

# North Tonawanda City Schools



## BOARD BANNER

UNOFFICIAL MEETING SUMMARY

### Meeting of February 1, 2023

#### ROUTINE MATTERS

Approved minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 4th and Policy Review/Budget Workshop Meeting of January 18, 2023, Treasurer's Report(s) for December, 2022, Appropriation Status Report & Revenue Status Report, Internal Claims Audit Report(s), 2022-2023 Budget Transfer(s), CSE/CPSE Minutes and Placements for December 1, 7, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 2022, January 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 2023.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

Orleans/Niagara BOCES - Given by Clark Godshall, Colleen Osborne, Michael Mann and 2 BOCES students

#### PERSONNEL

##### Instructional

**Appointments:** Certified Per Diem Substitute Teachers: **Kathleen Wagoner**, effective January 9, 2023.

**Resignation:** **Christie Walker**, *Business Teacher*, effective at the end of business on January 20, 2023.

**Termination of Long-Term Assignment:** **Njegos Petrovic**, *Substitute School Counselor @ NTHS*, due to the return of the teacher on leave, effective at the end of January 20, 2023; **Allison Staub**, (first assignment), *Substitute Elementary Teacher @ Ohio Elementary*, effective at the end of business on January 25, 2023.

**Appointment: Long-Term Substitute:** **Allison Staub**, (second assignment), effective January 26, 2023 and terminating no later than June 30, 2023.

**Appointment: Probation:** **Rebecca Senft**, *Teaching Assistant*, commencing on February 6, 2023 and terminating on February 5, 2027.

**Tenure Appointment:** Alexandria Cretacci, *School Social Worker*, effective March 20, 2023.

**Appointment:** AIS Teacher: Kathleen Wagoner, *Spruce Elementary*, effective January 30, 2023.

**Coaches for Winter 2022-2023 School Year:** Matthew Schutt, *Boys' Varsity Swim Head Coach*, effective January 24, 2023 and terminating March 26, 2023; Timothy Fike, *Modified Wrestling Head Coach*, effective February 1, 2023 and terminating March 26, 2023.

**Coaches for the Spring 2022-2023 School Year:**

Name	Sport	Position
Emily Belfield	Varsity Softball	Head Coach
Lindsey O'Connell	JV Softball	Head Coach
Todd W. Bush	Modified Softball	Volunteer
Matthew Sledziewski	Boys Varsity Lacrosse	Head Coach
Maddison Chille	Girls Varsity Lacrosse	Head Coach
Desiree Doucette	Girls JV Lacrosse	Head Coach
Joshua Pawlik	Varsity Outdoor Track	Assistant Coach
John Lemar	Boys Tennis	Head Coach
Amanda Mills	Unified Basketball - Split	Co-Head Coach
Meghan Ingram	Unified Basketball - Split	Co-Head Coach
Katie Harrington	Flag Football - Split	Co-Head Coach
Christopher Tideswell	Flag Football - Split	Co-Head Coach

**Content Area Leader for the 2022-2023 School Year:**

Content Area Leader	Subject	Effective Date
Melissa Breeden	Math, Grade 2	January 3, 2023

**Non-Instructional**

**Amended Leave of Absence:** Francis May, *District Treasurer*, effective at the end of business on January 13, 2023. Frances returned to work on January 16, 2023.

**Leave of Absences:** Rebecca Ellis, *School Bus Driver*, effective December 13, 2022 and terminating upon physician's release; Joseph Burngasser, *School Bus Driver*, effective December 14, 2022 and terminating upon physician's release; Michael Pellegrino, *Cleaner*, effective January 16, 2023 and terminating January 22, 2023; Doreen Damba, *Teacher Aide*, effective January 25, 2023 and terminating February 8, 2023; Erin Campbell, *School Bus Driver*, effective February 6, 2023 and terminating upon physician's release.

**Resignation:** Laurie Gibbs, *Teacher Aide*, effective January 13, 2023; Nicole Knox, *School Nurse*, effective February 12, 2023.

**Return to Work:** MaryBeth Fox, *Teacher Aide*, effective January 9, 2023.

**Appointment:** Probationary: Joanne Zalewski, *School Bus Driver*, effective January 13, 2023.

**Appointments: Permanent:**

Name	Position	Date
Mark Porto	School Bus Driver	February 22, 2023
Amanda Brancato	Teacher Aide	March 10, 2023
Enkeleda Faraci	Teacher Aide	March 6, 2023
Margaret King	Teacher Aide	March 9, 2023
Cheryl Anderson	Teacher Aide	March 3, 2023
MaryKay Follendorf	Teacher Aide	March 6, 2023
Sarah Wittkowsky	Teacher Aide	March 10, 2023
Alicia Rogers	Teacher Aide	March 15, 2023
Martha Russell	Teacher Aide	March 10, 2023
Christine McMahon	Teacher Aide	March 10, 2023
MaryBeth Valint	Teacher Aide	March 6, 2023
Samantha Andrews	Teacher Aide	March 2, 2023
Ryan Kukavica	Teacher Aide	March 6, 2023
Kathleen Shaw	School Bus Attendant	March 8, 2023
Ellen DeLong	School Bus Attendant	March 14, 2023
Rubina Rehman	Teacher Aide	March 20, 2023
Maria Lange	School Bus Attendant	March 9, 2023
Eric Lehman	Automotive Mechanic	March 22, 2023
Ann Pocheban	Teacher Aide	March 9, 2023
Kayla Thompson	Teacher Aide	March 16, 2023
Ashly Mistriner	Teacher Aide	March 16, 2023

**Appointment: Temporary: Sandra Kish, Teacher Aide,** effective January 18, 2023.

**Appointment: Substitute: Nicole Knox, School Nurse,** effective February 13, 2023.

**Appointment: Administrative Probationary: Lindsey Turner, Elementary Principal @ Spruce Elementary,** effective March 1, 2023 and terminating on February 28, 2027.

**Retirements: Katharine Saeli, School Psychologist; Mari Kim Moore, Special Education Teacher; Mary Smith, Elementary Teacher; Christine Stevens, Foreign Language Teacher; Mary-Elaine Birkman, Elementary Teacher,** all effective at the end of business on June 30, 2023.

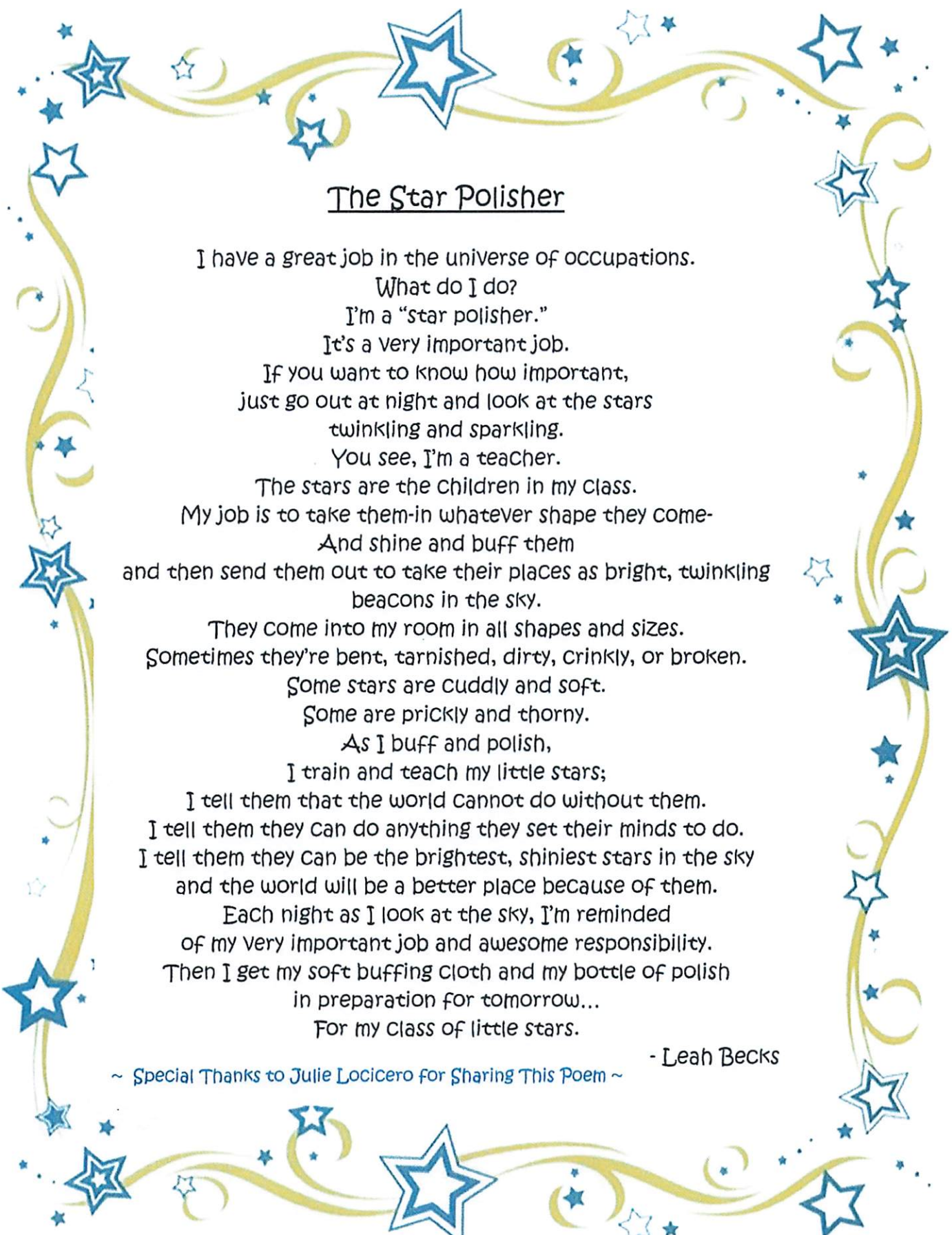
**OTHER MATTERS: Approved as presented**

Updated (Amended) SEQRA Resolution for the 22-23 Capital Outlay Project  
 Grant Award - National Society of High School Scholars  
 Student Teacher Placements  
 Policy #6121- Sexual Harassment in the Workplace  
 Policy #6216 - Probation and Tenure  
 Disposal of District Property - Truck  
 Election and Budget Vote Procedures  
 Girls Flag Football - Continuation

- Also attached is a poem honoring our retirees, congratulations!!!

Next Regular Board Meeting - March 1, 2023 @ 6: 30 p.m.





## The Star Polisher

I have a great job in the universe of occupations.

What do I do?

I'm a "star polisher."

It's a very important job.

If you want to know how important,  
just go out at night and look at the stars  
twinkling and sparkling.

You see, I'm a teacher.

The stars are the children in my class.

My job is to take them in whatever shape they come-

And shine and buff them

and then send them out to take their places as bright, twinkling  
beacons in the sky.

They come into my room in all shapes and sizes.

Sometimes they're bent, tarnished, dirty, crinkly, or broken.

Some stars are cuddly and soft.

Some are prickly and thorny.

As I buff and polish,

I train and teach my little stars;

I tell them that the world cannot do without them.

I tell them they can do anything they set their minds to do.

I tell them they can be the brightest, shiniest stars in the sky  
and the world will be a better place because of them.

Each night as I look at the sky, I'm reminded

of my very important job and awesome responsibility.

Then I get my soft buffing cloth and my bottle of polish  
in preparation for tomorrow...

For my class of little stars.

- Leah Becks

~ Special Thanks to Julie Locicero for Sharing This Poem ~