIA Document G732, "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, U&S Services (Stark Tech) has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G732, for services rendered and material furnished in the amount of \$9,970.59; and

WHEREAS, The Application has been reviewed, approved and recommended for by the Architect, Clark Patterson Lee, construction managers Buffalo Construction Consultants, and Rebecca Holody, 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 \$498.53; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be \$9,970.59 less the required 5% retainage (\$498.53) as outlined in the contract, \$9,472.06; 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 \$9,472.06 to U&S Services (Stark Tech) 95 Stark St Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #09; and further

RESOLVED, 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.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Paretto seconded by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 8 TO JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC. FOR LABOR AND ELECTRICAL CONTROLS CONTRACTING WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) [\(SG 3\)](#)

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract dated February 28, 2024, with Johnson Controls Inc for Labor Controls Contracting work on the A Breath of Fresh Air Capital Improvement Project, which provides for payment to it for services rendered and materials furnished, upon the filing and approval of AIA Document G732, "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 G732, for services rendered and material furnished in the amount of \$92,104.12; and

WHEREAS, The Application has been reviewed, approved and recommended for by the Architect, Clark Patterson Lee, construction managers Buffalo Construction Consultants, and Rebecca Holody, 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 \$4,605.21; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be \$92,104.12 less the required 5% retainage (\$4,605.21) as outlined in the contract, \$87,498.91; 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 \$87,498.91 to Johnson Controls Inc 130 John Muir Dr #100 Amherst, NY 14228 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #08; and further

RESOLVED, 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.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

7. Review of the Proposed Policy(ies) - None

8. Information and Reports

8.01 Oral Communications - Public Comment on non- Agenda-related Items

8.02 Superintendent's Report

Mr. Lawrence Blaber and daughter: spoke on literacy and the impact of literacy on attendance. Children do not want to attend if they cannot read. He questions BOCES providing Reading Recovery training to teachers, which he feels is a literacy curriculum that does not work.

Dr. Tina Gregory – Schultz, Founder, CEO Niagara Community Information Group: Spoke on illiteracy locally and nationally. She feels it is not the teachers' fault but the fault of literacy curriculum.

Mr. Michael Barksdale – Independence Avenue: Spoke on literacy and curriculum. The problem is not isolated to this District. He feels, as well, that the literacy curriculum should change.

Mr. Laurie reviewed the upcoming meetings in January. On January 9, there will be a discussion of artificial intelligence. A policy will be presented. Also, the NFHS attendance/ achievement tracker will be presented. The bus contracts are up in June; they will be discussed as well.

January 23 the proposed 2025 2026 budget will be discussed in a preliminary way.

To date, 480 parents have downloaded the bus app, with 20-30 more downloading daily. When we return to schools in January, the District will take steps to keep raising awareness of this software. Sports will be added to the functionality, and other features, too.

NFHS Activities coordinators are recognizing seniors involved in sports, P-Tech, the arts, band, chorus, media, and drama with a plan for personalized banners appreciating their accomplishments. This is a very nice tribute and a new idea to encourage and celebrate our students.

Congratulations to our 10 NYS High School Scholar Athlete Fall sports teams that were recognized for have more the 75% of their student athletes with a grade point average of 90% or higher. Congratulations to our coaches. We had 120 varsity athletes qualify and when you add Junior Varsity and Modified student athletes the number climbs to 220 students.

An audit meeting preceded this meeting. Bonadaio, the internal auditor firm, has completed the risk assessment, which is due to the State due April 30, 2025. Two areas have been selected for further examination: over-reliance on paper records and federal awards, which will be audited. These reports will be ready in April. Also, Denise Kolber explained her position as claims auditor and reported to the Audit Committee that between September 1, 2024 and November 9, 2024, \$41,329,050 was spent, with just one exception.

The NFFD carried out fire inspections, which are now complete and submitted to the State. Overall, this was our best review in years. Four schools had no concerns at all. Other issues were remediated on the spot. It is the cleanest inspection to date, with very little action needing to be taken to correct minor infractions.

Thanks to the Board supporting capital projects, the Superintendent can respond to the Governor's new requirement for each district to submit a plan to deal with temperatures in excess of 88 degrees, by simply stating: "In such an event, the District will turn on the air conditioning." The plan must be submitted by Sept 1, 2025.

Thanks to Athletic Director Joe Contento, and the NF Education Foundation's Art Jocoy and Tom Lowe for coordinating the Cataract City Classic. In the spring, 43 scholarships will be awarded to NFHS Seniors.

The Girls Varsity and Girls JV basketball team are doing very well on the court; we expect successful teams well into the future.

Thanked teachers, staff, community groups, businesspeople, school groups, Central Office staff, and all who donated to families for the holidays.

The District has enjoyed a great, safe, smooth start to the academic year through the end of the calendar. Especially, at NFHS, where students are well-behaved, reducing use of cell phones.

Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa , Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year.

8.03 Board Members Report and Comments

Board members wished all happy holidays.

Mr. Cancemi opportunity to serve on Board, and thanked everyone who contributes to student success.

Mr. Paretto: Looks forward to progress the District continues to make.

9. Advanced Planning

9.01 Future Agenda Items

Board Review Session Thursday, Jan 9, 2025	ARS/Regular/Statutory Meeting Thursday, Jan 23, 2025
1. AI Policy	1. 2025 2026 Budget
2. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – January 23 rd Regular Board Meeting – <i>Mr. Laurie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro</i>	2. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – January 23 rd Regular Board Meeting – <i>Mr. Laurie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro</i>

9.02 Future Meeting Dates

10. Adjournment

10.01 Meeting Adjourned in memory of:

1. Robert Buchholz, retiree.
2. Kevin Falsetti, father of Lauren Falsetti (Kalfas)

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3. Joseph Gariano, uncle of Rob & Nicole Bilson
 4. Michelle Martin, retiree.
 5. John Rolfe, husband of retiree Rita Rolfe.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.

Nays: None.

Carried.

