

DATE: May 8, 2025
KIND OF MEETING: ARS
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 5:34 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bilson, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mrs. Dunn , Mr. Paretto, Mr. Vilardo

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi

Other staff in attendance: Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Holody, Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Carella, Mr. Granieri, Mrs. Glaser. **Attorney:** Mr. Massaro.

Distinguished Alumni Presentation

The following were enshrined as Distinguished Alumni:

Dr. Cynthia DiLaura DeVore – Class of 1965 was present to accept the honor.

Dr. Jawdat A. Mustafa – Class of 2011

Mr. Frederick “Fritz” Proctor -Class of 2016 was represented by NFHS art teacher Rob Lynch, one of Mr. Proctor’s former teachers, and a musician and artist in his own right as well as one of the District’s finest teachers. Mr. Lynch described Mr. Proctor as a motivated and talented student, who is a kind, compassionate person.

Jawdat Mustafa, M.D., Niagara Falls High School Class of 2011 – Dr.

Jawdat Returning to NFMHC is a professional milestone and a heartfelt homecoming for Dr. Mustafa. His dedication to the well-being of his community is unwavering, and his return symbolizes the impact of investing in local talent. His ambition was always to improve the health and well-being of the residents of his hometown, with a particular dedication to underserved populations. The distinguished alumni award celebrates his professional success, dedication to service, and the inspiring journey that has brought him full circle — from a student at Harry F. Abate Elementary, LaSalle Middle School, and Niagara Falls High School to a physician providing compassionate care to the community that shaped him.

His academic path continued at Niagara University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Dr. Mustafa went on to earn his medical degree from the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo, receiving honors like the Evan Calkins, MD, Community-Based Research Fellowship for his community-driven work. Currently completing his residency in the Combined Internal Medicine/Preventive Medicine program at the University at Buffalo, Dr. Mustafa has devoted his research and practice to addressing health disparities among underserved populations. His efforts have been widely recognized, earning him accolades such as the Clinical Research Poster Award from the New York American College of Physicians.

Dr. Cynthia Di Laura Devore, Niagara Falls High School Class of 1965 –
Dr. Devore is a published author, former speech pathologist for disabled children and adolescents relocated from Willowbrook State School in 1972, and is currently a pediatrician who specializes in school health and sports medicine in upstate New York. She served as chair of the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on School Health and as a member of the Academy’s Leadership Forum, an organization pediatricians. Devore received national of 67,000. She received national recognition from the American Academy of Pediatrics for distinguished service and dedication to the mission and goals of the Academy for her work in school health. She also received New York State recognition for distinguished service to high school athletics. Devore is a volunteer first responder to the Virginia Medical Reserve Corps.

Dr. Devore remarked in which she acknowledged the Class of 1965, celebrating a reunion this summer, and recalled historical milestones and teachers she encountered while a student in the District.

Fritz Proctor, Niagara Falls High School Class of 2015 – Fritz Proctor is a painter with more than nine million followers on TikTok, one million followers on YouTube and more than 250,000 followers on Instagram. He is known for paint-matching videos and videos that document his artistic practice. Proctor received a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art from the State University of New York at Buffalo. His exhibits have been popular all over the world with many solo and group showings. Currently he lives in Boston, MA where he paints from his studio located in his home. He has been an employee of the State of Massachusetts Parks Department making signs in Boston. Fritz worked on some of the street artwork in Niagara Falls’ Art Alley, gallery of murals in the city. Proctor’s paintings combine his relationship with nature and his own experiences. Niagara Falls Art Teacher Rob Lynch is one of his greatest supporters and influencers.

A review of the agenda was held.

DATE:	May 8, 2025
KIND OF MEETING:	Public Hearing on Safety Plans
PLACE:	Board of Education Board Room
AGENDA REVIEW:	A Board Review Session was held at 6:30 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Petrozzi at 6:30 p.m.

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

Other staff in attendance: Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Holody, Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Schwertfager, Mr. Carella, Mr. Smeal, Mr. Granieri, Mrs. Glaser. **Attorney:** Mr. Massaro.

Mr. Laurrie introduced Ms. Massaro, who explained the make-up and purpose of the Safety Committee and the team who studied all safety plans. She recognized Mr. Tom Fisher, who leads much of the updating of these plans and documents.

Few changes were recommended, as the plans were already comprehensive. Language was added for the Big Picture program; a Sandy Hook referral system was instituted.

Recommended Changes made include Language added to clearly prohibit social media content on any platform during school time

Cyberbullying includes District messaging (ex: TEAMS Chats);

The Board will vote on these plans in June. They will be amended once the State cell phone ban is enacted. This will be enacted effective August 2025.

Public Comment: Tina Schultz: Niagara Community Information Group held teen town halls on this topic; they are happy to share what they learned.

Hearing adjourned at 6:40 p.m. on a motion by Mr. McCleod, seconded by Mrs. Dunn. All in favor.

DATE:	May 8, 2025
KIND OF MEETING:	Public Hearing on Budget
PLACE:	Board of Education Board Room
AGENDA REVIEW:	A Board Review Session was held at 7 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Petrozzi at 7 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bilson, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Petrozzi, Mrs. Dunn , Mr. Paretto, Mr. Vilardo

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi

A thorough review was presented by Mrs. Holody and Mrs. Jacklin. The budget calls for no reduction in staff and no increase in the tax levy, which has remained stable since 2014.

The proposed budget includes the first year payment for debt service costs on the ABOFA capital project in the amount of \$3,860,975, excluding these costs the percentage change in the budget is 4.18%.

The proposed budget maintains all existing academic programs and staff. Our students need academic and social/emotional opportunities and support in order to achieve and thrive.

Estimated Salary and Wages: \$3.3M increase includes contractual raises and steps for all bargaining units.

Health Care – Active & Retiree: \$1.6M increase based upon rate increases

Debt Service: \$3.5M increased based upon completion of the ABOFA capital project

Transportation Contracts: Increase of \$502k to transportation costs based upon anticipated CPI of 4.1%

Tuitions: Increase of \$1.M includes tuitions for charter schools and out of district special needs placements

Summer Programming: Increase of \$631k for summer programming, as these costs were previously funded by American Rescue Plan funds

The budget reflects a 6.20% increase over the current fiscal year.; 4.18% without ABOFA.

The budget must pass by a simple majority vote, as it does not exceed the tax cap.

Public Comment: None.

Hearing adjourned at 7:14 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Paretto. All in favor.

Comments from Mr. Laurie:

From NFHS, 13 students will work election day as poll workers

At Gaskill Prep School, an after-school bike repair program has been started. Go Bike Buffalo has donated parts and that agency will be purchasing a bike, helmet, and biking pants for every student in the after school program.

At the 30-week marking period, 832 NFHS students reached honor roll status, having achieved an average of or above 90%. This is wonderful and deserves recognition.

NYS Office of Early Learning has concluded its audit of Pre-Kindergarten. The District received outstanding feedback, with no major correctable items. They visited Maple, GJ Mann, Hyde Park, and LaSalle Early Childhood.

The District will form a partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace out of Buffalo, which builds beds for students. This will be centered at the Bloneva Bond Family support center. Staff visited the Sleep in Heavenly Peace site on April 26 to see the process of building beds. The District's will be the first franchise outside Buffalo. All work is done by volunteers. Sponsors will be needed.

National Grid has confirmed outage dates for LPS and GPS. Unfortunately, Gaskill will not be air conditioned until after the academic year, owing to the outage date being in July.

Mrs. Dunn was presented with Board of Education Excellence and Achievement awards for her ongoing professional development through NYSSBA.

Regrading the concerns surrounding emissions from the Goodyear plant, the District has been regularly changing filters and doing its own testing of air quality.

Members of the Department of Environmental Conservation(DEC) and the NYS level Department of Health(DOH) contend that Goodyear has already reduced production by 40%.

The DOH stated that the emissions are low risk and not a public health concern or risk.

The Superintendent continues extensive testing and is pushing for immediate and comprehensive remediation even at low risk and is committed to continuous conversation, sharing the results of District testing. He encourages anyone to use the phone numbers and websites below to call the DOH and leave questions in the NYSDEC -Goodyear mailbox.

The NYS DOH can be reached at 518-402-7800 by leaving a message.

The DEC webpage about Goodyear is at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company - NYSDEC. There is an active mailbox to leave questions and comments.

Mr. Laurrie thanked school nurses during this Nurses Week, and also thanked teachers during this Teacher Appreciation Week; nothing happens for students without skilled teachers.

Next Thursday, we will announce the identity of the ad hoc student member of Board; the selection has been made, but NFHS staff would like to meet with students who were interested before announcing the successful student Board member.

The NYS Budget is still not complete. Regarding Zero emissions for buses, information suggests up to two, two-year waivers will be permissible up to 2031.

Information further suggests the earning waiver limit will be extended for two years.

Aid runs utilize May 15 enrollment data.
Foundation aid with a decrease of \$37.7 million Statewide is concerning;
The State Use a reduced CPI of 2.9%, not the 3.1% which is commonly accepted.
This is owing to the State calculating the number using data from the last five years, not the last 12 months, which is customary.

Thoughts and prayers for the King Family in the loss of their granddaughter and her husband. All our hearts are with them during this tragic time.

Happy Mother's Day to all celebrating.

DATE: May 15, 2025
KIND OF MEETING: ARS
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*, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod*, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

MEMBERS ABSENT: (excused).

Reviews of Agenda for the May 15th Regular and May 21st Statutory meetings were held.

At the June 12th Board of Education meeting at 5:30 p.m. we will honor four groups/individuals with Golden Apples for their unselfish contributions to our district. Mr. Joseph Sbarbati, reading to 79th Street children, the Niagara Falls Area Heritage foundation for their murals of artwork at Abate , Totally Buffalo Cares for their contribution of over \$25,000 worth of holiday gifts and supplies to six elementary schools and The Buffalo Bills Foundation for their donation in our name to Feed More. Dr. Lloyd Holmes , newly appointed President of SUNY Niagara will join us as well.

The budget vote and Board of Education vote takes place May 20, 2025, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mrs. Glaser provided a workshop for the NFHS students who will join the election inspectors this year. Mrs. Rotello Zafuto helped facilitate.

The Board entered executive session at 6:09 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mr. Bilson or the purpose on discussing the potential hiring or promotion of a person or persons and proposed litigation between the District and CVA cases.. All in favor.

DATE: May 15, 2025
KIND OF MEETING: **Regular**
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 7 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT: **Mr. Bass*, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod*, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo**
MEMBERS ABSENT: **Mr. Capizzi**

Letters and Communications
Oral Communications - Public Comment on Agenda-related Items
Written Communications

Recommended Actions from the Superintendent of Schools - Routine Matters
The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Bilson seconded by Mr. Paretto.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

Minutes – April 2025 Meetings (SG4)
The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Bilson seconded by Mr. Paretto.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Approval of Budget Transfer - #10 (SG3)

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

Approval of the following Bids (SG3)

1. BID NO. 106 SCHOOL APPAREL REBID
2. BID NO. 102 PLUMBING & HVAC SUPPLIES - ERB
3. BID NO. 107 ATHLETIC APPAREL/INGAME UNIFORM REBID
4. BID NO. 104 PRINT & DIST NEWSLETTER - Datamation
5. ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES - BID AWARD EXTENSION
6. SUPPLEMENTAL CLASSROOM BOOKS - BID AWARD EXTENSION

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Treasurer's Report – April 2025 (SG3) Received and filed.

Budget Status Report – May 2025 (SG3) Received and filed.

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

Personnel Report – Certificated (SG 1, 2)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

Personnel Report - Classified (SG 1, 2)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

Report from Committee on Special Education (SG 1)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

Report from Committee on Preschool Special Education (SG 1)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

Short-Term Contracts (SG 1, 4)

1. Kimberly Gingrich Social Emotional Adaptive Assessment \$10,000
(4 at \$2,500) F2250.404-098-0725 TBD 2025
2. Paul Winnie Native American Cultural Event \$500.00
F2110.400.098-1525 May 30, 2025
3. Deborah Hicks Academic Intervention Services (Contract Amendment)
\$25,000 F2770.400.098.6225 October 2024 – June 2025
4. Earth Rangers Lisa Galati Earth Rangers STEM Student Assembly
\$0.00 May 21, 2025
5. Surdej Web Solutions (Jeff Surdej) Graphic design of the 2025 - 2026
District calendar \$3,037.50 A1480.400-007 July 2025

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Unfinished Business

None

New Business (see BoardDocs.com)

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

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR THE 2024/2025 ESEA
TITLE I SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING GRANT (SG 1, 3)**

WHEREAS, Section 1003(A) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires that State Education Agencies allocate funds to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) for Target Districts and schools identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI), and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) to support the development and implementation of the individual district and school continuous improvement plans; and

WHEREAS, The 2025 SIG-A Planning funds are provided to support the planning and development of the 2024/2025 district and school improvement plans as required in the ESSA; and

WHEREAS, The Niagara Falls City School District has been designated as a TSI District entitled to SIG-A Planning Funds; and

WHEREAS, District staff prepared and submitted an application for the grant; and

WHEREAS, Official notification of approved of the application and award in the amount of \$100,597.00 has been received; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Acceptance of Funds for the 2024/2025 Title I School Improvement Section 1003(a) Planning Grant; and

RESOLVED, that the grant award of \$100,597.00 be credited to revenue account code F4289.040.25 2024/2025 Title I School Improvement Section 1003(a) Planning Grant; and

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

Account Description	Budget
F 2110.132-056-0425 \$13,200.00	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - PER DIEM - ABATE
F 2110.132-057-0425	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - PER DIEM - CAT \$9,900.00
F 2110.132-058-0425	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - PER DIEM - H/P \$8,800.00
F 2110.132-059-0425 \$11,550.00	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - PER DIEM - KALFAS
F 2110.132-060-0425 \$11,550.00	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - PER DIEM - MAPLE
F 2110.132-061-0425 \$15,400.00	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - PER DIEM - BBPS
F 2110.140-056-0425	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - SCH B - ABATE \$3,840.00
F 2110.140-057-0425	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - SCH B - CAT \$6,480.00
F 2110.140-058-0425	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - SCH B - H/P \$7,680.00
F 2110.140-059-0425	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - SCH B - KALFAS \$3,528.00
F 2110.140-060-0425	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - SCH B - MAPLE \$3,072.00
F 2110.140-061-0425	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - SCH B - BBPS \$3,024.00
F 2110.167-056-0425	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - HRLY CLSFD - ABATE \$375.00
F 2110.167-057-0425	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - HRLY CLSFD - CAT \$966.00
F 2110.167-058-0425	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - HRLY CLSFD - H/P \$800.00
F 2110.167-059-0425 \$162.00	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - HRLY CLSFD - KALFAS
F 2110.167-060-0425	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - HRLY CLSFD - MAPLE \$135.00
F 2110.167-061-0425	24/25 SIG-A PLNG - HRLY CLSFD - BBPS \$135.00
Total	\$100,597.00

Revenue Code: F4289.040.25

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 13 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 \$442,164.00; 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 \$22,108.20; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be \$442,164.00 less the required 5% retainage (\$22,108.20) as outlined in the contract, \$420,055.80; 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 \$420,055.80 to Scrufari Construction Company 3925 Hyde Park Blvd Niagara Falls, NY 14305 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #13; 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 14 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 \$9,110.01; 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 2.50% retention in the amount of \$455.50; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be \$9,110.01 less the required 2.50% retainage (\$455.50) as outlined in the contract, \$8,654.51; 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 \$8,654.51 to John W. Danforth 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #14; 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 14 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 \$19,619.25; 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 2.50% retention in the amount of \$980.96; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be \$19,619.25 less the required 2.50% retainage (\$980.96) as outlined in the contract, \$18,638.29; 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 \$18,638.29 to John W. Danforth 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #14; 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 14 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 \$168,400.00; 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 \$8,420.00; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be \$168,400.00 less the required 5% retainage (\$8,420.00) as outlined in the contract, \$159,980.00; 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 \$159,980.00 to Frey Electrical Construction Corp. 100 Pearce Ave Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #14; 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 06 TO GREATER NIAGARA MECHANICAL FOR HVAC/MECHANICAL 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 Greater Niagara Mechanical for HVAC/Mechanical 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, Greater Niagara Mechanical has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G732, for services rendered and material furnished in the amount of \$9,809.00; 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 \$490.45; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be \$9,809.00 less the required 5% retainage (\$490.45) as outlined in the contract, \$9,318.55; 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 \$9,318.55 to Greater Niagara Mechanical 7311 Ward Rd North Tonawanda, NY 14120 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #06; 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 07 TO GREATER NIAGARA MECHANICAL FOR HVAC/MECHANICAL CONTRACTING WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) – RETENTION (SG 3)

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract dated January 25, 2024, with Greater Niagara Mechanical for HVAC/Mechanical 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 and Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, Greater Niagara Mechanical has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G732, for retention in the amount of \$5,943.00; and

WHEREAS, Mechanical construction work has been reviewed the by the Architect, Clark Patterson Lee DBA CPL, and Construction Manager, Buffalo Construction Consultants, and work has been determined to be substantially and satisfactorily completed; and

WHEREAS, The Application has been reviewed, approved and recommended for by the Architect, Clark Patterson Lee, Construction Manager, Buffalo Construction Consultants and Rebecca Holody, Administrator for School Business Services; AND

WHEREAS, The Application is in accordance with the Contract in the amount of \$5,943.00; and

WHEREAS, This appropriation will be expended from the Capital Fund and reimbursement for expenses associated with the mechanical updates will be submitted to Office of Facilities Planning and State Aid for reimbursement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the retention payment of \$5,943.00 to Greater Niagara Mechanical 7311 Ward Rd North Tonawanda, NY 14120 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #07; and further

RESOLVED, This appropriation will be expended from the Capital Fund and reimbursement for expenses associated with the mechanical updates will be submitted to Office of Facilities Planning and State Aid for reimbursement.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 14 TO STARK TECH FOR TECHNOLOGY CONTRACTING WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) (SG 3)
APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 14 TO STARK TECH FOR TECHNOLOGY CONTRACTING WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP)

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 \$25,383.99; 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 \$1,269.20; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be \$25,383.99 less the required 5% retainage (\$1,269.20) as outlined in the contract, \$24,114.79; 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 \$24,114.79 to U&S Services (Stark Tech) 95 Stark St Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #14; 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Review of the Proposed Policy(ies) - None

Information and Reports

Public Comment on non-agenda related items

Dr. Tina Schultz – Niagara Community Information Group- thanks to all those who participated in the group's recent candidates' forum.

Joyce Sanders spoke about students and the Superintendent. She supports our superintendent and was upset by comments made at a recent candidate forum. She supports an open-door policy in the District.

Superintendent's Report

On May 17th and 20th the NFHS Wolverine baseball team will be honoring the LaSalle Explorers, Niagara Falls High School Powercat's and Trott Engineers with throwback uniforms and games.

The student Board member who will join the Board July 1 is Harjyot Kaur. Congratulations to the 15 students who applied for the position.

The District Art show at NFHS, which opened this evening, is amazing.

Our Zero Eyes weapons detection training went very well today. This is a valuable addition to our safety protocols. We go live tomorrow at noon.

We will have 29 students earning the Seal of Bi-Literacy, the highest number ever. NYS will be here.

We celebrate conferring tenure on those 30 people included in the certificated report this evening.

Look for the following events:

May 27 The District's Mental Health program was selected as one of three examples of what a school district should do to support mental health, along with Buffalo and Hamburg. A discussion will be held at the Buffalo Museum of Science.

On May 28, the Lions Club will honor the late Bobby DiFrancesco.

May 29 Mark your calendars for the 25th year anniversary celebration of Niagara Falls High School on Thursday, May 29th, 2025 at 6 p.m. More information to come. Media team video.

The Re-organization meeting is July 1, 2025.

At Cataract Elementary School, 250 students under the guidance of art teacher Mike Johnson, participated in a STEAM night Black Light Art show using glowsticks to create amazing artwork.

Our neighbors and partners at The Chapel on 66th Street are planning a day of service and work at Cataract Elementary and H.F. Abate on Saturday, May 17th. We thank our friends.

Cell phone ban survey will be made available to the community May 28, 2025.

This coming week marks the third anniversary of the horrific Tops massacre in Buffalo. We need to pause and remember those who were tragically lost on May 14th.

Board Members Report and Comments

Mr. Bass: supports budget, and encourages voting.

Mr. Vilardo: Twenty-five years ago when NFHS opened, Mr. Vilardo was the Chief of fire Prevention. It is rewarding to recall. Also, the athletic fields at high school are very well-used.

Mr. Cancemi: Thank you for supporting the NF Education Foundation dinner (at which Mr. Cancemi was recognized), and thanks to especially Mr. Laurrie, who obtained Mr. Cancemi a high school diploma.

Mrs. Dunn: She expressed that she is proud of those teachers earning tenure; they work hard. Congratulations.

Mr. Paretto: Encouraged voting. The Art Show is fabulous. Remember the fallen on Memorial Day. The trades students are working on the shelter, great job. Anthony Gilmore, volunteer coach, passed away yesterday.

Mr. Laurrie: 20 more students signed up for the trades program for next year. He hopes the city will collaborate in securing a house they can remodel.

Mr. Petrozzi: congratulations to those achieving tenure. Dr. Schultz, thank you for your comments. Ms. Sanders: we have an open-door policy.

BRS

Thursday, June 5, 2025 ARS/Regular Mtg.

Thursday, June 12, 2025

1. Graduation Update 1.Introduction of Dr. L. Holmes, SUNY Niagara
2. Review of July 1 Re-Organization Resolutions 2.Francis Center – Guest Mary Beth Smith
3. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – June 12 Regular Board Meeting – Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro 2. Review of July 1 Re-Organization Resolutions
3. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – June 12 Regular Board Meeting – Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro

9. Advanced Planning

9.01 Future Agenda Items

9.02 Future Meeting Dates

Adjournment

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

Meeting Adjourned at in memory of:

1. Diane Bianco, mother of Carmine Bianco, aunt of Mia Bianco and Adam Bianco, SIL of Cynthia Bianco.
2. Doretta Brown, Occupational Therapist in the district for more than 30 years mother of Anthony (Stephanie Heald-Doran) Doran and Duryea Doran
3. Jerome Dubuc, father of Linda Capton.
4. Raymond Bolea, Uncle of Lynette (Earl) and Nick Smeal.
5. Peter Marra, first Niagara Falls player to be named to the Sporting News National High School All-American team, former teacher and coach.
6. Tiffany (Larry) Kelly, Joseph Marra and Kindra Marra

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser
Judith Glaser, District Clerk