NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Niagara Falls, New York

MINUTES

DATE: July 1, 2025

KIND OF MEETING: **ReOrganization**

PLACE: Board of Education Board Room

AGENDA REVIEW: Prior to the Regular Meeting, an Agenda Review Session was held at 5 p.m.

The meeting was opened was the pledge of allegiance and a prayer by Mrs. Dunn.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Glaser at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Mr. Bass*, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, , Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.** *Participated remotely

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. McLeod (Excused)

OATHS OF OFFICE: The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to re-elected members Mr. Petrozzi and Mrs. Dunn.

TEMPORARY CHAIR: District Clerk Glaser announced that nominations for temporary chair were in order.

Mr. Petrozzi nominated Mr. Massaro. There were no other nominations. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Massaro assume the position as temporary chair.
Nomination(s)/Appointment of Angelo Massaro as Temporary Chairman
Motion to appoint Angelo Massaro temporary chair.

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Vincent Cancemi.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

METHOD OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Mr. Massaro explained the process for election Board officers.

It was the consensus of the Board that a roll call vote be used to elect officers. There were no objections.
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NOMINATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Massaro announced that nominations for President of the Board were in order.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD
Motion to elect Mr. Paretto as president.

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Vincent Cancemi.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

District Clerk Glaser administered the oath to Mr. Paretto.

NOMINATION OF VICE PRESIDENT
Mr. Vilardo nominated Mr. Bilson.
Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Clara Dunn.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO ELECTED OFFICERS
District Clerk Glaser administered the oath to Mr. Bilson.

APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of District Clerk Judith Glaser
Motion to approve.

Motion by Rob Bilson, second by Russell Petrozzi.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

School District Attorney Massaro administered the oath to Mrs. Glaser.

Motion to approve the following appointments made by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Vincent Cancemi.

INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR DENISE KOLBER
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONSULTANT
EMPLOYEES HAVING ACCESS TO RECORDS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

PUBLIC RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER
RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER

DISTRICT TREASURER
TAX COLLECTOR
MEDICAID COMPLIANCE OFFICER
DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES
DATA PRIVACY INFORMATION OFFICER
MOTION TO APPROVE.
CHIEF EMERGENCY OFFICER
CHIEF CHEMICAL OFFICER

4.01 Appointment Of District Clerk

Mr. Bilson moved for appointment of Judith M. Glaser as District Clerk; Mr. Petrozzi seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, New York State Education Law, § 2130 and §2503(15) states that the Board of Education shall appoint a Clerk of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Judith Glaser has provided satisfactory performance in said position; therefore, be it

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

The vote was as follows:
Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.
Nays: None.
Carried.

4.02 Appointments Of Internal Claims Auditor, Third Party Administrator For The District's Unemployment Insurance Program, Employees Having Access To Records Of Handicapped Children, Public Records Access Officer, Records Management Officer, School District Treasurer, Tax Collector, Medicaid Compliance Officer, Director Of School Health Services, Data Privacy Information Officer, Chief Emergency Officer, Chief Chemical Officer.

Recommendation:

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

WHEREAS, §170.2 of the Commissioner's Regulations empowers the Board of Education to appoint certain District Officers; and

WHEREAS, The School District has a distinct need for the position of Internal Claims Auditor; and

WHEREAS, Denise Kolber will provide service in the position of Internal Claims Auditor; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Denise Kolber, Consultant, be appointed to the position of Internal Claims Auditor for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 at a rate of $41.20 per hour not to exceed $37,080 and subject to further terms and conditions of Contract concluded with District.

4.03 Third Party Administrator For The District's Unemployment Insurance Program

Recommendation:

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

WHEREAS, The District requires the services of an administrator for the Unemployment Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, The District negotiated an improved Agreement with N.E.C. for unemployment insurance services; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That N.E.C. be appointed as Third-Party Administrator for the District's Unemployment Insurance Program for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

4.04 Employees Having Access to Records of Handicapped Children

Recommendation:

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

WHEREAS, Public Law 94-142 regulations 121a.572 states that each participating agency shall protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information at collection, storage, disclosure, and destruction stages; and

WHEREAS, It further states that one official shall assume responsibility for ensuring the confidentiality of such information; and

WHEREAS, Each agency shall maintain, for public inspection, a current listing of the names and positions of those employees who may have access to personally identifiable information; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Cheryl Meteer, Teacher on Special Assignment, shall assume responsibility for ensuring the confidentiality of such information for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; and

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

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

4.05 Public Records Access Officer

Recommendation:

WHEREAS, Article 6, Section 84, of the Public Officers Law provides that government is the public's business and that the public, individually and collectively and represented by a free press, should have access to records of government in accordance with the provision of this article (Freedom of Information Law); and

WHEREAS, The Article states that the governmental body shall designate the person from whom such statements may be obtained; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Administrator for Human Resources, Maria Massaro be appointed Public Records Access Officer for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, with no additional compensation.

4.06 Records Management Officer

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

WHEREAS, §57.19 of the Local Government Records Law requires that each local government designate a "Records Management Officer" (RMO) to coordinate the development of and oversee its records management program; and

WHEREAS, Judith Glaser, the District Clerk, has been performing the duties of the Records Management Officer; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk, Judith Glaser, be appointed Records Management Officer for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, without additional compensation.

4.07 School District Treasurer

Recommendation:

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

WHEREAS, New York State Education Law, §2130 and §2503(15) state that the Board of Education shall appoint a treasurer for the school district; and

WHEREAS, Specific responsibilities must be assigned to the school district treasurer that can only be performed by an individual so appointed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Julie M. Jacklin be appointed School District Treasurer for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

4.08 Tax Collector

Recommendation:

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

WHEREAS, §2506 of the Education Law states that the Board of Education shall appoint a school district Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, Specific responsibilities must be assigned to the school district Tax Collector that can only be performed by an individual as appointed; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Administrator for School Business Services, Rebecca A. Holody, be appointed as School District Tax Collector with no additional compensation for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

4.09 Medicaid Compliance Officer

Recommendation:

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

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls participates in programs that provide services to Medicaid eligible individuals and receives Medicaid reimbursement for such programs; and

WHEREAS, The District is committed to compliance with all applicable laws and regulations related to Medicaid billing and reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, The District has developed a Medicaid Compliance Program/Policy aimed to prevent inaccurate billing or inappropriate practices in accordance with New York Social Services Law Section 363-d; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Maria Massaro, Administrator for Human Resources is designated the Medicaid Compliance Officer for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

4.10 Director of School Health Services
RECOMMENDATION:

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RECOMMENDATION
A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution:
Approval of Appointment of Dr. Philip Saugaveau as Director of School Health Services – 07/01/24– 06/30/25

WHEREAS, Dr. Saugaveau was appointed Director of School Health Services on March 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Saugaveau's current responsibilities include daily administration of the Health Services Department together with oversight and supervision of all of the District's Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and Health Care Associates; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That pursuant to New York State Education Law, Article 19 Section 902 (2) (a), Dr. Philip Saugaveau be and hereby is appointed as the Director of School Health Services. 4.11

4.11 Data Privacy Information Officer

RECOMMENDATION
A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Approval of the appointment of the Administrator for Information Services as the District's Data Privacy Information Officer.

WHEREAS, NYS Education Law § 2-d and Commissioner's Regulation require that school districts in the State of New York take action steps to ensure computer data security and privacy; and

WHEREAS, School districts are required to designate one or more employees to serve as the educational agency's data protection officer(s) to be responsible for the implementation of the policies and procedures required in Education Law § 2-d and to serve as the point of contact for data security and privacy for the educational agency; and

Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Raymond Granieri, Administrator for Information Services, be appointed the District's Data Privacy Information Officer.

4.12 Chief Emergency Officer

RECOMMENDATION

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Approval of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls appointment of the Superintendent of Schools as the District's Chief Emergency Officer.

WHEREAS, Components of the SAVE Law, Section 2801-1 of the Education Law of the State of New York, requires that the District appoint a Chief Emergency Officer to be responsible for certain duties including but not limited to: coordinating communication, annual review of plans, ensuring staff understanding of plans through appropriate trainings, and ensuring the conduct of drills; and

WHEREAS, In compliance with the laws and regulations, the Board of Education has reviewed and adopted the Districtwide Safety Plan and the Building Level School Safety Plans; and

WHEREAS, The Board will now act to officially appoint the Superintendent of Schools as the Chief Emergency Officer; and now, therefore be it

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

4.13 Appointment of Chemical Hygiene Officer

RECOMMENDATION

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Approval of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls appointment of Val Rotella as Niagara Falls High School's Chemical Hygiene Officer.

WHEREAS, The State of New York requires that each high school is mandated to have an on-site Chemical Hygiene Officer to assist with responsible chemical management in the building; and

WHEREAS, New York State Education Law, 305(19) Chapter 627 requires responsible chemical management and safety practices; and

WHEREAS, the law also requires that the District appoint a Chemical Hygiene Officer to be responsible for certain duties including but not limited to: responding to fire, a chemical spill or an accident in school laboratories, and providing annual safety training for science teachers; and

WHEREAS, The Board will now act to officially appoint Val Rotella as the Chief Chemical Hygiene Officer; and now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Val Rotella be appointed Niagara Falls High School's Chemical Hygiene Officer;

The vote was as follows:
Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.
Nays: None.
Carried.

DESIGNATIONS

Motion to approve the following designations made by Vincent Cancemi, second by Rob Bilson.

Official Bank Depositories
Transfer Agent for Debt Services
Municipal Bond Consultant
Bonding Attorneys
Official Newspaper

Regular Monthly Meetings
Board Representative - Selection of Impartial Hearing Officers
Reviewing Official and Verification Official for participation in the federal Child Nutrition Program
Hearing Official for participation in the federal Child Nutrition Program

OFFICIAL BANK DEPOSITORIES, TRANSFER AGENT FOR DEBT SERVICE, MUNICIPAL BOND CONSULTANT, BONDING ATTORNEYS, OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS, BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – SELECTION OF IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICERS

5.01 Official Bank Depositories
Recommendation:

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

WHEREAS, §2130 of the New York State Education Law states that, "the Board shall designate by written resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of such Board which shall be entered into its minutes, a bank, banks, banker or bankers for the deposit of all moneys received by the treasurer, collector, village receiver or village collector; provided that such designation shall be made of a bank or banks or banker or bankers within the state"; and

WHEREAS, The District is recommending that four (4) banks handle all District accounts; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education designate, Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Wilmington Trust, Bank on Buffalo, a division of CNB Bank, and J.P. Morgan Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., as Official Bank Depositories for all school funds for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; and be it further

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

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

5.02 Transfer Agent for Debt Service
Recommendation:

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

WHEREAS, §70.00 of the New York Local Finance Law states, a finance board on behalf of any municipality, school district or district corporation may contract from time to time for a period or periods not exceeding ten years each, with any bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in this state for the purpose of having such bank or trust company act, in connection with all its obligations, or any specific issue or issues of its obligations, or any specific type or types of its obligations, as the registration agent for such municipality, school district or district corporation and for related services, and for the payment for such municipality, school district or

school district corporation of a reasonable compensation to any such bank or trust company for the services to be performed by it pursuant to such contract"; and

WHEREAS, In the year immediately passed, Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Wilmington Trust, Dormitory Authority of State of New York, Bank of New York Mellon, and Depository Trust Company of New York, New York have satisfactorily performed this function in their service as Transfer Agent for Debt Service; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education designate Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Wilmington Trust, Dormitory Authority of State of New York, Bank of New York Mellon, and Depository Trust Company of New York, New York as Transfer Agents for Debt Service for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025.

5.03 Municipal Bond Consultant

Recommendation:

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

WHEREAS, Periodically, it is necessary for the District to prepare for a bond or note sale; and

WHEREAS, The District has historically appointed a municipal bond consultant to expedite and facilitate the sale of bonds or notes, as well as provide consulting services to the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC (CMA), a Municipal Bond Consultant of high reputation and located locally, has extensive knowledge and experience with financing various school districts' sale of bonds for capital projects; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education designate Capital Markets Advisors, LLC as Municipal Bond Consultants for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, with no annual retainer fee; and be it further

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

5.04 Bonding Attorneys

Recommendation:

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

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls from time to time has the occasion to require a bond or note issue; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board designate the law firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP as bonding attorneys with no annual retainer fee for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025.

5.05 Official Newspaper

Recommendation:

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

WHEREAS, Various provisions of the New York State Education Law requires that certain notices be published at a particular time in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation within the school district; and

WHEREAS, The Niagara Gazette is a published newspaper within the area identified as the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Gazette be designated as the Board of Education Official Newspaper for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; and

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

5.06 Regular Monthly Meetings

RECOMMENDATION

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

WHEREAS, New York State Education Law §2504 provides that regular meetings of the Board of Education shall be held at least as often as once each month; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education will hold its regular meetings for the 2025-2026 school year at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month; and

RESOLVED, That the only exceptions to the stated schedule are July 1, 2025, July 24, 2025, August 28, 2025, October 16, 2025, November 20, 2025, December 18, 2025, April 16, 2026 (special meeting), and May 14, 2026. (full schedule to be posted on District website at www.nfschools.net)

5.07 Board Representative – Selection of Impartial Hearing Officers

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

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, is committed to making every effort to resolve differences involving educational programs for students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, According, to law and regulations, parents may request a formal impartial hearing to resolve any differences concerning the appropriate education for their child, a student with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and New York State Commissioner's Regulations requires various procedures in the selection of Impartial Hearing Officers and the conducting of Impartial Hearings; and

WHEREAS, The Board has developed a policy providing for a process to select Impartial Hearing Officers and the conducting of Impartial Hearings, all in accordance with laws and statutorily prescribed regulations; and

WHEREAS, When an IHO, properly contacted by the District Clerk, indicates availability, the Board of Education must immediately appoint him/her; now therefore, be it

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

The vote was as follows:
Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.
Nays: None.
Carried.

5.08 Reviewing Official And Verification Official For Participation In The Federal Child Nutrition Program

RECOMMENDATION

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Reviewing Official and Verification Official for participation in the federal Child Nutrition Program.

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, participates as a School Food Authority (SFA) in the federal Child Nutrition Program; and

WHEREAS, All School Food Authorities (SFA) participating in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and/or Special Milk Program are required to appoint a Reviewing Official and Verification Official for participation in the federal Child Nutrition Program; and now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That, in order to fulfill the requirements as an SFA, the Board hereby appoints Maria Massaro as the Reviewing Official and Verification Official for participation in the federal Child Nutrition Program with no additional compensation for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

The vote was as follows:
Ayes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.
Nays: None.
Carried.

5.09 Reviewing Official And Verification Official For Participation In The Federal Child Nutrition Program

RECOMMENDATION

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Hearing Official for participation in the federal Child Nutrition Program.

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, participates as a School Food Authority (SFA) in the federal Child Nutrition Program; and

WHEREAS, All School Food Authorities (SFA) participating in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and/or Special Milk Program are required to appoint a Hearing official for participation in the federal Child Nutrition Program; and now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That, in order to fulfill the requirements as an SFA, the Board hereby appoints Rebecca Holiday as the Hearing Official for participation in the federal Child Nutrition Program with no additional compensation for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

The vote was as follows:

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

AUTHORIZATIONS

Motion to approve the following authorizations made by Rob Bilson, second by Vincent Cancemi.

PURCHASING AGENT, CERTIFICATION OF PAYROLLS

6.01 Purchasing Agent

Recommendation:

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

WHEREAS, §170.2(b) of the Commissioner's Regulations states that, "the Board of Education of every union free district shall have power and it shall be its duty to designate the persons to be responsible for the following functions: (1) Purchasing, (2) Certification of Payrolls"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorize Ann Schiro to perform the duties of Purchasing Agent for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, with no additional compensation provided.

6.02 Certification of Payrolls

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

WHEREAS, §170.2(b) of the Commissioner's Regulations states that, "the Board of Education of every union free district shall have power and it shall be its duty to designate the persons to be responsible for the following functions: (1) Purchasing, (2) Certification of Payrolls"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Board of Education authorize the Administrator for Human Resources and the Administrator for School Business Services to certify payrolls for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, with no additional compensation provided.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

POLICY

Purchasing Policy
Motion to approve.
Purchasing Procedures Policy

Recommendation

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Purchasing Procedures Policy for 2025-2026

WHEREAS, The New York State Municipal Law §104-b requires that procurement policies of the district be reviewed annually by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Effective June 22, 2010, an amendment was made to §103 of the General Municipal Law increasing threshold requirements for public bidding on purchases from $10,000 to $20,000, and

WHEREAS, Effective November 12, 2009, an amendment was made to §103 of the General Municipal Law increasing threshold requirements for public bidding on public works from $20,000 to $35,000; and

WHEREAS, Also, effective January 1, 1992, provisions on new §104-b of the General Municipal Law relating to the procurement of goods and services for which competitive public bidding is not required, requires the Board of Education to adopt internal policies and procedures, governing all procurement activities; therefore, be it

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

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Russell Petrozzi.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Rob Bilson.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bilson seconded by Mr. Vilardo. All in favor.

DATE: July 1, 2025

KIND OF MEETING: **Regular**

PLACE: Board of Education Board Room

AGENDA REVIEW: Prior to the Regular Meeting, an Agenda Review Session was held at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paretto at 5:17 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass*, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo. * Participated remotely.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. McLeod (excused)

Pledge of Allegiance

Reflection – Offered by Mrs. Dunn.

Letters and Communications

Oral Communications – Public Comment on agenda-related items - None
Written Communications – None.

Recommended Actions - Routine Items

MINUTES

Mr. Cancemi moved for approval of the minutes of the following meetings. Mr. Bilson seconded the motion.

Regular Meeting of June, 2025

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

BUDGET TRANSFER

Mr. Cancemi for approval of the Budget Transfer #12. Mr. Bilson seconded the motion.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Carried.

BIDS

None

TREASURER'S REPORT – **NONE**
BUDGET STATUS REPORT -June **RECEIVED & FILED**

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

Personnel Report – Certificated

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

A motion was approved to bring in addendum to Classified report on a motion by Mr. Paretto, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

Final Resolution: addendum added.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

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

Personnel Report - Classified w/Addendum

Final Resolution: motion carried.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

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

Report from Committee on Special Education

Report from Committee on Preschool Special Education

Final Resolution: motion carried.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

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

Short-Term Contracts **(SG 1)**

1. Makeeda Brooks Just Be Girls Power Up Summer empowerment Program GPS $3,000.00 F2110-400-049-0325 July 28-30, 2025
2. Jessie M. Scott Hope Club Of Niagara $0.00 July 22 – 24, 2025
3. Anne Kent-Kwasniewski TRC presentation $2,200.00 F2070-400-045-8126 July 7, - August 8, 2025
4. Elizabeth Bell TRC presentation Grit and Enhancing ELL instruction $1,950.00 F2070-400-045-8126 July 7, - August 8, 2025
5. Curriculum Associates Ready Readying Workshop ELA 4-8 $2,300.00 F2110-404-098-0125 August 28, 2025
6. Melinda Scime, PhD. GPS Summer School Counseling $3,750.00 F2110-400-049-0325 July 7, - Aug 6, 202 Mon & Wed.
7. Modie Cox Winning Because I Tried GPS Summer School Mentoring $5,000.00 F2110-400-049-0325 July 10, - Aug 7, 2025 Thursdays
8. Community Missions Of Niagara Frontier Inc. GPS Summer School Girls Circle $1,831.00 F2110-400-049-0325 July 7, - Aug 7, 2025 Tuesdays and Thursdays

9. 3G Entertainment Inc. (dba Manor Lanes) Bowling Program for Prep and HS Summer Sports Enrichment $8,400 F 2110 400 098 6626 July 15 – August 14, 2025

Final Resolution: motion carried.

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

4.11 Head Start/Early Head Start Reports - None

5. Unfinished Business

5.01 None

6. New Business

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

APPROVAL OF RECEIPT OF GIFT FROM KIWANIS CLUB OF LEWISTON

Final Resolution: motion carried.

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

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

WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Lewiston has donated $500.00 to the Niagara Falls City School District; and

WHEREAS, This donation will be used by students and families within the District,

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education gratefully accept the donation of $500.00

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

Kiwanis Club of Lewiston

PO Box 18

Lewiston NY, 14092

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

APPROVAL OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK'S AUDIT COMMITTEE 2025-2026

WHEREAS, In order to achieve its goal to ensure public confidence in the operation of the School District and expenditures of tax dollars, in February 2005, the Board of Education created an Audit Committee as a standing committee, comprised of all members of the Board of Education sitting as a Committee of the Whole; and

WHEREAS, The Audit Committee was charged with the responsibility of overseeing District finances by developing requests for proposals for external audit functions, evaluation of responses to requests, making recommendations to the Board; and

WHEREAS, In 2009 the Board reconstituted the Audit Committee to consist of nine members, five of whom would be Board of Education Members and four of whom would be community members, with all appointed by the Board of Education to serve for a period of one (1) year or until their replacement whichever shall later occur; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Audit Committee will be appointed at the will of the Board as per the aforementioned motion; and

WHEREAS, The Board now wishes to appoint Members to the Audit Committee to serve July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026 all in accordance with the Audit Committee Charter; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board does hereby appoint:

Clara Dunn	Vincent Cancemi	Heather Johnson	Jerry Petito	TBD
Joseph Giarrizzo	Robert Bilson	Nicholas Vilardo	TBD	

as Members of the Audit Committee to serve for a term commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 or until their replacement, whichever shall later occur.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL LUNCH BUDGET 2025-2026

WHEREAS, The School Lunch Fund is subject to all provisions of the Uniform System of Accounts as established by the New York State Department of Audit and Control; and

WHEREAS, The recommended school year 2025-2026 School Lunch and Breakfast Budget has been developed according to the revenue and expenditure accounts specifically established for a School Lunch and Breakfast Fund in the amount of $6,794,448; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the school year 2025-2026 School Lunch Budget in the amount of $6,794,448.

APPROVAL OF CALENDAR OF BOARD ACTIVITIES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET—2025-2026

WHEREAS, The adoption of the Superintendent's recommended General Fund Budget is one of the most important annual activities of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Board adoption of the General Fund Budget is the final step in a series of preceding steps and activities that must be accomplished according to a schedule; and

WHEREAS, The development of a General Fund Budget is dependent upon a clear understanding of responsibilities that are both Board and staff related; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt the attached Calendar of Board Activities for the preparation of the General Fund Budget.

Niagara Falls Board of Education
2026 - 2027 Key Budget Dates

- Board Review of Budget – January – April
- Submit Tax Levy Limit Calculation – March 1, 2026
- Superintendent's Budget Recommendation to Board – April 16, 2026
- Board to Adopt Budget and Contingent Budget – April 16, 2026
- Present Property Tax Report Card – April 16, 2026
- Submit Property Tax Report Card to SED – April 17, 2026
- Budget Available – April 30, 2026
- Public Hearing – May 7, 2026
- Mail Budget Notice – May 8, 2026
- Budget Vote – May 19, 2026
- Finalize Revenue Estimates – June 18, 2026

- Set Tax Levy and Tax Rate – July 2, 2026

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM TAX ROLLS, AUTHORIZE TAX LEVY, AND ISSUANCE OF TAX WARRANT—2025-2026

The important variables involved in the calculation of the tax rate and extension of the rolls are as follows:

2025	City Assessment Roll Total for Wards 1-15	$ 1,325,589,154
2025/26	Real Property Tax Levy	$ 25,828,989
2025/26	Full Value Tax Rate	$ 19.48491274

This action item was prepared by Ms. Julie Jacklin, Budget Manager, and the proposed resolution was reviewed by Mr. Angelo Massaro, School District Attorney.
Ms. Jacklin will answer questions pertaining to this action item.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Resolution to Confirm Tax Rolls, Authorize Tax Levy, and Issuance of Tax Warrant—2025/26

WHEREAS, The City Assessor has delivered the assessment rolls to be used for the 2025/26 tax levy and are therefore in compliance with §1302 of the Real Property Tax Law; and

WHEREAS, The delivery of the assessment rolls, Board adoption of the General Fund Budget on April 10, 2025 and official adoption of budget on May 21, 2025 following voter approval on May 20, 2025, and

WHEREAS, The full value tax rate has been determined to be $19.48491274; and

WHEREAS, All calculations used to determine the total tax levy per ward have been completed; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board establish a final tax rate of $ 19.48491274; and

RESOLVED, That the tax rolls for the fifteen (15) wards of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, for the school taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, be and ending June 30, 2026, as completed, be and the same hereby are confirmed and approved by the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Niagara Falls New York, as follows:

Ward	City Assessment Roll	Full Value Tax Rate	Real Property Tax Levy
1-15	$ 1,325,589,154	$ 19.48491274	$ 25,828,989

RESOLVED, That the School District Tax Collector of said City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, be hereby required and commanded to collect the aforesaid school taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, as extended and completed; and

RESOLVED, That the School District Tax Collector be issued the Warrant (see Attachment #1) for the collection of school taxes and is directed to adhere to all provisions as noted in the warrant.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS TO PROVIDE ALL SERVICES FOR THE BILLING AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR REAL PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED BY THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS —2025-2026

WHEREAS, The District levies an amount of taxes each year as a portion of its total revenues to support the operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, The District is responsible for the collection of taxes from residents (homestead) and businesses (non-homestead) derived from the budget approved tax levy amount; and

WHEREAS, The District has appointed the Administrator of School Business

Services as its Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, The District has contracted in the past to use the City of Niagara Falls as its agent to perform the services of billing and collection of the School District tax levy; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to continue this Contract for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, The fee for performing these services is the current amount (2024-2025) of $81,776.33 increased by the Regional Northeast CPI for calendar year 2025, when it has been determined, which includes the cost of postage; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby agrees to retain the services of the City of Niagara Falls for the purpose of providing all necessary services for the billing and collection of the School District's tax levy for 2025-2026; and

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

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be and he hereby is authorized and directed to execute the Contract; and be it further

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

APPROVAL OF FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES – 2025-2026

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY DBA LEARNWELL, FOR PERIOD COVERING JULY 1, 2025- JUNE 30, 2026

Final Resolution: motion carried.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

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

APPOINTMENT OF JUDITH M. GLASER AS DISTRICT CLERK FOR THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT CONTAINING THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND BENEFITS OF HER EMPLOYMENT AS SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CLAIMS AUDITOR SERVICES BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR – DENISE KOLBER JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

Final Resolution: motion carried.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND THE NIAGARA FALLS POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE, INC. TO LEASE A PORTION OF NFHS -- JULY 2025-JUNE 2026

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR COPY ROOM SPACE BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES) ORLEANS/NIAGARA

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NIAGARA FALLS TEACHERS CREDIT UNION AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR OFFICE SPACE 2025-2026

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ON COOPERATIVE PURCHASING THROUGH BOCES, AND/OR VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES AND/OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Final Resolution: motion carried.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH OMNI FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL REVIEW, ADMINISTRATIVE AND IRS TAX-COMPLIANT SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT'S 403(B), 457(B) AND TAX-DEFERRED INVESTMENT PROGRAMS 2025 - 2026

APPROVAL OF CAPITAL MARKETS ADVISORS, LLC AS BOND CONSULTANT FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE SALE OF BONDS AND NOTES BY THE DISTRICT IN ITS NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS AND CASH FLOW OPERATIONS FOR 2025-2026

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH RUFFELL REIMBURSEMENTS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL REVIEW, ADMINISTRATIVE AND NYSED COMPLIANT SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT'S STAC PROCESSING PROGRAM 2025- 2026

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, AND BUFFALO SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, LLC (BSI) FOR JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR GRANT PREPARATION – BATTAGLIA & ASSOCIATES RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS, 2025 – 2026

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND NIAGARA FALLS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR PHYSICAL REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETIC PROGRAMS—2025-2026

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH DR. PHILIP SAUVAGEAU FOR DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK, FOR THE SERVICES OF POLICE OFFICERS TO SERVE AS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK FOR THE SERVICES OF AN OFFICER OF THE DAY FROM THE NIAGARA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

Final Resolution: motion carried.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

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

APPROVAL TO BIND PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, GENERAL LIABILITY, AUTOMOBILE, UMBRELLA, INLAND MARINE, AND CYBER INSURANCE WITH THE NEW YORK STATE INSURANCE RECIPROCAL ("NYSIR"), AS PROPOSED FOR THE AMENDED DOLLAR AMOUNT OF $795,936; AND TO BIND CRIME COVERAGE THROUGH TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA FOR THE AMENDED DOLLAR AMOUNT OF $4,825 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026

Final Resolution: motion carried.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL EMPLOYERS COUNCIL, INC. (NEC) TO ACT AS A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DISTRICT'S UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM – 2025 - 2026

Final Resolution: motion carried.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF STANDARD WORK DAY RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES REPORTED TO THE NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM 2025 – 2026

Final Resolution: motion carried.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND PROBE SERVICES JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

Final Resolution: motion carried.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS MEDICAID COMPLIANCE PROGRAM INCLUDING APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAID COMPLIANCE OFFICER, MEDICAID CODE OF ETHICS POLICY AND POLICY OF NON-INTIMIDATION AND NON-RETALIATION FOR GOOD FAITH PARTICIPATION IN MEDICAID COMPLIANCE PROGRAM 2025-2026

Final Resolution: motion carried.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND PRIDE HEALTHCARE STAFFING, LLC. (PHC.), FOR PERIOD COVERING JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

Final Resolution: motion carried.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF LIST OF IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICERS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF SURROGATE PARENT(S) FOR DISABLED CHILDREN FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND AMERGIS EDUCATIONAL STAFFING FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE ASPIRE OF WESTERN NEW YORK, INC. FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BAKER VICTORY SERVICES SCHOOLS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – SCHOOL 84 FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE STANLEY G. FALK SCHOOL FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH GATEWAY-LONGVIEW FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE RANDOLPH ACADEMY UFSD-HAMBURG CAMPUS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH JUDGE ROTENBERG EDUCATIONAL CENTER, INC., 240 TURNPIKE STREET, CANTON, MA 02021 FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH CENTER FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL FOR AGREEMENT WITH THE BEYOND LEARNING CENTER FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF AMENDING AGREEMENT WITH BHSC SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. FOR ON-SITE SPEECH THERAPY FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BUFFALO HEARING & SPEECH CENTER FOR ON –SITE-MUSIC THERAPY 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY BASED THERAPIES FOR ON-SITE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND/OR PHYSICAL THERAPY FOR 2025-2026

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE ARC OF THE ERIE COUNTY CHAPTER NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION FOR INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED CHILDREN, INC. FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW DIRECTIONS FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SUMMIT CENTER, INC. FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH NIAGARA FALLS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR ON-SITE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE NIAGARA FALLS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR ON-SITE PHYSICAL THERAPY FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES— ASSOCIATED PHYSICAL & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, PLLC 7/1/25—06/30/26

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND SERVICE BRIDGES INC. FOR JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL READING SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR DYSLEXIA THERAPY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES— WNY DYSLEXIA SPECIALISTS, LLC. 7/01/25—06/30/26

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES— AUTISM LEARNING PARTNERS. 7/1/25—06/30/26

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND INSTITUTE FOR AUTISM RESEARCH AT CANISIUS UNIVERSITY (JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026)

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND WESTERN NEW YORK OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, LLC 2025-2026

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING SERVICES AND THE DELIVERY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND THE CHILD CARE RESOURCE NETWORK FOR THE 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT COMPREHENSIVE IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND SCHOOL COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION PLANS REQUIRED ANNUALLY BY NYSED FOR ADDITIONAL TARGETED SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT AND TARGETED SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS FOR 2025 – 2026

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND THE LASALLE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER INC 4-YEAR-OLD PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM FOR UNIVERSAL PRE-SCHOOL SITE IN THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING SERVICES FOR TEACHING STRATEGIES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND TEACHING STRATEGIES, LLC ("TS") (HEREINAFTER TEACHING STRATEGIES), FOR THE 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

APPROVAL FOR CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR THE INTEGRATION OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM. – T.E.M.P., LLC FROM 2025-2026

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND MOTHER EARTH LITERACIES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR (JULY 2, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026)

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND NAZ716 FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR (JULY 2, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026)

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND VIA EVALUATION, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL GRANT EVALUATION SERVICES (SERVICES DESCRIBED HEREIN ARE STATE FUNDED)
(JULY 2, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026)

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND BESTSELF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC.

APPROVAL OF PLANNED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC. (FIRE) FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE HEAD START DIFRANCESCO BUILDING LOCATED AT 901-24TH ST NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14301

APPROVAL OF THE USE OF BEST VALUE CONTRACT AWARD METHODOLOGY, IN THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS, WHERE APPROPRIATE, INCLUDING PIGGYBACK BIDS UNDER SECTION 103 SUBDIVISION 16 OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, FOR PURCHASE CONTRACTS (INCLUDING CONTRACTS FOR SERVICE WORK, BUT EXCLUDING ANY PURCHASE CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE EIGHT OF THE LABOR LAW) WHICH MAY NOW BE AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF LOW BID OR BEST VALUE, AS AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 103 OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AND AS DEFINED IN SECTION 163 OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW

Final Resolution: motion carried.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF FOUR (4) CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENTS

Final Resolution: motion carried.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

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

CONTRACT WITH ATTORNIES

Approval of the Proposed Policy(ies)

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

VIDEOCONFERENCING TO CONDUCT MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW SECTION 103-A EFFECTIVE UNTIL JULY 1, 2026

Final Resolution: motion carried.
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi
Abstain: Nicholas Vilardo

On a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Bilson, the 30-day tabling was waived on the amended purchasing policy. All in favor.

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

AMENDED PURCHASING POLICY

8. Information and Reports

Superintendent's Report
Board Members Report and Comments

Advanced Planning

Future Agenda Items

Future Meeting Dates:

Thursday, July 31, 2025

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Adjournment

The Board entered executive session at 7:10 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Petrozzi, seconded by Mr. Vilardo for the purpose of discussing the possible employment of an individual.

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.
Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Motion to exit executive session and adjourn at 7:37 p.m. made by Mr. Bilson, seconded by Mr. Petrozzi.

Motion by Rob Bilson, second by Russell Petrozzi.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Meeting Adjourned in memory of:

Betty Carr-Jordan, mother of Owen Steed.

Rosemary Dawdy, retired nurse.

Robert Dobrasz, a member of the Niagara Falls School District Board of Education for 10 years in the 1990s and a teacher for a short time in the 1960s, passed away at home on June 20th. Father of Stan Dobrasz, teacher at NFHS, Amanda Castilon, nurse at Maple.

Michael Marino, retired groundsman.

District Clerk.

DATE:	July 31, 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 (entered 5:45 p.m.), Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo *remote

Excused:

NFHS senior Miss Harjyot Kaur was sworn in as an ex-officio Board member by District Clerk Glaser. She serves as the Lt. Governor of the Kiwanis Club. She is a member of Keyclub; she has represented that organization at interstate conferences. She is a member of the Trauma Informed Care team. She is employed by Wegman's. She speaks four languages and is a member of the National Honor Society. She belongs to Donate Life, has interned at Roswell, and volunteered at NFMMC.

The selection process at NFHS was excellent; 15 students were interested in serving in this position.

Miss Kaur thanked the group for its warm welcome.

Mr. Laurrie welcomed Ms. Vilardo and Mr. Brown to the regular group of staff attending meetings. Mr. Brown is a 2006 alumnus of NFHS. Also, he expressed support for Mrs. Glaser in the loss of her husband and to Mr. Capizzi in the loss of his family's iconic restaurant, which was lost in a fire.

UPDATE ON YONDR POUCHES AND SMART DEVICE POLICY

This requirement came down from Albany with not a lot of time for implementation or to test run protocols.

Yondr pouches and unlocking devices have arrived for students in grades 7 -12. Grades Pre-Kindergarten 3 through Grade 6 students will utilize school provided cubbies and lockers. A frequently asked questions document will be coming to you in August.

Students using pouches will retain their property in the locked pouch. They cannot access the phone until the end of the day; phones must be off or in airplane mode. Those requiring use of their phones due to translation or special education needs will be given pouches that do not lock.

Parents needing to contact their child/ren can call the school, email, or use the school messaging app, Remind, to contact the teacher.

The policy, to be voted on tonight, also includes a student discipline component, which includes incremental consequences for unauthorized use of smart devices, i.e., warning, confiscation, confiscation with parental retrieval only, no smart device allowed in school at all.

Faculty and staff must model the behavior they expect students to emulate.

The State is reimbursing $10.90 each for students 7-12 – far below the cost of purchasing the pouches.

Updates on how the implementation is going will be shared in the future.

The other policy on the agenda was also reviewed in depth. It is another State-mandated policy regarding maximum temperature allowed in classrooms. Since all District schools except the Community Education Center are air conditioned, there shouldn't be much impact for Niagara Falls students.

Review of the evening's agenda items was held.
Teachers still needed for September include: two speech teachers; two world language teachers; and one science teacher.

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER at 7 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reflection was offered by Mrs. Dunn.
Roll Call
Mr. Bass*, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Miss Kaur
Excused:
Letters and Communications
Oral Communications - Public Comment on Agenda Items

Written Communications – None.

Recommended Actions from the Superintendent of Schools - Routine Matters

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

Minutes – July 2025
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo
Absent at vote: Mr. Cancemi

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Bilson seconded by Mr. Vilardo.
Approval of Budget Transfer - #13

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo
Absent at vote: Mr. Cancemi

Treasurer's Reports – May 2025 Received and filed.
Budget Status Report – June 2025 Received and filed.

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

Personnel Report – Certificated
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo
Note: Mr. Paretto abstained from Item IV.

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

Mr. Laurrie accepted with regret and thanks the retirement of Eddy Street, a beloved member of the Abate staff.

Personnel Report – Classified
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

Reports from Committee on Special Education –
The Committee on Special Education met on March 10, 12, 19, 2025; and April 1, 11, 2025; and May 1, 2, 6, 14, 15, 28, 30, 2025; and June 3, 9, 13, 17, 18, 23, 27, 2025 to review Annual Reviews, and January 17, 27, 2025; and April 29, 2025; and March 13, 14, 21, 27, 30, 2025; and June 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30, 2025; and July 3, 7, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 2025 to review and initiate the placement of students with disabilities.

The Board of Education is required by law to act upon the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education. If no action is taken tonight, the students involved in the recommendations will not begin to receive the services deemed necessary for their education. Furthermore, the parents of the students involved could take legal action against the Board.

This action item was prepared by Cheryl Meteer, Chairperson of the Committee on Special Education. The recommended resolution was approved by Mr. Angelo Massaro, School District Attorney.

Mr. Mark Laurrie, Superintendent of Schools, will answer questions pertaining to this item.
ALTERNATIVE ACTION:
None.
RECOMMENDATION:

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Report from the Committee on Special Education

The Committee on Special Education met on March 10, 12, 19, 2025; and April 1, 11, 2025; and May 1, 2, 6, 14, 15, 28, 30, 2025; and June 3, 9, 13, 17, 18, 23, 27, 2025 to review Annual Reviews, and January 17, 27, 2025; and April 29, 2025; and March 13, 14, 21, 27, 30, 2025; and June 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30, 2025; and July 3, 7, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 2025 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 2025-2026 school year.

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi seconded by Mr. McCleod.
Reports from Committee on Preschool Special Education
The Committee on Pre-School Special Education met on May 15, 20, 22, 27, and 29, 2025; and June
10, 12, 17, and 24, 2025; and July 9, 10, 11, 21, 24, and 25, 2025; to review and initiate the
placement of preschool students with disabilities.
The Board of Education is required by law to act upon the recommendations made by the Committee
on Pre-school Special Education. If no action is taken tonight, the students involved in the
recommendations will not begin to receive the services deemed necessary for their education.
Furthermore, the parents of the students involved could take legal action against the Board.
This action item was prepared by Cheryl Meteer, Chairperson of the Special Education Department.
The recommended resolution was approved by Mr. Angelo Massaro, School District Attorney.
Mr. Mark Laurrie, School Superintendent, will answer questions pertaining to this item.
ALTERNATIVE ACTION:
None.
RECOMMENDATION:
A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Report from the Committee on Pre-School Special Education

The Committee on Pre-School Special Education met on May 15, 20, 22, 27, and 29, 2025; and June 10, 12, 17, and 24, 2025; and July 9, 10, 11, 21, 24, and 25, 2025; 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 and 2025-2026 school years.

Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

Short-Term Contracts:

1. 1. Dr. Marcus Thomeer Institute for Autism Research Canisius University Staff Autism Training $185.00/hr
   NTE 8,000 F2250 404-098-0724August, 20, 28, 2025
2. Niagara Falls Convention Center Prom 2025-2026 $12,000.00 June 18, 2026

Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

Headstart/Early Headstart Reports - None

New Business

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

6.01 Approval of District Prep Literacy Resources for English Language Arts in Grades 6-8, Recommendation

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Approval of Recommendation: That the Niagara Falls Board of Education approve the program resources; That the following be approved for grades 6-8 English Language Arts:

Grade Levels	Text/Material	Publisher
Grade 6, 7 & 8	StudySync	McGraw Hill

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

6.02 Approval of Agreement with the Board of Education of Lyndonville School District for 2025-2026 School Year

WHEREAS, The District's Committee on Special Education has determined that the available current district programs are not appropriate for the unique educational needs of some special education students; and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Special Education has determined that other specific school districts may offer instructional programs that do accommodate these special educational needs; and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Special Education must recommend and accommodate placement based upon the individual student's needs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Agreement with Lyndonville Central School District a copy of which is attached for the period commencing September 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to such modifications as the

Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

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

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

AGREEMENT FOR INSTRUCTION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 31st day of July 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630- 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, 14304 party of the first part, herein called the School District, and Lyndonville Central School District, party of the second part, herein called the School.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The School District is responsible for the education of children with disabilities as provided by Article 89 of the Education Law of the State of New York {as enacted by Chapter 853 of the Laws of 1976}, and

WHEREAS, The School District is authorized and empowered to contract for the education of children with disabilities in schools which have been approved by the Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, in accordance with the provisions of Article 89 of the Education Law, and

WHEREAS, The School has warranted and represented to the School District that it is located within and incorporated in and under the laws of the State of New York and is approved by the Commissioner of Education of the State of New York and is fully qualified and competent to provide adequate instruction to children with disabilities in accordance with the provisions of Article 89 of the Education Law, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District and the governing board or body of the School have each, by resolution duly adopted, authorized and approved the execution of the contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Article 89 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the parties do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. During the 2025-2026 school year, commencing on or about September 1, 2025, and ending on or about June 30, 2026 the School will provide adequate and sufficient education and instruction for all children with disabilities who are specifically assigned to the School by written direction of the Superintendent of Schools of the School District. The education and instruction of each such children in all respects and at all times be subject to the control, supervision, and approval
of said Superintendent of Schools, who shall have the right to terminate the attendance of any child at the School at any time when he/she considers such action to be in the best interests of such child or the School District. Any action of said Superintendent of Schools herein mentioned may be taken by his/her duly authorized representative.

2. The school shall promptly furnish to said Superintendent of Schools any and all reports and data, which he/she may request concerning the education and educational progress of these children such as:

2-A Maintenance of evaluation, progress and discharge reports, therapy attendance records, daily session notes, quarterly progress notes as may be deemed appropriate
2-B Must permit Medicaid audits, that the agency maintains required records, and that the agency makes those records available in the event of an audit.

3. In full payment for the services rendered by the School as above provided, the School District will pay to the School at a rate of:

- Non-Resident 8:1:1 Tuition for 25/26 $25,572.00
- Speech/Language Therapy: Individual $2,045.03
- Speech/Language Therapy: Small group $4,40.00
- Occupational Therapy: Small group $1,980.00
- Physical Therapy: Individual $2,650.00
- Total: $36,737.03

for the education and instruction of the children so assigned to and enrolled at the School for the entire 2025-2026 school year; in the event a child does not remain enrolled at the School for the remainder of the school year, the payment for such child shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education of the State of New York. The School shall submit to the School District at the end of each calendar month or other period approved by said Superintendent of Schools a voucher listing the name of each such child who was in actual
attendance at the School during the period covered by such voucher, the dates of such attendance and the amount payable as herein provided for each such child. The School District recognizes that tuition rates are set by New York State and may be subject to change from above. Payment will be promptly made by the School District upon the audit and approval of such voucher in the regular course of business.

3- The School shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify and hold harmless the School District, its agents, servants and/or employees from and against any and all costs, losses and damages arising out of services performed pursuant to this Agreement.

4. The School shall maintain general liability insurance in amount(s) acceptable to the School District. All policies shall name the School District as additional party insured. Certificates of insurance shall be filed with the School District prior to the commencement of any activities under this Agreement

5. This Agreement shall commence September 1, 2025 and terminate June 30, 2026. The School District may sooner terminate this Agreement upon Thirty (30) Day written to Lyndonville School District of its intention to terminate.

6. This Agreement shall in all respects be subject to all applicable laws, statutes, and regulations and shall be specifically subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education of the State of New York and such other officials or agencies of the State of New York as may be required by law.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

6.03 Approval of Contract Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Research Foundation for the State University of New York on Behalf of the University at Buffalo for Professional Consultant Services (the Services Described Herein Will Be Federally Funded) (August 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025)

WHEREAS, It is acknowledged that many students come to school with trauma and that trauma impacts student learning; and

WHEREAS, To address the impact of trauma on students the District seeks to have the Institute on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care through the Research Foundation at the State University of New York at Buffalo provide consulting services and staff trainings at all District schools through the School-Based Mental Health Services Grant; and

WHEREAS, The District proposes to partner with the Research Foundation of the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo to prepare school staff to identify signs of trauma and to respond using trauma-informed care; and

WHEREAS, The Administration negotiated a Contract with the Research Foundation at the State University of New York at Buffalo, through the Institute on Trauma and Trauma Informed Care for it to provide the desired consultation services, trainings, and classroom-based coaching to staff members for a not to exceed agreed upon fee of $30,000 payable in two (2) equal installments of $15,000, effective for a term commencing August 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the Attached Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Research Foundation of the State University of New York at Buffalo through the Institute on Trauma and Trauma Informed Care for it to provide the consultation services, trainings, and classroom-based coaching for a not to exceed agreed upon fee of $30,000; and further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR SUNY on behalf of the UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 31st day of July 2025, 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 RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR SUNY on behalf of the UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO with a principal office located at 35 State Street, Albany, NY 12207 and with a place of business at UB Commons, Suite 211, 520 Lee Entrance, Amherst, NY 14228-2567 ("University"),

WITNESSETH:

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

1. Engagement of Foundation. The District hereby engages the Foundation as an independent contractor to render to the District professional consulting services relating to trauma and trauma-informed care for August 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025, and the Foundation hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of the Foundation: The University shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services with the Institute on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care (hereinafter referred to as "Services") including:

a) Facilitation of monthly steering committee meetings with District administration and quarterly meetings with school principals

b) Trainings at New Teacher Orientation

c) Creation of student champion team curriculum and support in the implementation of the student champion team curriculum

d) Consultation and support for Head Start staff including the creation of a building level champion team

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 according 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 Foundation shall not be an employee of the District. The Foundation 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 Foundation is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns

4. Compensation to Foundation. Upon receipt of a payment invoice,
the District shall pay to the Foundation for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $30,000, in two (2) equal installments of $15,000 payable to the order of the Foundation on October 31, 2025 and December 31, 2025. Invoices shall be submitted by the Foundation on the dates herein stated to the District at the following address: 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304.

The Foundation shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the Foundation full payment to, and acquittance. The Foundation will allocate funds in general accordance with the budget submitted to the District. Foundation may deviate from the budget consistent with Service needs to complete the scope of work outlined in Article 2 above, provided that any budget deviations do not increase the total dollar amount to be paid by District, unless agreed in writing by the parties. Any pre-paid, unearned funds will be returned to the District.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Foundation 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. The Foundation and/or its subcontractor shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. The Foundation and/or its subcontractor are 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.

6. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from August 1, 2025 to December 31, 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.

7. Assignment: The services to be rendered by the Foundation under this Contract are unique and personal. Accordingly, the Foundation party shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Contract 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.

8. No Warranties: Foundation makes no warranties, expressed or implied, as to any matter whatsoever, including without limitation the condition or performance of the Services, Service results, deliverables, work product, or any inventions, intellectual property, or products, whether tangible or intangible, conceived, discovered, reduced to practice, or developed under this agreement, or the ownership, merchantability, fitness

for any particular purpose, or non-infringement of the Services, Service results, deliverables, work product, inventions, intellectual property, or product. Foundation will not be liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, special or other damages suffered by the District or any other parties resulting from the use or misuse of the Service results, deliverables, work product, inventions, intellectual property, or any product or service derived therefrom.

9. Entire Agreement. 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

6.04 Approval of Amendments of Transportation Contract Extensions for Contracts Between the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc. for Transportation Services July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

WHEREAS, According to §305, subdivision 14 of the State Education Law, extensions of existing Transportation Contracts are permitted for a maximum of five (5) years, subject to the power of the Commissioner of Education to approve or disapprove; and

WHEREAS, The price increase in any annual extension is limited to an amount, which does not exceed the preceding year's Contract price by more than the increase, in the appropriate Consumer Price Index (CPI) provided in the law; and

WHEREAS, The District has eleven (11) Transportation Contracts with Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc., which were extended through August 31, 2030 as approved on March 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to execute contract amendments providing for an increase of existing contract extensions by the 2025 CPI rate of 3.4% for the period 7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 in compliance with all laws, rules and regulations pertaining to transportation of students therefore; be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the amendments of the Transportation Contract extensions listed below, with the District's current Contractor, Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc. for transportation services, for the period July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 reflecting a cost increase equal to the 2025 Consumer Price Index of 3.4%, as provided in the law,
for year 2025 – 2026:

E00/5/2/4/8A Kindergarten
E00/5/2/4/5A Integration
E00/5/2/4/7A Trainable
E00/5/5/9/1A Specials
E00/5/5/9/2A Special Needs
E00/5/5/9/4A
E/5/7/5/9/1/9/A
C/5/7/5/9/2/0/E
Field Trips
Aides / Monitors
Summer Aides / Monitors
E/6/1/1/3/5/6E Summer School Regular
E/6/1/1/3/5/7E Summer School Special Needs

and further

RESOLVED, That such action is subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education as provided by applicable provisions of New York State Education Law; and further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the Amendments to Contract extensions for the period July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 between the District and Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc. providing for terms and conditions of performance required of Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc.; and further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute the amendments of the Transportation Contract extensions hereto attached, subject to other terms and conditions as may be required by the School District Attorney; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board on the Transportation Contracts and the Contract.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

6.05 Approval of Amendments to Transportation Contracts Between the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York and First Student, Inc. for Transportation Services July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025; And Amendments to Approved Extensions of Transportation Contracts for Services September 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

WHEREAS, An RFP was published by the District, and First Student, Inc. successfully scored criteria points at a level above the District set point; and

WHEREAS, The price increase in any annual extension is limited to an amount, which does not exceed the preceding year's Contract price by more than the increase, in the appropriate Consumer Price Index (CPI) provided in the law; and

WHEREAS, The District has three (3) summer Transportation Contracts with First Student, Inc., which it wishes to amend for the period July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025 to reflect a cost increase equal to the 2025 CPI of 3.4% for year 3 of 3 of approved contracts. The District has four (4) Transportation Contracts with First Student, Inc., which were approved to be extended for five (5) years on March 27, 2025 beginning September 1, 2025. The District wishes to amend these approved extensions for the period September 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 to reflect a cost increase equal to the 2025 CPI of 3.4% for year 1 of 5 of the approved contract extensions in compliance with all laws, rules and regulations pertaining to transportation of students subject to the approval of the Commissioner; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the Amendments of the Transportation Contracts and Contract Extensions listed below, with the District's current Contractor, First Student, Inc. for transportation services, for the periods July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025 for summer transportation services; and September 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 for school year transportation services, at a cost not to exceed the previous year contract costs increased by an amount equal to the 2025 Consumer Price Index of 3.4%, as provided in the law:

451-S Summer Out of District Transportation
452-S Summer Visually Challenged Transportation
454-S Summer Wheelchair Transportation
451 Out of District Transportation
452 Visually Challenged Transportation
453 BOCES Mid-Day and Full Day Transportation
454 Wheelchair Transportation
and further

RESOLVED, That such action is subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education as provided by applicable provisions of New York State Education Law; and further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the Amendments and Extensions to Contracts between the District and First Student, Inc. providing for terms and conditions of performance required of First Student, Inc.; and further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute the amendments of the Transportation Contracts hereto attached, subject to other terms and conditions as may be required by the School District Attorney; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board on the Amendments of Transportation Contracts.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

6.06 Approval of a Planned Service Agreement Between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Stark Tech Operating Company (10/01/2025 to 06/30/2028)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

6.07 Approval of Payment No. 14 to Scrufari Construction Co. Inc. for General 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 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 $508,661.16; 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 $25,433.06; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $508,661.16 less the required 5% retainage ($25,433.06) as outlined in the contract, $483,228.10; 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 $483,228.10 to Scrufari Construction Company 3925 Hyde Park Blvd Niagara

Falls, NY 14305 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: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

6.08 Approval of Payment No. 16 to Frey Electric Construction Co. Inc. for Electrical 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 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 $32,550.00; 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 $1,627.50; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $32,550.00 less the required 5% retainage ($1,627.50) as outlined in the contract, $30,922.50; 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 $30,922.50 to Frey Electrical Construction Corp. 100 Pearce Ave Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #16; 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: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

6.09 Approval of Payment No. 16 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 $15,740.00; 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 $787.00; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $15,740.00 less the required 5% retainage ($787.00) as outlined in the contract, $14,953.00; 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 $14,953.00 to U&S Services (Stark Tech) 95 Stark St Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #16; 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: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

7. Review of the Proposed Policy(ies)

Tabling waived on both policies on a motion by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

Final Resolution: Tabling waived.
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

Policy adopted on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mrs. Dunn.

7.01 Resolution Adopting Policy 7631 Use of Internet Enabled

Students

SUBJECT: USE OF INTERNET-ENABLED DEVICES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

The District consulted with local stakeholders including employee organizations representing each bargaining unit, parents, and students to develop this policy to prohibit the use of Internet-enabled devices by students during the school day on school grounds. This policy aims to ensure that students remain focused on their academic responsibilities throughout the school day, which includes all instructional and non-instructional periods such as homeroom, lunch, recess, study halls, and passing time.

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

a) "Internet-enabled devices" means and includes any smartphone, tablet, wearable technology, (ie smartwatch, wireless earbuds) or other device capable of connecting to the Internet and enabling the user to access content on the Internet, including social media applications;

"Internet-enabled devices" does not include:

1. Non-Internet-enabled devices such as cellular phones or other communication devices not capable of connecting to the Internet or enabling the user to access content on the Internet; or

2. Internet-enabled devices supplied by the District, charter school, or Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) that are used for an educational purpose.

b) "School day" means the entirety of every instructional day as required by subdivision 7 of the Education Law Section 3604 during all instructional time and non-instructional time, including but not limited to homeroom periods, lunch, recess, study halls, and passing time.

c) "School grounds" means in or on or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground, or land contained within the real property boundary line of a district elementary, intermediate, junior high, vocational, or high school, a charter school, or a BOCES facility.

Students are generally prohibited from using Internet-enabled devices during the school day anywhere on school grounds.

However, students may be authorized to use an Internet-enabled device during the school day on school grounds:

a) If authorized by a teacher, principal, or the District for a specific educational purpose;

b) Where necessary for the management of a student's health care;

Students

c) In the event of an emergency;

d) For translation services;

e) On a case-by-case basis, upon review and determination by a school psychologist, school social worker, or school counselor for a student caregiver who is routinely responsible for the care and well-being of a family member; or

f) Where required by law.

Students must be permitted to use an Internet-enabled device where the use is included in the student's:

a) Individualized Education Program (IEP); or

b) Section 504 Plan.

On-Site Storage of Internet-Enabled Devices Including Cell Phones

Students must store their Internet-enabled devices in designated on-site storage areas during the school day.

In grades Pre-k through 6, on-site storage areas may include, but are not limited to, student lockers, cubbies, storage bins in classrooms, or any other designated secure storage areas in the school's main office.

In grades 7-12 students will be placing internet enabled devices into secure, sealable bags designed to store and restrict access to such internet enabled devices. These bags will be stored in on-site storage areas which may include, but are not limited to, student lockers, or any other designated secure storage areas in an administrative office, or the school's main office. Any internet enabled devices and/or wearable technology that is too large to fit into a secured sealable storage bag must be stored in student lockers, or other designated secure storage areas in the school.

Students in grades 7-12 may also be permitted to carry these bags with them throughout the day, provided they do not attempt to open the bag and utilize their devices without permission or exemption as stated in this policy.

Designated on-site storage areas as noted in this policy are easily accessible to students, and provide adequate security to ensure the safekeeping of the student's devices.

The District will communicate the procedures for storing and retrieving devices, ensuring that students understand their responsibilities in using the on-site storage facilities provided.

Methods for Parents to Contact Students During the School Day

To accommodate necessary communication, parents or persons in parental relation may use the following methods to contact their student during school hours while adhering to this policy:

a) School Office, School Clinic, School Classroom Phones: Parents or persons in parental relation may call the school's main office, clinic or classroom and the staff can relay messages to the student or call the student to the phone to speak with their parent or person in parental relation.

b) District Email: Parents and persons in parental relation may use the District email system to send messages. These emails may be monitored by school staff who can then pass the messages on to the students.

c) School Public Address System: In case of an emergency, the school's main office can use the classroom public address system to notify students directly or ask them to come to the office.

d) District Auto Dialer System: In case of an emergency, a school or the District can use the auto dialer system to contact parents and provide information or ask them to come to the school.

d) School Messaging Application: The District uses a secure messaging application which allows parents or persons in parental relation to send messages to their student. The messages can be monitored and delivered by school staff.

e) Written Notes: Parents or persons in parental relation can drop off written notes at the school's main office, which can then be delivered to the student by school staff.

Parents and persons in parental relation will be notified in writing of the methods that are available for contacting their student during school hours upon enrollment and at the beginning of each school year.

Student Discipline for Accessing Internet-Enabled Devices During the School Day

The District is prohibited from suspending a student solely for accessing Internet-enabled devices in violation of this policy.

The District will adhere to the following progressive discipline procedure for students who violate this policy:

First Infraction: Student will receive a warning, and will be provided with a copy of the policy for review.

Second Infraction: Immediate confiscation of the device. The device will be held for the day and will be returned to the identified owner by the main office and/or the dean's office at the conclusion of the school day. The Parent or person in parental relation will be notified, and informed regarding penalties for further infractions.

Third Infraction: Immediate confiscation of the device. The parent or person in parental relation will be notified and informed regarding the penalty for a further infraction. The device will be held by the school in a secure location and will be only be returned to the parent or person in parental relation by the main office and/or the dean's office upon their request and retrieval.

Fourth Infraction: The student will no longer be permitted to bring the device to school to store in the secured bag. Should the student bring the device to school, it will be confiscated and held by the school in a secure location for the remainder of the school year. Return to a parent or person in parental relation will be determined through review on a case by case basis by the Superintendent or designee.

Posting and Translation of Policy

The District will post this policy in a clearly visible and accessible location on its website. Translations of the policy into the 12 most common non-English languages spoken by limited-English proficient individuals in the state will be provided upon request by a student or other persons in parental relation to a student.

Reporting and Mitigation Action Plan

Beginning September 1, 2026 and annually thereafter, the District will publish an annual report on its website detailing enforcement of this policy within the District in the prior school year. This report will include non-identifiable demographic data of students who have faced disciplinary action for non-compliance and analysis of any demographic disparities in enforcement of this policy. If a statistically significant disparate enforcement impact is identified, the report will include a mitigation action plan.

Education Law Section 2803

Adoption Date 07312025

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

Policy adopted on a motion by Mr. Bilson, seconded by Mr. McCleod.

7.02 Resolution Adopting Policy 5685 Maximum Temperature for School Buildings and Indoor Facilities
2025 5685

Non-Instructional/Business Operations

SUBJECT: MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND INDOOR FACILITIES

The District is responsible for addressing the health, safety, and comfort of students and staff on extreme heat conditions days.

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

a) Extreme heat condition days means days when occupiable educational and support services spaces are 82 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

b) Room temperature means the temperature measured at a shaded location, three feet above the floor near the center of the room.

c) Support services spaces do not include kitchen areas used in the preparation of food for consumption by students.

Implementation Plan When the Temperature Reaches Eighty-Two Degrees Fahrenheit

The District is required to take action to relieve heat-related discomfort when the occupiable educational and support services spaces temperatures reach 82 degrees Fahrenheit. These actions may include, but are not limited to:

a) Turning off the overhead lights;

b) Pulling down shades or blinds;

c) Turning on fans;

d) Opening classroom doors and windows to increase circulation, if permitted;

e) Turning off unused electronics that produce heat; and

f) Providing water breaks.

Air conditioners, where available, may also be used to keep room temperatures from reaching 82 degrees Fahrenheit. The District may take the actions above earlier in

the day or before school starts in an effort to keep the room temperature below 82 degrees Fahrenheit. This does not prohibit using air conditioning in response to a student's Individualized Education Plan, Section 504 Plan, or in response to a documented student medical need.
Implementation Plan When the Temperature Reaches Eighty-Eight Degrees Fahrenheit

The District will remove students and staff from educational and support services spaces when the room temperature reaches 88 degrees Fahrenheit where practicable. The Superintendent or designee may direct building principals to evacuate the space by:

a) Moving students and staff to cooler spaces within the school building(s); or

b) Closing school early and sending students and staff home according to the District's emergency school closing policy and/or procedure which include communicating with parents and persons in parental relation.

The Board will consider the anticipated number of extreme heat condition days when adopting or adjusting the District's school calendar. The District will also be mindful of collective bargaining agreements.

Education Law Section 409-n

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #3510 -- Emergency School Closings

Adoption Date 07312025
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

8. Information and Reports

Information and Reports
Public Comment on non-agenda-related items – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Congratulations to Miss Kaur and welcome. She is already contributing to the body.

Mr. Ventry and Mr. Rotella tell the Superintendent there may be eight August graduates for a graduation rate of 87%.

The greenhouse at Bloneva Bond School is on schedule to open September 2. The construction of the last vestibules at some schools is being completed

August 28 is the first day for teachers and will be the next Board meeting, with an audit committee meeting taking place at 4 p.m. The purpose of that meeting is to begin the external audit led by Drescher and Malecki

Summer Programs
Our summer student programs continue to be outstanding and smooth. Thank you to all who are leading and teaching in these programs.

Thanks to Mr. Carella and Mrs. Buchman for their work on this.
Extended Learning end s
A lot of great summer professional development has occurred and will continue over the course of the coming weeks, including work with seven interventionists on Dyslexia protocols.

Upcoming Dates include:
August 7: Pre Kindergarten and Kindergarten jamboree
August 18: 55 new employees will undergo orientation
August 27: vaccination clinic at Abate 3pm to 6 p.m.; at Cataract Elementary School on Sept. 8.

A soft opening of the District's collaboration with Sleep in Heavenly Peace saw 14 beds delivered to 1170 Elmwood. They will be distributed to families via the Family Support Center.

F Bites and students are selling coffee on Falls Street 7 a.m. under the direction of Chef Bobby Anderson.

Our custodial staff continues to do a great job preparing our schools for opening day.

Regarding "Say Yes, Niagara Falls" we have a long way to go but have secured a little more than $500,000 for student scholarships. Saturday Academics will be starting in October 4, 2025.

Fall sports will accept Primary Care Physician-conducted student physicals. There will be four days of time slots available for those who want to go to the Nurse Practitioner, Mrs. Duncan, who is doing a great job.

Miss Kaur thanked all for the warm welcome and is expressed that she is honored to be the student representative.

Mr. Capizzi thanked the community for support during the difficult time. Each Board member reached out. This is uncommon and appreciated.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT AND COMMENTS
Members expressed condolences to Mrs. Glaser and support for Mr. Capizzi; Michael's Restaurant was a place people gathered after football games, softball games, and for family gatherings. It will be missed.
Members welcomed Miss Kaur, with Mrs. Dunn adding that Miss Kaur will be a valuable to the Board. She encouraged her to speak up freely.

Advanced Planning
Future Agenda Items
Future Meeting Dates

The Board adjourned 8:27 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mr. Bilson and adjourned in memory of:

Gene Glaser, husband of District Clerk Jude Glaser.
Elaine T. Herbst, former teacher.
Patricia A. Pagano former NFCSD elementary teacher, wife of retired teacher Sam Pagano, mother of NFHS teacher Cathy Burke. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser
Judith Glaser, District Clerk

DATE:	August 28, 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 (entered 5:56 p.m.), Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo
Excused: Mr. McLeod

Staff: Ms. McCreary, Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Carella, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Mrs. Holody, Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser.

Mr. Laurrie introduced Ms. McCreary and Mr. Macri.
District Literacy Attestation - Mr. Carella and Mrs. Buchman reported on this topic.

This requires Districts to show they are compliant with Science of Reading.
Prior to September 1, 2025, all NYS School Districts must:
Utilize the Pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade literacy instructional best practices document to "reflect on the instructional best practices and literacy curriculum for students in prekindergarten through third grade".

Attest to alignment to the requirements in Education Law 818 via the online NYS Literacy Attestation Survey.

This assures that school districts are implementing teaching practices aligned with the Science of Reading in all classrooms from prekindergarten to grade three.

The NFCSD attestation status: approved.
Science of Reading Alignment: Affirmed: On July 24th the NFCSD Attestation Survey was approved by NYSED. After utilizing the NYSED prekindergarten to grade three Literacy Best Practices document, the district's curriculum and instructional practices are aligned to best practices in:phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, oral language, writing, and early reading interventions.

The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls has adhered to the process outlined by the NYSED by utilizing the Pre-Kindergarten through 3rd grade Literacy Instructional Best Practices document to review alignment with the Science of Reading, Making necessary curricular adjustments; providing multiple and ongoing professional learning opportunities for teachers, administrators and staff; presenting updates to the Board of Education on the phases of our updates that began in Summer/Fall 2023

It completing the Literacy Attestation Survey in the NYSED portal before the September 1, 2025 deadline, while the Curriculum and Resources were updated areas that required it for alignment with the Science of Reading.11
Professional Development is ongoing. Multiple staff have participated in Science of Reading courses offered by NYSUT and SUNY New Paltz.

A rigorous Summer schedule included well attended sessions conducted by our Coaches. Fall sessions are scheduled to carry on the work.

Opening of Schools - Ms. Massaro, Mr. Carella, Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Granieri, and Mr. Macri spoke on the preparations their respective departments have made to welcome students to the new academic year. School begins Wednesday.
Mr. Macri reported that:

- Building fire alarm system testing is ongoing and is 70% complete.
- All playground safety inspections have been completed for 2025.
- The cleaning of District buildings is on schedule. As of August 28th, cleaning is 90-95% complete.
- All District backflow preventers have been inspected and certified
- Fifteen classrooms at Cataract and four at Abate have been painted
- Five new trees at 79th St. Elementary have been planted by the grounds department
- Abate's front parking lot has been repaved and lined. New speed bumps and signage installed.
- Bloneva Bond parking lot lights have been upgraded to LED by the electrical dept
- Secured vestibules single point of entry is 95% complete
- A/C up and running at LPS and GPS.
- Parapets at Lasalle Prep have been re-grouted by the carpentry department
- Softball field at Maple Ave has been cut and the infield reshaped by the grounds department
- 79th St. and Maple Ave pools have been regrouted

Mrs. Dunn commended Mr. Macri and his staff on the cleanliness of Abate School and the improvements to the parking lot. Further, she told Mrs. Tompkins, who was in attendance, that the open house was top notch.
Mr. Vilardo added that Hyde Park also looks great. Mr. Bilson added that NFHS also looks great. Mr. Laurrie commented that the Governor was very impressed with the high school on her recent visit.

Mr. Macri is monitoring the lead testing; samples from faucets are being tested now.
Mr. Laurrie commended Mr. Macri for his work.
Ms. Massaro reviewed staffing progress and reported in each area, highlights include:

Staffing remained fluid over the summer, with retirements, resignations, and leaves of absence.

Two hundred eighty four staff members were hired or rehired, including six administrators, two principals and four assistant principals.

There were NFT appointments 151, of which 107 are rehires.

Unfilled positions include three certificated teaching positions, which were filled with retirees (utilizing the 211 waiver) in the areas of World Language, Speech, Science.

The District is starting the year with 13 teachers on full time leave.
Substitute needs for "regular" and "long term" subs may change as people request additional leaves
CSEA hires total 25; TAUL hires total 98
Two Head Start teachers and a safety officer will be hired.
Regarding the position of Interim Director of Facilities -the District continues to interview applicants from the required canvas of eligible candidates.
New Staff Orientation has taken place, while training and professional development is ongoing.

Mr. Laurrie commented that the District strives to hire people who reflect our students; minority hires are up 25%, double what it was a few years ago. He thanked Ms. Massaro for her work.

Mr. Granieri reviewed technology readiness. Highlights include a PowerSchool rollover to address new school year changes; network and system entrances in place, including student rostering and system administration.
Technology Committee reviewed District and instructional software use including:
New – Think Tech, Magic School AI, Website, Flat.io, CoPilot,
Upgrades – Arbiter, School Links, Securely Hall Pass, Café POS, Quaver, Schoology, PTECH resources.
Hardware resets included:
Additional security camera adds & updates.
Exterior door alarming configurations and training.
Continued Zero Eyes installs.
Network upgrades and security patches.
New Special Education classrooms.
~12,000 student laptop and iPad provisioned / imaged:
Consistent operational look.
Mostly an out-of-the-box performance.

Cybersecurity work included:
Education Law 2d contract acquisitions for new technology concerns.
Continued employment of encryption tools to combat phishing events.
Start of school year HRO sponsored Vector cyber awareness training.
Data flow document processing for teacher reference and for back-end software management.
Setup for planned cyber training events.
Mr. Laurrie commended Mr. Granieri for his work.

Mr. Carella and Mts. Buchman reported on instructional work, including the following highlights:
Elementary Level - Curriculum
ELA: Updated Grades K-3 assessment protocols to align with evidence-based instructional practices grounded in the Science of Reading - focus on individual diagnostic assessment of student skills leading to targeted, individualized instruction
Added new intervention (Ready Reading) for grades 4-6
Mathematics: Reviewed progress and needs after Year 1 of revised curriculum implementation/adjusted curriculum sequence as needed by grade

Pre-Kindergarten – a new "Report Card" was created for the 25-26 SY and Curriculum "Snapshot" updated
Special Class and Special Education Support
Newly appointed SPED instructional coaches led initiatives that included curriculum modification for special class settings
Curriculum resources were selected for Autism and Language Delay classes and will be piloted and evaluated in 18 classes this school year
Elementary Professional Development
Science of Reading Alignment: 8 workshops 380 teachers/seats
SPED: 4 workshops, 51 teachers/seats

Preparatory Level – Curriculum
ELA: Grades 6, 7 & 8 curriculum was revised and aligned to both the SoR and new core resources
Math Gr. 7: Curriculum was reviewed and modified after Year 1 of the latest renewal
Science: District assessments leading to the Gr. 5 NYS Science Assessment were revised after the first year of use
Technology: Grade 8 course was reworked to better align and prepare students for High School Pathways
Preparatory Level – Professional Development
ELA Resource training
Multiple Boces-provided sessions on Explicit Instruction, Student Behavior Management and Drop Out Prevention

Niagara Falls High School
15 courses created, updated or reworked assessment protocols revised or created
Updated courses include:
Algebra 2
Media Production
English – common assessments
US History – common assessments
Spanish
STEM Biotech Science
New course offerings include:
Armed Forces/Law Enforcement 2
Astronomy and Oceanography
Construction Trades 2
Music Theory 2
Regents Chemistry and Physics – new Standards and Regents assessments
Introduction to Engineering

Mr. Wojton reviewed the summer Professional Development and Training regarding Mental Health, School Climate and Student Well-Being, to include:
Updated Safety Protocols
School Counselor and Social Worker summer consortium
Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Trauma-Informed Educational Practice
School-based Trauma Informed Workplans

Collaboration and creation of Orleans Niagara Trauma, Illness and Grief teams (TIG).
Family and Community Engagement Program
EveryDay Labs attendance

He recognized Mr. DalPorto for his work on security issues.

Additional comments:
Mr. Laurrie noted that a press conference will take place September 24, 2025, regarding the partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. He further thanked Mrs. Duncan, Dr. Savageau, and Mr. Contento for their skillful handling of Fall Sports physicals.

A review of the evening's agenda items was held.

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER at 7 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

A reflection was offered by Mrs. Dunn.
Roll Call
Mr. Bass*, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Miss Kaur
Excused: Mr. McLeod
Letters and Communications
Oral Communications - Public Comment on Agenda Items

Written Communications – *A note of thanks was received from Margaret Glaser for adjourning July meeting in memory of Gene Glaser.*

Recommended Actions from the Superintendent of Schools - Routine Matters

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

Minutes –July 31, 2025 Meetings (SG 4)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi seconded by Mr. Bilson.
Approval of Budget Transfer - # 1 (SG 3)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Bilson seconded by Mr. Cancemi.
Approval of the following Bids –
1. BID NO. 109 Facility Paint

WHEREAS, Funds were appropriated for Facility Paint Supplies in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, public bidding procedures were observed for Bid No. 109 – Facility Paint Supplies; and

WHEREAS, Legal notice was published August 5, 2025 and bid documents were mailed to or secured by five potential bidders; and

WHEREAS, Bids were publicly opened and read on August 19, 2025 and one properly executed bid was received; and

WHEREAS, Bids were analyzed by Mr. Michael Macri, Interim Director of Facilities, and Ms. Ann Schiro, Purchasing Agent; therefore, be it

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

Award No.	Vendor	Discount Percentage
109 A	Sherwin Williams	66%

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

The following were received and filed.
Treasurer's Report –July 2025 (SG 3)
Budget Status Report – July 2025 (SG 3)

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mr. Cancemi .
Personnel Report – Certificated (SG 1, 2)
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Bass, seconded by Mr. Cancemi.
Personnel Report - Classified (SG 1, 2)
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Capizzi.
Report from Committee on Special Education (SG 1)
The Committee on Special Education met on August 11, 2025 to review Annual Reviews, and April 4, 2025; and July 30, 31, 2025; and August 1, 4, 8, 11,

12, 14, 20, 21, 2025 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 2025-2026 school year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

Report from Committee on Preschool Special Education (SG 1)

The Committee on Pre-School Special Education met on July 10, 17, 21, 24, and 28, 2025; and August 5, 6, 14, 15, 17, 19, and 20, 2025; 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 2025-2026 school year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

Short-Term Contracts

1. Curriculum Associates I-Ready Math AIS training LPS $2,300.00 F2110 400-098-0125 August 28, 2025
2. Curriculum Associates I-Ready Math AIS training LPS $600.00 F2110 400-098-0326 August 28, 2025
3. Everway Virtual Workshop for Special Educaators $1,197.00 A2010.400-002 September 2, 2025
4. New Punjabi Halal-Mirch Masala ENL Summer Camp Expo $600.00 F2110 200 098 2825 August 15, 2025
5. Game On Entertainment ENL Summer Camp Expo $200.00 F2110 400 098 2825 August 15, 2025
6. Crystal Munro, RN, MSN Medical Administration Training Head Start/ Early Head Start $2,000.00 F2230 404 098 TTA26 F2330 404 096 TTA26 September 5, 2025
7. Tim Miller iSafety First Aid & CPR Training Medical Administration Training Head Start/Early Head Start $1,208.00 F2230 404 098 TTA26

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

Head Start/ Early Head Start Reports – None.

5. Unfinished Business - None.

6. New Business

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

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM NATIONAL GRID (SG 1)

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

WHEREAS, National Grid has donated $10,000.00 to the City of Niagara Falls City School District; and

WHEREAS, This donation will be used to purchase school supplies for students; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education gratefully accepts the donation of $10,000.00; and

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

Robert Simmons III -
VP US Social Impact & Engagement
C/O Mark Johnson
National Grid
144 Kensington Avenue
Buffalo NY 14204

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING (JUNE 18, 2026) OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (SG 4)

WHEREAS, It is necessary that a special meeting of the Board of Education be held on the date and time and for the purposes below mentioned; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a special meeting of the Board of Education be held at the Administration Board Auditorium, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 18, 2025, for the purpose of considering and/or acting such business as might properly come before a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board if held on such date.

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Enrollment Projections for 2025/2026.

WHEREAS, It is necessary that the Board of Education each year approve the enrollment projections for the next school year; and

WHEREAS, The projections are used as a basis for interpreting staff needs, supply items expenditures, evaluating racial balance, developing the school capacity report, and for studying the feasibility of adjusting facilities to future needs; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the enrollment projections for 2025/2026 as listed below:

Grade	Without "500" Students[1]	With "500" Students [2]
Universal Pre-K	520	520
Kindergarten	511	526
Grade 1	504	518
Grade 2	513	546
Grade 3	458	501
Grade 4	498	549
Grade 5	504	552
Grade 6	431	479
Grade 7	519	534
Grade 8	504	525
Grade 9	544	548
Grade 10	539	544
Grade 11	445	452
Grade 12	622	629
Special Education	1,055	1,055
Total Projected Enrollment	8,167	8,478

[1] Registered students in the NFCSD (no "500" codes or charter school students)
[2] Projected 2025/2026 students in "NFCSD classrooms including 500 codes and Charter School students.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE USE OF INTERNET-ENABLED DEVICES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY AND FILING WITH THE NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the State of New York enacted a Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act (SAVE), a component of which requires Boards of Education within the State to adopt and annually review and amend, if necessary, a Code of Conduct for the maintenance of order on school property, including school functions, which Code of Conduct is to govern the conduct of students, teachers and other school personnel as well as visitors, and provide for the enforcement thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education in compliance with the law and regulations did formulate, adopt and file a Code of Conduct; and

WHEREAS, a Committee appointed by the District reviewed and amended the Code of Conduct in accordance with the laws and regulations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve and adopt the Code of Conduct as amended, after review by the Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Code of Conduct as amended and hereby adopted be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Education as required by law and regulations; and be it further

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASED SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND XANEDU PUBLISHING, INC. DBA EDUCATION ELEMENTS, FOR STAKEHOLDER SURVEY ADMINISTRATION AND REPORTING, FROM JANUARY 05, 2026 – MAY 30, 2026

WHEREAS, Target districts require support and guidance for survey administration and analysis; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to retain XanEdu Publishing, Inc. DBA Education Elements, to provide the necessary services required for the district's eleven (11) schools; and

WHEREAS, The Contract will be for a term commencing January 01, 2026, and terminating May 30, 2026 for an amount not to exceed $18,000.00 for services to be performed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the Contract with XanEdu Publishing, Inc. DBA Education Elements, a copy of which is hereto attached which provides, among other things, for a term commencing January 05, 2026 and terminating May 30, 2026 for an amount not to exceed $18,000.00; and further

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

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute such Contract; and further

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES
BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

This Contract, made this 28th day of August, 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 Sixty Sixth Street, Niagara Falls, New York, 14304 (hereinafter called the "First Party"), and XanEdu Publishing, Inc. DBA Education Elements, 4750 Venture Drive Suite 400, PMB#20 Ann Arbor, MI 48108-9505 (hereinafter called the "Second Party");

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the Parties do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. Engagement of Second Party. The First Party hereby engages the Second Party as an independent contractor to render to the First Party the professional consulting services regarding Targeted Support and Improvement District and School improvement planning, hereinafter described, and the Second Party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party. The Second Party shall provide and render to the First Party the usual and customary services of a consultant regarding Targeted Support and Improvement School planning, which services shall include, without limitation, the following:

- Creation, administration guidance and summative reports for Stakeholder Survey instruments via a Pre-Survey planning meeting, Dashboard Reporting tool and Readout Analysis;

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 according 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 Second Party shall not be an employee of the First Party. The Second Party is engaged by the First Party only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Contract, and the relationship to the First Party during the term of this Contract shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services hereinbefore expressly set forth, in the exclusive capacity of independent contractor only, and in no event as servant or employee except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have the power to control the activities and operations of the other and their status at all times will continue to be that of independent contractor.

4. Compensation to the Second Party. Upon receipt of a payment invoice the First Party shall pay to Second Party, a sum not to exceed $18,000.00 provided the services have been completed, payable in installments as follows. Second Party shall invoice the District for services rendered, on or about the following dates: March 6, 2026 for $9,000, May 15, 2026 for $9,000.00. Payment by checks made payable to the order of the Second Party, if in full accordance with the last sentence, shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance the Second Party, XanEdu Publishing, Inc. DBA Education Elements.

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

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

The Second Party shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the First Party. All policies shall name the First Party as an additional party insured. The Second Party is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Worker's Compensation insurance as required by law.

Certificates of insurance shall be filed with the First Party prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificates. The certificates shall contain provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice is given to the First Party.

6. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from 01/05/2026 through 05/30/2026, however, that any Party may, at any given time, terminate this Contract in all respects by giving to the other Party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

7. Assignment. The Second Party may hire and pay assistants; however, acting as an Independent Contractor, it is responsible for all wages, benefits, and taxes for any assistants so hired.

8. This Agreement is subject to and incorporates the terms and conditions of the Master Services Agreement located at [https://www.edelements.com/msa-surveys-and-services] ("MSA"). In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between this Agreement and the MSA, this Agreement will prevail.

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

IN W ITNESS W HEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

A lengthy discussion took place regarding student absence or chronic absenteeism. Board members questioned how many students are homeless and were told approximately 450. Clarifying information included the definitions of

homelessness, i.e., some students' families may be living with relatives and thus are considered homeless, even though they are not on the streets; others may be living in hotels. The number fluctuates. Also, it was pointed out that each has a liaison to work with families so affected.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR TRUANCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS – R. CUNNINGHAM CONSULTANTS, INC. 9/1/25 –8/31/26 (SG 1)

A lengthy discussion took place regarding student absence or chronic absenteeism. Board members questioned how many students are homeless and were told approximately 450. Clarifying information included the definitions of homelessness, i.e., some students' families may be living with relatives and thus are considered homeless, even though they are not on the streets; others may be living in hotels. The number fluctuates. Also, it was pointed out that each has a liaison to work with families so affected.

WHEREAS, The District desires to enter into agreement with R. Cunningham Consultants, Inc. as a consultant in the area of Truancy Prevention programs for grades Prek-12; and

WHEREAS, It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Education approve the agreement with R. Cunningham Consultants, Inc. for consulting services for the period September 1, 2025 and terminating August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The fee for services to be rendered shall be an amount not to exceed the sum of $140,000, payable in equal monthly installments of $11,666.00, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract for Professional Consultant Services by an Independent Contractor for Truancy Prevention Programs between the Niagara Falls City School District and R. Cunningham Consultants, Inc. attached hereto, be approved; and

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

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute such contract; and

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
CONSULTANT SERVICES
BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

This agreement, MADE THIS 28th DAY OF August, 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 Sixty Sixth Street, Niagara Falls, New York, 14304 (hereinafter called the "First Party"), and R. Cunningham Consultants, Inc., P.O. Box 432, Niagara Falls, New York 14302 hereinafter called the "Second Party");

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the Parties do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. Engagement of Second Party. The First Party hereby engages the Second Party as an independent contractor to render to the First Party the professional

consulting services in the area of truancy prevention, hereinafter described, and the Second Party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party. The Second Party shall provide and render to the First Party the usual and customary services of a consultant as they relate to interpreting services and shall include without limitation, the following:

a. Provide truancy prevention intervention services Grades PreK-12;

b. The Second Party will maintain the strictest standards of ethical behavior and confidentiality;

All of these functions shall be performed under the direction of the Superintendent. This consultant should possess a thorough knowledge of truancy prevention initiatives.

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

4. Compensation to the Second Party. Upon receipt of due monthly invoice indicating the days worked and duties performed, the First Party shall pay to the Second Party, for services rendered hereunder, a sum not to exceed $140,000, to be paid monthly by checks made payable to the order of the Second Party in equal monthly installments of $11,666.00 provided the invoices are received and approved by the District and receipt of a monthly report by the Superintendent. Payment checks payable to the order of the Second Party shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by the Second Party.

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

The Second Party shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the First Party. All policies shall name the First Party as an additional part insured. The Second Party is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Workers' Compensation insurance as required by law.

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

6. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026, provided, however, that any Party may, at any given time, terminate this Contract in all respects by giving to the other Party ten days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

7. Assignments\Assistants. The Independent Contractor agrees to hire to assist in performing the services required to be performed herein, and shall as an Independent Contractor be responsible and pay all wages, benefits, and taxes for such Assistants, and any additional assistants it may determine to hire.

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT OF LICENSE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION AND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS FOR AUTOMOBILE ACCESS ROAD LOCATED ON NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION PROPERTY WEST OF NEW ROAD, NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

In the construction of the new high school located on land adjacent to Hyde Park, Niagara Falls, New York, a temporary easement for the installation of a construction road from New Road west to the new high school site was granted by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation to the Niagara Falls City School District.

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation extended the license to the District in 2005 to use the road as a controlled automobile access road subject to the same terms and conditions as the original agreement, with an increase in the annual fee to eight hundred fifty dollars ($850.00) increased annually by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), renewable every five years through August 31, 2030. The agreement was amended on February 14, 2014 limiting allowable use, permitting it be used as a route of access to and from the high school parking lot, but not as a public thoroughfare.

The Second Amendment changes the license agreement to a one-year term, automatically renewing each year until terminated by either party. The first term fee of the second amendment effective September 1, 2025 will be $1,145.00. The fee increases will be 1.5% annually thereafter in lieu of increases determined by the CPI.

All other terms and conditions of the amended original license will remain in effect.

The Board should take action at this time to approve the Second Amendment to the License Agreement in order to permit continued use of the access road to service Niagara Falls High School.

This action item was prepared by Mrs. Rebecca Holody, Administrator for School Business Services, and the proposed resolution was reviewed by Mr. Angelo Massaro, School District Attorney.

Mrs. Holody and Mr. Massaro will answer questions pertaining to this action item.

RECOMMENDATION:

A motion is recommended for the approval of the Second Amendment of the License Agreement By and Between Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls for Automobile Access Road located on Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation property west of New Road, Niagara Falls, New York

WHEREAS, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation extended the license to the District in 2005 to use the road as a controlled automobile access road subject to the same terms and conditions as the original agreement, with an increase in the annual

fee to eight hundred fifty dollars ($850.00) increased annually by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), renewable every five years through August 31, 2030. The agreement was amended on February 14, 2014 limiting allowable use, permitting it be used as a route of access to and from the high school parking lot, but not as a public thoroughfare; and

WHEREAS, The Second Amendment changes the amended license agreement to a one-year term, automatically renewing each year until terminated by either party. The first term fee of the second amendment effective September 1, 2025 will be $1,145.00. The fee increases will be 1.5% annually thereafter in lieu of increases determined by the CPI. All other terms and conditions of the amended original license will remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, It is in the Board's best interest to approve the Second Amendment to the license agreement so as to permit access to the school site from New Road; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the attached Second Amendment to the License Agreement by and between Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls for automobile access road located on Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation property west of New Road, Niagara Falls, New York; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board of Education be authorized and directed to execute such Amended Licensing Agreement; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk is hereby directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board on said Extended Licensing Agreement.

SECOND AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT

This Amendment to License Agreement (this "Amendment") is made as of the ____ day of _____, 20__ by and between NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION, a New York corporation having a usual place of business at 144 Kensington Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14214 ("Licensor"), and NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, with offices at 630 66th Street, in the City of Niagara Falls, County of Niagara, and State of New York, 14304. ("Licensee").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Licensor and Licensee entered into that certain License Agreement (the "Original License") dated the 3rd of December 1998 later amended to on February 14,2014, whereby Licensor did license a portion of its fee owned transmission line right-of-way as shown on a certain map designated exhibit "A" together with appurtenances thereto specified in appendix "B", more particularly described therein; and

WHEREAS, Licensor and Licensee wish to modify the Original License with respect to the term and the manner in which the annual license fee shall be established.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged under seal, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Term/License Fee.

From and after the execution of this Amendment: (a) this License Agreement shall continue through the next succeeding anniversary of the Effective Date and shall automatically be extended for additional periods of one (1) year thereafter unless or until terminated under the conditions set forth herein or, provided that Licensee shall not be in default of any term, covenant and condition hereof, until such time as Licensee's Facilities are no longer needed by Licensee, whichever is sooner. Upon the end of the useful life of the Facilities, Licensor will determine if the Facilities shall be removed, filled, or abandoned in place at Licensee's sole cost and expense; and (b) for so long as the License Agreement remains in force and effect, the annual license fee in effect as of the date of the execution hereof shall increase upon each anniversary of the Effective Date thereafter by an amount equal to one and a half percent (1.5%) of the annual license fee in effect during the immediately preceding year. The foregoing annual increase shall be in lieu of any CPI-based increase to the annual license fee described in Article No. 4 in Appendix "B" of the Original License agreement.

2. Miscellaneous.

Except as expressly amended or modified hereby, all terms, covenants and conditions of the Original License shall remain in full force and effect and are hereby ratified and affirmed. From and after the execution hereof, the term "License Agreement" shall mean the Original License as modified by this Amendment.

Any capitalized term not defined hereunder shall have the meaning provided for in the Original License. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the Original License and the terms of this Amendment, the terms of this Amendment shall prevail.

This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 15 TO SCRUFARI CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. FOR GENERAL 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 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 $27,200.01; 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 5% retention in the amount of $1,360.00; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $27,200.01 less the required 5% retainage ($1,360.00) as outlined in the contract, $25,840.01; 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 $25,840.01 to Scrufari Construction Company 3925 Hyde Park Blvd Niagara Falls, NY 14305 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #15; 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: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 17 TO JOHN W. DANFORTH FOR HVAC CONTRACTING WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) CONTRACT 123B

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 $14,020.48; 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 $350.51; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $14,020.48 less the required 2.50% retainage ($350.51) as outlined in the contract, $13,669.97; and

WHEREAS, This appropriation will be expended from the Capital Fund and will be submitted as a claim for State Aid reimbursement according to the State formula for school buildings; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the payment of $13,669.97 to John W. Danforth 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #17; 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 following was approved on a motion by Mr. seconded by Mr. .

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 05 TO MKS PLUMBING CO. INC. FOR PLUMBING 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 MKS Plumbing for Plumbing 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, MKS Plumbing Corp. has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G732, for services rendered and material furnished in the amount of $39,800.00; 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 $1,990.00; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $39,800.00 less the required 5% retainage ($1,990.00) as outlined in the contract, $37,810.00; 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 $37,810.00 to MKS Plumbing Corp. 19 Ransier Dr West Seneca, NY 14224 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #05; 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 following was approved on a motion by Mr. seconded by Mr. .

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 17 TO FREY ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. FOR ELECTRICAL 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 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 $83,964.04; 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 $4,198.20; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $83,964.04 less the required 5% retainage ($4,198.20) as outlined in the contract, $79,765.84; 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 $79,765.84 to Frey Electrical Construction Corp. 100 Pearce Ave Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #17; 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 following was approved on a motion by Mr. seconded by Mr. .

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 11 TO JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC. FOR LABOR AND ELECTRICAL CONTROLS CONTRACTING WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP)

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 $28,949.11; 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 $1,447.34; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $28,949.11 less the required 5% retainage ($1,447.34) as outlined in the contract, $27,501.77; 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 $27,501.77 to Johnson Controls Inc 130 John Muir Dr #100 Amherst, NY 14228 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #11; 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: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 17 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 $17,127.00; 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 $856.36; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $17,127.00 less the required 5% retainage ($856.36) as outlined in the contract, $16,270.64; 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 $16,270.64 to U&S Services (Stark Tech) 95 Stark St Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #17; 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.

Review of the Proposed Policy(ies)

Other Communications

Oral Communications - Public Comment on non-Agenda Items: Mr. Michael Barksdale Independence Ave: COO Niagara County Information Group - Spoke on District policy regarding the Superintendent's role and responsibilities. He took issue with what he feels is the District's academic performance. He presented a scenario in which a child scored 30% and asked what Board members would do if that was the case for one of their own children. He requested a detailed response.

Information and Reports

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Laurrie's Comments:

With regard to the tragedy in Minneapolis, the loss of human life due to violence, the District continues to strive for safety and sends condolences to that community.

Governor Hochul and the Superintendent of Lackawanna Schools as well as Mr. Ventry, Mr. Weiss, Ms. Sullivan , were part of a press event at NFHS discussing the smart device ban. Miss Kaur also was a participant, who was lauded for her composure and thoughtful answers. Good conversation was had with the Governor after the press left. The Lackawanna Superintendent implemented the smart device ban in her district long ago. We, as adults, must model the behavior we wish to see.

A soft opening of the greenhouse at Bond School takes place Tuesday, September. 2025 at 4 p.m.

Mr. Laurrie asked Board if they want to go through the NYSSBA resolutions in September or not at all. A discussion was held. It was decided that the Board would discuss it on September 11, 2025, and decide whether to appoint a delegate to the NYSSBA business meeting.

There will be an executive session on that date.

The Maiesto parties were invited to join us October 9, 2025 to provide an update on that legal action, which began in 2009.

Many open houses are taking place now. On September 3, schools open. In fewer than 20 days we get to greet 7,000 students as they return ready for another school year.

Parents are encouraged to sign up for the apps to stay informed.

He wished all a happy, safe, and successful school year.

Board Members Report and Comments
Mr. Bass: expressed that it was good to be at the meeting in person and meet

Miss Kaur. He wishes a successful year for all.

Mrs. Dunn: thanked staff for the detailed reports. She apprised the community of back pack giveaways in the community.

Miss Kaur: expressed that she is glad to be having this experience serving with the Board.

Mr. Vilardo: thanked staff for the preparations made for the academic year. He responded to Mr. Barksdale's query about a child scoring 30%, stating that in such a circumstance, he would personally help his child, noting parents also must take responsibility for children's success, not simply blame the schools or the community.

Mr. Petrozzi: expressed similar views to his colleagues regarding best wishes for the school year.

Mr. Cancemi: thanked the students who represented NFHS with the Governor. Addressing Mr. Barksdale, Mr. Cancemi expressed that Mr. Barksdale continually comes before the Board with negative observations and comments, and said it would be refreshing to hear him bring forth some positive comments on occasion.
Mr. Bilson: observed that the preparation for this school year has been extreme. He has heard a great deal of feedback from community regarding smart device ban. Some teachers have used smart device as part of lessons, so it will be a change for all.

Mr. Paretto: thanked staff; the dedication of the teachers shows in the hours of professional development in which they engage.

Advanced Planning
Future Agenda Items
Future Meeting Dates

September 11, 2025	**September 25, 2025**

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned on a motion by Mr. Petrozzi, seconded by Mr. Vilardio, in memory of the following:

Pastor Fred Chambers
Anthony Colucci, dear friend of Joe Sbarbati.
Joan O'Hara, retired teacher.

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser
Judith Glaser, District Clerk

DATE: September 11, 2025
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, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi (entered 5;49), Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo
Excused: Mr. McLeod

Staff: Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Carella, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Mrs. Holody, Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser.

Mr. Laurrie began the meeting with a remembrance of September 11, 2001.

Opening of Schools and Audit Committee Review – The external audit will begin this week.

The Internal claims auditor reviewed $39,743,366 and found one finding in six months for $2200. The expectation is zero confirmatories or findings this year.

Mr. Laurrie will recommend a new internal auditor, Traconi and Segara.

Mr. Laurrie further reported on opening of schools. He has been in contact with all administrators. The opening of schools was very strong.

Highlights include:
Parents are happy that all schools have safety officers.
The Open Houses were well attended and schools are well-staffed. All resources and materials were in place for day one.
The professional development done this summer is already being put into action.
There are 45 students taking classes in the construction trades.
Student attendance very strong for first six days. Those not in attendance are being sought out.

The patience of parents with transportation is appreciated.
The smart device ban has been going very well.

Challenges include: transportation, due to there being too few drivers.
Parents with students in multiple schools have difficulty getting to multiple open houses that take place concurrently.
Nuisance alarms are new; some students who were dismissed out of doors that are now alarmed have to adjust. Safety is not always convenient but must be the first priority.

There still are some students without immunizations; after September 17th 2025, those students must be excluded from schools.

Mr. Laurrie thanked parents and students for cooperating with the smart device ban. The District is tracking reminders – the first step in reminding students to comply with the policy. He noted that the noise level in the schools is higher because students are interacting, which is nice. He gave credit to administrators, teachers, and students for adjusting. At 10 weeks, the District will administer a survey to see how it is going.

He asked Miss Kaur to give her perspective on the smart device ban. She remarked that students are discussing studies and assignments because they are interacting on a personal level instead of scrolling their phones. She had not seen anyone using a phone since the school year began. Miss Kaur noted that teachers are complying with the smart device policy and are setting a good example for students.

She also offered thoughts on the nuisance alarms: she set one off herself and thought it was a good thing that there are in place.

Mr. Laurrie noted that Mr. DalPorto will assist schools with fine-tuning the system of nuisance alarms.

Mr. Zimmerman noted that Gaskill has only two "no-shows." This is a significant reduction over the last two or three years.

Transportation: Mr. Laurrie shared that busing is starting to improve, but there are a few issues. Lack of drivers is the main issue. The District also has two auxiliary buses for students who are prone to seizures. There is an increased number of students who need curb-to-curb service. Three new drivers are being trained. Sports also require buses. LPS, NFHS, and HFA are the biggest busing schools. Sick calls by drivers also exacerbate the situation.

General education students at NFHS are not on the bus application. This decision was made because 40 or 50 students need one-day passes and also because the thinking was that these students are mature enough to board the correct bus. This decision can be revisited. However, once students are routed, they must use the assigned bus only.

Demonstration of Bus Application – Ms. Dixon led an explanation and demonstration of the "My Ride" bus application, which parents can use to track the precise location of the bus on which their child(ren) are riding and stay informed about their school transportation schedules. Parents can be notified when a bus is running late. An update to the application is forthcoming.

She demonstrated how parents can sign up, add their children, and begin using the application. Other information on the application includes the driver's name and the school the child attends. Maps also are available, showing precisely where the bus currently is.

Ms. Dixon also can "push" a message users. Students' families can choose to opt out for a period if the student will be out of school for three or more days.

Ms. Dixon pointed out that that from time to time users must refresh thye application in order to get accurate information. Mrs. Dunn felt that parents needed more time to get used to the application. Mr. Bilson asked questions about data security and received assurances.
Additional features are forthcoming.

A review of the agenda for September 25, 2025, was held. There will be nine August graduates and two perfect scores.

Regarding short term contracts, two Buffalo schools and a North Tonawanda school are joining the District in boxing to work out together. Other short term contracts provide vans when a bus is not needed for certain events. The District will use space at, and students will do tradeswork at, the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center.

Mr. Vilardo suggested students might learn landscaping, pesticide use, etc. by taking care of the unused section of the golf course. Mr. Laurrie likes the idea. Mr. Bilson built on the idea by suggesting students could then learn to golf, especially those who may not have access to equipment or courses. Mr. Paretto would like to see an addition to NFHS to provide space for the trades, a nursing program, and other vocations.

Mr. Ventry offered that Big Picture students also can participate in the trades programs at NFHS.

Items 6.01 -6.12 are all grant-funded.

Items 6.13 – 6.18 are instructional programs and professional development.

Items 6.19 is a transportation contract, for small vans, as needed.
Items 6.20 – 6.26 are payments for the capital projects.

Items 6.27- 6.29 are change orders, which will yield credits.

An additional resolution and an additional short term contract may be added.

Remarks:
Mr. Laurrie shared that teachers of exceptional students now have common planning time.
A parent of an autistic child complimented the CPSE and Ms. Contento, noting her son is blossoming.

On September 24, 2025 at the greenhouse at Bond Primary, a press conference will take place regarding the partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

SUNY at Buffalo School of Dentistry donated toothbrushes and toothpaste to all students.

Tomorrow there will be a Zero Eyes calibration exercise outside all schools. It is a drill – no cause for concern.

Dr. Savageau and Mrs. Duncan changed the sports physical process and the District now accepts physicals from a student's Primary Care Physician. Most students opted to see their own doctor.

Additional speed humps were installed at NFHS. Thanks to Mr. Macri for getting those installed.
Thanks to all for great start to school year.

Mr. Laurrie asked the Board what its preference is regarding the NYSSBA virtual business meeting. The Board decided to forego the meeting.

Executive Session
The Board entered Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mr. Bilson for the purpose of discussing three items, having to do with the possible personnel matters which may lead to:
The appointment, employment, or promotion of a person or persons; and current litigation related to District and multiple Child Victims Act cases.
All in favor.

The Board exited executive session at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Petrozzi seconded by Mr. Paretto. All in favor.

DATE: September 25, 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
Excused:

Staff: Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Carella, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Mrs. Holody, Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser.

Capital Projects Mr. Laurrie, Buffalo Construction Consultants, CPL Mr. Mannarino, Mr. Dowling Mr. Trott

Mr. Lowe reported that:
The ABOFA Project is done, with some punch list items remaining, on time and well within budget.

All of the secured vestibule work is complete.
Every vestibule is unique, but carries the same baseline design for security and protection. During the installation process of the storefronts and millwork at the various vestibules, color match upgrades and counter adjustments and various field changes were made at the request of the district to create a cleaner product. They were kept in a change and will be submitted next month.

Hyde Park was a very intense rework, as we had to relocate an entire historic storefront and make it look like it was always there. The finish carpenter from Scrufari is a true craftsman, matching every detail perfectly.

Some of the schools used existing doors with upgraded hardware and enhancements.
Abate had some additional work done to the front bus loop. Repaved and striped.
Some schools got completely new storefronts in order to complete the secure needs of that location.

Niagara Falls High School is the largest vestibule and the busiest in the District. During the build-out, new millwork was added to the office as a result of an Administrator and staff member's question about the flow of students and visitors through the space. CPL was notified, came out to site and redrew the counter and millwork tie-in, and a change was made (which will be presented for approval next month).

Greenhouse construction at Bloneva Bond is complete. As we were finalizing the greenhouse construction, we had a meeting with Mr. Laurrie, CPL, and Mr. Dalporto and saw there was a potential gap in security at the new connecting vestibule. A change was initiated immediately and the work is completed. Shades are due in next week. Security Upgrades will be up for approval next month.

Gaskill Prep HVAC Upgrades: All VRF systems are running, a couple warranty items are being addressed by our contractors. The chillers are running and the control sequences are being adjusted finalized.

We are also adding some additional fire alarm devices on the air handlers at both Gaskill and LaSalle for enhanced building protection. The Board will see the change order for that next month.

All power outages went very smoothly at both prep schools.
The panels for the Walk of Fame will be complete in the coming weeks. One panel was reconstructed due to a materials failure in the original casting.
Plaques are being finalized for content with CPL and the superintendent.

At the beginning of the summer, one of the Administration Building boilers was replaced. Although this was a General Fund project, BCC was involved in the management of the work.

A review of the evening's agenda items was held. The addition of the last resolution was explained. A discussion was held regarding moving the October 16 meeting to October 15. The Board opted to move the meeting.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mr. Bilson for the purpose of discussing the possible appointment, employment or promotion of an individual. All in favor.

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. on a motion by Mr. McLeod seconded by Mr. Vilardo. All in favor.
REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER at 7 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

A reflection was offered by Mrs. Dunn.
Roll Call

Mr. Bass*, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Miss Kaur
Excused: Mr. McLeod
Letters and Communications
Special Presentations:
The following students completed graduation requirements and joined the Class of 2025: Arlety Arrigo, Giavanna Ferguson, Brandon Jansma, Shawnasia Johnson, Steven Preisch, Ja-niya Riley, Elandia Saunders, Alexis Shimmel, Aaron Woolcot-Butry. They were congratulated for their determination.

The following students were recognized for these achievements:
Perfect Score, Grade 8 ELA, Gaskill Prep: Jade Huang
Perfect Score, Grade 6 New York State Math assessment at H. F. Abate: Essie Joyce

Oral Communications - Public Comment on Agenda Items - None.

Written Communications – None.

Recommended Actions from the Superintendent of Schools - Routine Matters

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

Minutes –August 28, 2025 Meetings (SG 4)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi seconded by Mr. Vilardo.
Approval of Budget Transfer - # 2 (SG 3)
RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education approve the transfer of $ 5,049,773.94 among the following fund, function, object, and location codes:

General Fund:	$	4,790,384.80
Cafeteria Fund:	$	54,100.00
Special Aid Fund:	$	187,789.74
Capital Projects Fund:	$	17,499.40

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

The following were received and filed.

Treasurer's Report –August 2025 (SG 3)
RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education approve the transfer of $ 5,049,773.94 among the following fund, function, object, and location codes:

General Fund:	$	4,790,384.80
Cafeteria Fund:	$	54,100.00
Special Aid Fund:	$	187,789.74
Capital Projects Fund:	$	17,499.40

Budget Status Report – August 2025 (SG 3)

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Bass seconded by Mr. Bilson.
Personnel Report – Certificated (SG 1, 2)
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Bilson, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.
Personnel Report - Classified (SG 1, 2)
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

Report from Committee on Special Education (SG 1)

The Committee on Special Education met on September 4, 12, 16, 17, 2025 to review Annual Reviews, and May 7, 2025; and June 23, 2025; and August 12, 20, 21, 25, 27, 29, 2025; and September 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 26, 2025 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 2025-2026 school year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi seconded by Mr. Bilson.
Report from Committee on Preschool Special Education (SG 1)

The Committee on Pre-School Special Education met on August 5, 14, and 19, 2025; and September 5, 11, and 16, 2025; 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 2025-2026 school year.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.
Short-Term Contracts

1. Lift Enrichment Program, LLC (Fall 2025) Student Wellness through Culinary Workshops Abate/Hyde Park $20,000.00 F2110 400-098-9625 Sept – Dec 2025
2. Fight Night Boxing Gabe Gonzalez Fundamentals of Boxing $20,000.00 A 2110.400.045.2280 September 3, 2025-January 31 2026
3. Louise Ferretti, PHD Independent Neuro-Psychologist Evaluation NTE $2,200.00 per evaluation F2250 404-098-0726 Sept. 2025 – June 2026
4. University at Buffalo Center for Assistive Technology Assistive Technology Training for students and staff NTE $400.00 F2250 404-098-0726 Sept. 2025 – June 2026
5. University at Buffalo Center for Assistive Technology Assistive Technology Training for students and staff NTE $360.00 F2250 404-098-0725 Sept. 2025 – June 2026
6. Transformation through Revitalization NFHS Students $20,000.00 A 2110.400.045.2280 Sept. 2025 – January 31, 2026
7. Boys and Girls Club NFHS Students $10,000.00 A 2330.400.007 Sept. 2025 – June 2026
8. Niagara Arts and Cultural Center NFHS Students $6,000.00 A 2110.400.045.2280 Sept. 2025 – June 2026

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mr. Bilson.
Head Start/ Early Head Start Reports – Attached.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

5. Unfinished Business - None.

6. New Business

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, AND NIAGARA FALLS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FOR THE 716 UNITED MENTORING PROGRAM (SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026) (SG 1)

WHEREAS, The District desires to retain the Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club as an independent consultant to provide youth mentoring and enrichment activities; and

WHEREAS, A proposed Contract has been negotiated with the Niagara Falls and the Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club providing for the services to be performed at both prep schools for the period of September 26, 2025 through June 30, 2026 at a cost not exceed $45,000 to be billed in two (2) installments of $22,500 therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract for professional between the City School District of City of Niagara Falls and Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club, Inc., at a sum not to exceed $45,000 for period September 26, 2025 through June 30, 2026 attached hereto, be and is hereby approved; and be it further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR INDEPENDENT SERVICES BY
BY NIAGARA FALLS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th day of September, 2025 by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, the first party, and Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club, 725 17th Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14301, the second party.

WITNESSETH:

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

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

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

a. Youth mentoring to LaSalle and Gaskill Preparatory students through the 716 United Mentoring program

b. Social-emotional support to students

c. Collaboration with the site coordinators of the 21st Century Preparatory Grant

d. Attendance at the quarterly advisory meetings for 21st Century Preparatory Grant

e. Appropriate record keeping and tracking of student attendance while participating in after school programming.

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

4. Compensation to Second Party: Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the first party shall pay to the second party for services rendered a sum not to exceed $45,000 for implementation of the 716 United Mentoring Program in two (2) installments of $22,500 on January 31, 2026 and June 30, 2026 up to the invoice date for weekly social-emotional support services to students at both prep schools. Invoice shall be submitted by the Second Party quarterly on the dates herein stated. The second party shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquittance.

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

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

7. Term of Contract: This contract shall be effective from September 26, 2025 through June 30, 2026, provided, however, that any party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

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

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND NIAGARA UNIVERSITY FOR PREP LEVEL LITERACY PROGRAMMING (SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026) (SG 1)

WHEREAS, The District partnered with Niagara University in the previous school years to provide program services for the 21st Century Preparatory Grant; and

WHEREAS, The Administration proposes that the District continue to partner with the University for 2025-2026 for literacy programming at the Prep level; and

WHEREAS, Niagara University agrees to provide the services aligned with grant objectives servicing students at LaSalle and Gaskill Preparatory; and

WHEREAS, At the Prep schools, targeted students will participate in after-school programming and virtual field trips to the Niagara University campus that will prepare them to enter the Early College High School Program; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Contract is effective for a term of one (1) year, commencing September 26, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 for a total cost not to exceed $20,000; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara University for 21st Century Preparatory programming services for the 2025-2026 school year; and further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th day of September 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, PO Box 1936 (Controller's Office), Niagara University, New York 14109, (hereinafter "University").

WITNESSETH:

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

1. Engagement of University. The District hereby engages the University as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the 21st Century Preparatory programming for the 2025/26 school year, and the University hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of the University: The University shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the 21st Preparatory Grant:

a) After-school programming for Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 semesters for Gaskill Preparatory and LaSalle Preparatory students who are targeted for critical literacy interventions

b) All expenses paid virtual field trips to Niagara University for students in the Prep program

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 according 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 University shall not be an employee of the District. The University 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 University is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns

4. Compensation to University. Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the District shall pay to the University for services rendered up to the invoice date, a sum not to exceed $20,000 in two equal installments each of $10,000 payable at the conclusion of each of the two semesters on December 31, 2025 and June 30, 2026. The University shall submit invoices for services rendered at the conclusion of each of the two semesters of programming. The District shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquittance.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the University 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. The University and/or its subcontractor shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. The University and/or its subcontractor are 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.

6. Term of Contract. This contract shall be effective from September 26, 2025 to June 30, 2026, 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.
7. Indemnification Clause: The University shall to the fullest extent permitted by law, 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 services performed pursuant to this Agreement.
8. Insurance Clause: The University shall maintain general liability insurance in amount(s) acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Certificates of insurance shall be filed with the District prior to the commencement of any activities under this Agreement.
9. Assignment: The services to be rendered by the University under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, the University party 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.
10. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND NIAGARA UNIVERSITY FOR EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMMING (SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 - AUGUST 31, 2026) (SG 1)

WHEREAS, The Early College High School program has had a great impact on student engagement related to college and career readiness in the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again provide school year Early College advisory for academic and summer camp experience, for Early College High School Students, and to contract with Niagara University to provide services to continue such higher educational experiences for students enrolled in Early College High School; and

WHEREAS, The Administration negotiated a Contract with Niagara University for it to provide academic course offerings, on campus field trips and summer camp experiences tailored to the students rising into either 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade of the Niagara Falls High School - Early College High School for a not to exceed agreed upon fee of $50,000 payable in two equal installments of $25,000.

WHEREAS, The Agreement shall be effective for a term commencing September 26, 2025 and ending August 31, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the Attached Agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara University for Early College High School programming for the 2025/26 School Year and Summer 2026; and further

RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to such modifications as

the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said Agreement; 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
NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th day of September 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, P. O. Box 1936 (Controller's Office), Niagara University, New York 14109, (hereinafter "University").

WITNESSETH:

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

1. Engagement of University. The District hereby engages the University as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the Early College High School Programming for the 2025/26 School Year and Summer 2026 for students rising into grades 9, 10, 11, or 12, and the University hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of the University: The University shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the 2025/26 Early College High School Program:

a) College-credit bearing courses during the 2025/26 school offered by Niagara University staff for rising junior and senior high school students

b) Two (2) full-day, on campus academic field trips in Fall 2025 including college readiness workshops and department-led activities

c) Two (2) full-day, off-campus or regional career/college exposure trips in Spring 2026, including civic leadership, industry engagement, and workforce exploration

d) A supervised Summer 2026 program coordinated by Niagara University in collaboration with school district administration. All rising 9th -12th grade students will engage in preparatory college-readiness experiences, academic enrichment, and hands-on leadership workshops. Students will also participate in mentoring, wellness, cultural exploration, and service learning.

All of the functions will be performed by the party of the University or its subcontractor approved by the District and shall be coordinated through the Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction of the District. The University and\or its subcontractor shall possess a thorough knowledge of language arts and mathematic procedures as they relate to the implementation of this research-based model, known as the workshop model, the ability to meet with and provide staff development to all teachers and administrators, and the ability to express ideas clearly and write reports effectively.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. The University shall not be an employee of the District. The University 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 University is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns

4. Compensation to University. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the
District shall pay to the University for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $50,000 in two (2) equal installments of $25,000, all payable to the order of the University on December 31, 2025 and August 31, 2026. Invoices shall be submitted by the University on the dates herein stated. The University shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the University full payment to, and acquittance.
Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to the University for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $50,000. Payment checks payable to the order of the University in two (2) equal installments on December 31, 2025 and August 31, 2026.
5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the University 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.
6. Taxes and Insurances. The University and/or its subcontractor shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. The University and/or its subcontractor are 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 Agreement. This contract shall be effective from September 26, 2025 to August 31, 2026, 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 University under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, the University party shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the District and any attempted such transfer, assignment delegation and/or subcontracting without such written consent shall be void.
9. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by the parties.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND NIAGARA UNIVERSITY FOR E-SPORTS PROGRAMMING (SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026) (SG 1)

WHEREAS, The E-Sports program has had a great impact on student engagement related to college and career readiness in the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again provide school year E-Sports programming through Niagara University to Niagara Falls High School Students, and to contract with Niagara University to provide three (3) college credit-bearing courses and enrichment experiences; and

WHEREAS, The Administration negotiated a Contract with Niagara University to provide academic course offerings, on campus field trips and enrichment experiences tailored to the students rising into 11th or 12th grade of Niagara Falls High School for a not to exceed agreed upon fee of $30,000 payable in two (2) equal installments of $15,000; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement shall be effective for a term commencing September 26, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara University for E-Sports programming for the 2025/26 School Year; and further

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

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said Agreement; 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
NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th day of September 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, PO Box 1936 (Controller's Office), Niagara University, New York 14109, (hereinafter "University").

WITNESSETH:

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

1. Engagement of University. The District hereby engages the University as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of E-Sports programming for the 2025/26 school year and the University hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of the University: The University shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the 2025/26 E-Sports Program:

a) Academic course offerings during the 2025/26 school year that include three (3) college bearing credit courses total for Fall 2025 and Spring 2026, and advisory support services offered by Niagara University staff;

b) Classroom supplies including any needed online materials;

c) On-campus visits at Niagara University including courses being taught on campus if it is mutually agreed upon;

d) A minimum of four (4) field trips facilitated by Niagara University in collaboration with Niagara Falls High School staff

e) Courses are Introduction to Marketing, Introduction to Python, and Computer Science – Introduction to Gaming and AI Application

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 according 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 University shall not be an employee of the District. The University 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 University is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns

4. Compensation to University. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the

District shall pay to the University for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $30,000 in two (2) installments of $15,000 payable to the order of the University on December 31, 2025 and June 30, 2026. Invoices shall be submitted by the University on the dates herein stated. The University shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the University full payment to, and acquittance.

Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to the University for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $30,000. Payment checks payable to the order of the University in two (2) equal installments of $15,000 the stated dates above.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the University 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. The University and/or its subcontractor shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. The University and/or its subcontractor are 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.

6. Term of Agreement. This contract shall be effective from September 26, 2025 to June 30, 2026, 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.

7. Assignment: The services to be rendered by the University under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, the University party 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.

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND COMMUNITY MISSIONS, INC. (SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025) (SG 1)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to provide mental, social, and emotional support for students; and

WHEREAS, The District has contracted with Community Missions, INC. in previous school years through mental health grants to provide youth mentoring to female students; and

WHEREAS, Community Missions, INC. provides various support services for students including "Girls Circles" offered at nine (9) schools; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again Contract with Community Missions, INC. to continue these services for Fall 2025; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a Contract with Community Missions, INC. to provide said services at a cost not to exceed $25,000 to be paid in two (2) equal installments of $12,500 on November 15, 2025 and December 31, 2025, for period effective 9/26/2025 and to terminate 12/31/2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Community Missions, INC. to provide professional social and emotional services for students at a sum not to exceed $25,000 for period September 26, 2025 – December 31, 2025 attached hereto, be and is hereby approved; and further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
COMMUNITY MISSIONS, INC.

THIS CONTRACT, made this 25th day of September 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and COMMUNITY MISSIONS, INC., 1570 Buffalo Avenue, (hereinafter "CMI") Niagara Falls New York 14303.

WITNESSETH:

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

1. Engagement of CMI. The District hereby engages the CMI as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the mental health grants and CMI hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of CMI: CMI shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, including:

a) Fall 2025 Girls Circle program for 10 weeks that promotes positive self-development in young women

b) Participation in Student Support Team meetings upon request to ensure appropriate referral or intervention services provided for individual students

c) Parent/student workshops upon request by school administration

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 according 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. CMI shall not be an employee of the District. CMI is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Contract and the relationship to the District during the term of this Contract shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services herein before expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of an independent contractor only and in no event as servant or employee. CMI is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns

4. Compensation to CMI. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to CMI for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $25,000 to be paid in two (2) equal installments of $12,500 on November 15, 2025 and December 31, 2025 for providing twenty (20) hours of weekly social-emotional support services to the nine identified schools. Payment checks payable to the order of Community Missions Inc. shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by CMI.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, CMI 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 Contract excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the District, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. CMI and/or its subcontractor(s) shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. CMI and/or its subcontractor(s) are responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and worker's compensation insurance as required by law.

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

7. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from September 26, 2025 to December 31, 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 CMI under this Contract are unique and personal. Accordingly, CMI party shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Contract 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND LONG LIFE YOGA FOR FALL 2025 (SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025) (SG 1)
WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to provide mental, social, and emotional support services for students; and

WHEREAS, Long Life Yoga teaches about building self-esteem through the practice of Yoga and facilitated the program in District schools last school year; and

WHEREAS, Long Life Yoga teaches important life skills such as team work and leadership through yoga; and the organization has previous experience in many school districts to reach students who face difficult life challenges; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to enter into Contract with Long Life Yoga to provide youth mentoring for thirty (30) total hours for students at Cataract Elementary, Hyde Park Elementary, and Gaskill Preparatory effective 9-26-25 – 12-31-25; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a Contract with Long Life Yoga to provide such services for thirty (30) total hours for a cost not to exceed $6,200 for period effective September 26, 2025 and to terminate December 31, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Long Life Yoga for Fall 2025 at a sum not to exceed $6,200 for the period September 26, 2025 through December 31, 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
LONG LIFE YOGA

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th day of September 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street,

Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Long Life Yoga, 286 Victoria Boulevard, Kenmore, NY 14217.

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 Long Life Yoga as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding yoga and Long Life Yoga hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Long Life Yoga shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, including:

- Student mentoring at Gaskill Preparatory School, Cataract Elementary, and Hyde Park Elementary to improve confidence and social emotional well-being
- Teaching the practice of yoga to students
- Thirty (30) total hours for the program

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 according 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. Long Life Yoga shall not be an employee of the District. Long Life Yoga 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. Long Life Yoga 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 Long Life Yoga for services of thirty (30) total hours hereunder a sum not to exceed $6,200 to be paid in two (2) equal installments of $3,100 on November 15, 2025 and December 31, 2025. Payment checks payable to the order of Long Life Yoga shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Long Life Yoga.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Long Life Yoga 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

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

Certificates of Insurance shall be filed with District prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificates. The

certificates shall contain provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty days prior written notice is given to the District.
7. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from September 26, 2025 to December 31, 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 Long Life Yoga under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Long Life Yoga 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.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND HORIZON HEALTH SERVICES, INC. (SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025) (SG 1)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls is committed to providing social emotional support and mental health interventions to students; and

WHEREAS, Horizon Health Services, Inc. and the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls have agreed to establish clinical mental health services through a professional behavioral health services office at Gaskill Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, Horizon Health Services, Inc. has extensive experience in providing screening, assessment, and treatment services to students suffering from mental health and/or substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls wishes to enter into Contract with Horizon Health Services, Inc. to provide a mental health clinician for six (6) hours per week at Gaskill Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Horizon Health Services, Inc. for a cost not to exceed $20,000 for the period effective 9-26-2025 and to terminate 12-31-2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Horizon Health Services, Inc. to provide mental health support and interventions to students and families in the school district at a sum not to exceed $20,000 for the period September 26, 2025 through December 31, 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
HORIZON HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th day of September 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Horizon Health Services, Inc., 55 Dodge Road, Getzville, New York 14068.

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

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Horizon Health Services, Inc. shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the Student Mental Health Supports Grant and the School-Based Mental Health Services Grant for September 26, 2025 through December 31, 2025, including:

- Provide screening, assessment and treatment services to students suffering from mental health and or/substance use disorders
- Secure appropriate authorization forms and insurance billing information from each student/patient
- Provide a mental health clinician for six (6) hours per week at Gaskill Preparatory School
- Collaborate with the school team at Gaskill Preparatory School to identify students in need of mental health services and promote the exchange of information related to the implementation of clinic treatment services on-site
- Attend meetings as needed with District Administration and school staff at Gaskill Preparatory School

All of the functions will be performed by Horizon Health Services, Inc. and shall be coordinated with the Program Director and/or District Administration. Horizon Health Services, Inc. possesses a thorough knowledge of mental health interventions as they relate to the implementation of the Student Mental Health Supports Grant and the School Based Mental Health Services Grant Objectives.

Confidentiality

1. Horizon acknowledges and agrees that, in the course of providing services to the GPS, they may obtain confidential information and records about the GPS, including, but not limited to information about students, employees, GPS practices and procedures and financial information. Horizon agrees that it shall comply with all applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"). Horizon further agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all such information, and not to disclose any such information, at any time, to any individual or party not bound by this Agreement.

2. GPS students who become patients of Horizon will become protected under state and federal privacy laws. Disclosure of any protected health information by Horizon to GPS or anyone other than the patient may be done only after the patient signs appropriate written authorization allowing the disclosure.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. Horizon Health Services, Inc. shall not be an employee of the District. Horizon Health Services, 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. Horizon Health Services, 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 Horizon Health Services, Inc. for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $20,000 for six (6) hours per week of services at a rate of $300 per hour for September 26, 2025 through December 31, 2025. The District shall pay $20,000 after completion of service on December 31, 2025. Payment checks payable to the order of Horizon Health Services, Inc. shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Horizon Health Services, Inc.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Horizon Health Services, 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Horizon Health Services, Inc. shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Horizon Health Services, 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 September 26, 2025 through December 31, 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 Horizon Health Services, Inc. under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Horizon Health Services, 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND MAKEEDA BROOKS (SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025) (SG 1)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls is committed to providing social emotional support and mental health interventions to students; and

WHEREAS, Horizon Health Services, Inc. and the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls have agreed to establish clinical mental health services through a professional behavioral health services office at Gaskill Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, Horizon Health Services, Inc. has extensive experience in providing screening, assessment, and treatment services to students suffering from mental health and/or substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls wishes to enter into Contract with Horizon Health Services, Inc. to provide a mental health clinician for six (6) hours per week at Gaskill Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Horizon Health Services, Inc. for a cost not to exceed $20,000 for the period effective 9-26-2025 and to terminate 12-31-2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Horizon Health Services, Inc. to provide mental health support and interventions to students and families in the school district at a sum not to exceed $20,000 for the period September 26, 2025 through December 31, 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
HORIZON HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th day of September 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Horizon Health Services, Inc., 55 Dodge Road, Getzville, New York 14068.

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

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Horizon Health Services, Inc. shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the Student Mental Health Supports Grant and the School-Based Mental Health Services Grant for September 26, 2025 through December 31, 2025, including:

- Provide screening, assessment and treatment services to students suffering from mental health and or/substance use disorders
- Secure appropriate authorization forms and insurance billing information from each student/patient
- Provide a mental health clinician for six (6) hours per week at Gaskill Preparatory School
- Collaborate with the school team at Gaskill Preparatory School to identify students in need of mental health services and promote the exchange of information related to the implementation of clinic treatment services on-site
- Attend meetings as needed with District Administration and school staff at Gaskill Preparatory School

All of the functions will be performed by Horizon Health Services, Inc. and shall be coordinated with the Program Director and/or District Administration. Horizon Health Services, Inc. possesses a thorough knowledge of mental health interventions as they relate to the implementation of the Student Mental Health Supports Grant and the School Based Mental Health Services Grant Objectives.

Confidentiality

1. Horizon acknowledges and agrees that, in the course of providing services to the GPS, they may obtain confidential information and records about the GPS, including, but not limited to information about students, employees, GPS practices and procedures and financial information. Horizon agrees that it shall comply with all applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"). Horizon further agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all such information, and not to disclose any such information, at any time, to any individual or party not bound by this Agreement.

2. GPS students who become patients of Horizon will become protected under state and federal privacy laws. Disclosure of any protected health information by Horizon to GPS or anyone other than the patient may be done only after the patient signs appropriate written authorization allowing the disclosure.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. Horizon Health Services, Inc. shall not be an employee of the District. Horizon Health Services, 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. Horizon Health Services, 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 Horizon Health Services, Inc. for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $20,000 for six (6) hours per week of services at a rate of $300 per hour for September 26, 2025 through December 31, 2025. The District shall pay $20,000 after completion of service on December 31, 2025. Payment checks payable to the order of Horizon Health Services, Inc. shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Horizon Health Services, Inc.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Horizon Health Services, 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Horizon Health Services, Inc. shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Horizon Health Services, 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 September 26, 2025 through December 31, 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 Horizon Health Services, Inc. under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Horizon Health Services, 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.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND MAKEEDA BROOKS (SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025)
WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to provide mental and social emotional support services for students; and

WHEREAS, For previous school years, the District has contracted with Makeeda Brooks to provide youth mentoring services; and

WHEREAS, Makeeda Brooks has extensive experience in mentoring and teaching youth the importance of focus, discipline, and respect; and the organization is able to reach many students who face difficult life challenges; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with Makeeda Brooks to provide mentoring, social, and emotional support services for students participating in the "Just BE" program and the "Fit for Success" program; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Makeeda Brooks to provide eight (8) weeks of programming at LaSalle Preparatory and nine (9) weeks of programming at Bloneva Bond Primary School a cost not to exceed $23,800 for period effective 9-26-2025 and to terminate 12-31-2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Makeeda Brooks for youth mentoring services at a sum not to exceed $23,800 for the period September 26, 2025 through December 31, 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
MAKEEDA BROOKS

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th day of September 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Makeeda Brooks, 2992 Grand Island Boulevard Apt. #6, Grand Island, New York 14072.

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 Makeeda Brooks as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the mental health grant objectives and Makeeda Brooks hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Makeeda Brooks shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services including:

- Facilitation of "Just BE" (Girls Empowerment Program)
- Implementation of the "Fit for Success" Program
- Student mentoring to improve confidence and social emotional well-being
- Teaching of life lessons such as building self-esteem
- Presenting the programs of "Just BE" and "Fit for Success at LaSalle Preparatory and Bloneva Bond Primary Schools

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 according 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. Makeeda Brooks shall not be an employee of the District. Makeeda Brooks 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. Makeeda Brooks is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns.

4. Compensation to Independent Contractor. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to Makeeda Brooks for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $23,800 to be paid in two installments of $11,900 on November 15, 2025 and December 31, 2025 for implementation of the "Just BE" and "Fit for Success" programs at LaSalle Preparatory and Bloneva Bond Primary. Payment checks payable to the order of Makeeda Brooks shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Makeeda Brooks.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Makeeda Brooks 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Makeeda Brooks shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party

insured. Makeeda Brooks is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Worker's Compensation insurance as required by law.
Certificates of Insurance shall be filed with District prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificates. The certificates shall contain provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty days prior written notice is given to the District.
7. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from September 26, 2025 to December 31, 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 Makeeda Brooks under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Makeeda Brooks 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND PROJECT L.E.E. INC. FOR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025) (SG 1)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to increase academic achievement and provide mental, social, and emotional support services for students; and

WHEREAS, In past school years, the District contracted with Project L.E.E. Inc. at LaSalle and Gaskill Preparatory Schools to provide student mentorship; and

WHEREAS, Project L.E.E. Inc. has extensive experience in mentoring youth and using motivational workshops to reach many students who face difficult life challenges; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with Project L.E.E. Inc., to provide youth mentoring and social-emotional support services for students at Abate Elementary, Cataract Elementary, Hyde Park Elementary, LaSalle Preparatory, and Gaskill Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Project L.E.E. Inc., to provide such services for five (5) schools at a cost not to exceed $52,500 for the period 9-26-2025 -12-31-2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Project L.E.E. Inc for weekly social-emotional student support services at a sum not to exceed $52,500 for the period September 26, 2025 through December 31, 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
PROJECT L.E.E., INC.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th day of September 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Project L.E.E. Inc., PO Box 392, Buffalo, New York 14205.

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 Project L.E.E. Inc. as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of a student mentor program and Project L.E.E. Inc. hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Project L.E.E. Inc shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the student mentor program objectives for September 26, 2025 – December 31, 2025 including:

- Student mentoring at five (5) schools: Abate Elementary, Cataract Elementary, Hyde Park Elementary, Gaskill Preparatory, and LaSalle Preparatory schools
- Motivational workshops for at-risk students
- The program will run weekly with program implementation at one school each day for a total of five schools each week.
- Social emotional learning (SEL) support to students

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 according 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 Project L.E.E. Inc. shall not be an employee of the District. Project L.E.E. 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. Project L.E.E. 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 Project L.E.E. Inc. for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $52,500 to be paid in three (3) monthly installments of $17,500 on October 31, 2025, November 30, 2025, and December 31, 2025 for five (5) schools per week of student support services. Payment checks payable to the order of Project L.E.E. Inc. shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Project L.E.E. Inc.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Project L.E.E. 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Project L.E.E. Inc. shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Project L.E.E. 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 September 26, 2025 to December 31, 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 Project L.E.E. Inc. under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Project L.E.E. 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND MELINDA A. SCIME, PSYCHOLOGIST, PLLC. FOR PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 – DECEMBER 30, 2025) (SG 1)

WHEREAS, The District proposes to hire a mental health services company to render professional services in the area of mental health counseling to fulfill grant objectives for individual student counseling and family counseling; and

WHEREAS, A proposed Contract has been negotiated with Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC, to provide the mental consulting services for the period of 9/1/25 – 12/31/25 at a fee not to exceed $64,000 to be billed in four monthly installments of $16,000 on the last day of each month; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC., for professional mental health counseling and consultation services attached hereto, be and is hereby approved; and be it further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING AND CONSULTATION SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT
MELINDA A. SCIME, PSYCHOLOGIST, PLLC

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th of September 2025 by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, the first party, and Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC, 779 Cayuga Street, Suite D, Lewiston, NY 14092, the second party.

WITNESSETH:

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

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

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

a. Forty-one (41) hours of individual mental health counseling services (Tier 2 and Tier 3 social/emotional interventions) per week based on school referral and screening by the first party and the second party pursuant to goals and objectives of the School-Based Mental Health Services and Student Mental Health Supports Grants at District-wide schools.

b. Each school will receive direct support services and programming including family and individual student counseling

c. Participation in school-based S.T.A.R.T. teams for appropriate individualized behavioral intervention services as needed.

d. Participation in advisory meetings.

e. Family counseling offered at all schools.

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

4. Compensation to Second Party: Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the first party shall pay to the second party for services rendered up to the invoice date, a sum not to exceed $64,000 in four monthly installments of $16,000. Invoices shall be submitted on the last day of each month for the provided service of forty-one (41) hours of counseling per week. The second party shall submit invoices for services rendered monthly. The second party shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquaintance.

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

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

8. Term of Contract: This contract shall be effective from September 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, provided, however, that any party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

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

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND BECAUSE I TRIED ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025) (SG 1)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to increase academic achievement and provide mental and social emotional support services for students; and

WHEREAS, In previous school years, the District has contracted with Maurice Cox's company, "Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc.", to provide youth mentoring services at the elementary, prep, and high school level; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox has extensive experience in mentoring and teaching youth and he is a captivating motivational speaker who is able to reach many students who face difficult life challenges; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with Mr. Cox's company, Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc., to provide mentoring, social, and emotional support services for students participating in the "Winning Because I Tried" Mentoring Program; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc., to provide weekly mentoring services at six (6) schools: LaSalle Preparatory, Gaskill Preparatory, Niagara Falls High School, Maple Avenue, Hyde Park Elementary, and Harry F. Abate Elementary for a cost not to exceed $39,000 to be paid in two (2) installments of $19,500 for period effective 9-26-2025 and to terminate 12-31-2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. for Student Support Services at a sum not to exceed $39,000 for the period September 26, 2025 through December 31, 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
BECAUSE I TRIED ENTERPRISES, INC.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th day of September 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc., PO Box 1278, Buffalo, NY, 14214.

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 Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of youth mentoring classes and Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the weekly mentoring sessions for Fall 2025 (9-26-25 to 12-31-25), including:

- Maximum of 10-15 students per class
- Fall mentoring class at six (6) schools: LaSalle Preparatory, Gaskill Preparatory, Niagara Falls High School, Maple Avenue, Hyde Park Elementary, and Harry F. Abate Elementary
- Programs may be offered both before and after school
- Program dates to run from September 2025 through December 2025
- Program graduation including party, certificates, awards and gifts

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 according 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. Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. shall not be an employee of the District. Because I Tried Enterprises, 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. Because I Tried Enterprises, 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 to Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $39,000 to be paid in two (2) installments of $19,500 on November 15, 2025 and December 31, 2025. Payment checks payable to the order of Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Because I Tried Enterprises, 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Because I Tried Enterprises, 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 September 26, 2025 to December 31, 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 Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Because I Tried Enterprises, 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND NATIVE LANGUAGE SERVICES, LLC. FOR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025) (SG 1)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to provide social-emotional support, advocacy and bilingual communications support services for students; and

WHEREAS, For the last school year, the District has contracted with Jose Garcia's company, "Native Language Services, LLC", to provide mentoring, advocacy, and bilingual communications support services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia has extensive experience in mentoring and bilingual interpersonal communications and who is able to reach many students who face difficult life challenges as native language speakers both in school and in the community; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with Mr. Garcia's company, Native Language Services, LLC., to provide mentoring, advocacy and bilingual communications support services for students living and attending school in the Niagara Falls City School District community; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Native Language Services, to provide mentoring, advocacy and bilingual communications services at GJ Mann Elementary School, Henry J. Kalfas Elementary School, LaSalle Preparatory School and Niagara Falls High School for a cost not to exceed $20,000 for period effective 9-26-2025 and to terminate 12-31-2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Native Language Services, LLC for Student Support Services for the school year at a sum not to exceed $20,000 for the period September 26, 2025 through December 31, 2025, attached hereto, be and hereby is 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
NATIVE LANGUAGE SERVICES, LLC.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th day of September 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Native Language Services, LLC, 1858 East River Road, Grand Island, NY 14072.

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 Native Language Services, LLC as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of English Language Learner support to students and Native Language Services, LLC hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Native Language Services, LLC shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, (September 26, 2025 – December 31, 2025), including:

- Provide social emotional support to students who are learning English as a new language
- Establish relationships with students and families through open conversation in their preferred language
- Identify learner needs and develop resolution strategies in concert with teachers, counselors or administration – to include real or perceived bullying or other factors that impact the child's academic or social emotional well being
- Support open conversation with a focus on social engagement to address the isolation that a language barrier can present
- Foster increased parent engagement through home visitation, in-person and virtual sessions as required to connect the parent with their child's education and the development of home-school partnerships
- Conduct home visits to address issues related to school attendance or other purposes as indicated by Niagara Falls City School District Staff

All of the functions will be performed by Native Language Services, LLC and shall be coordinated with School Administration and/or District Administration Native Language Services, LLC. possesses a thorough knowledge of social support services in the area of support for English Language Learners.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. Native Language Services, LLC shall not be an employee of the District. Native Language Services, LLC 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. Native Language Services, LLC 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 Native Language Services, LLC for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $20,000 to be paid in two (2) installments of $10,000 on November 15, 2025 and December 31, 2025. This is for eight (80) hours of monthly student support services provided by Native Language Services, LLC to GJ Mann Elementary School, Henry J. Kalfas Elementary School, LaSalle Preparatory School and Niagara Falls High School. Payment checks payable to the order of Native Language Services, LLC shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance Native Language Services, LLC.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Native Language Services, LLC 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

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

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

7. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from September 26, 2025 to December 31, 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 Native Language Services, LLC under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Native Language Services, LLC 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASED SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND XANEDU PUBLISHING, INC. DBA EDUCATION ELEMENTS, FOR STRATEGIC SCEP IMPLEMENTATION AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING, FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026 (SG 1)

WHEREAS, TSI schools may use School Improvement Grant Funds to engage consult services for professional learning and other school improvement activities; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to retain XanEdu Publishing, Inc. DBA Education Elements, to provide said services to 79th Street Elementary and Harry F. Abate Elementary Schools; and

WHEREAS, The Contract will be for a term commencing October 01, 2025, and terminating June 30, 2026 for an amount not to exceed $34,750.00 for services to be performed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the Contract with XanEdu Publishing, Inc. DBA Education Elements, a copy of which is hereto attached which provides, among other things, for a term commencing October 1, 2025 and terminating June 30, 2026 for an amount not to exceed $34,750.00; and further

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

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute such Contract; and further

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASED SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND WILSON LANGUAGE TRAINING CORPORATION, FOR WILSON READING SYSTEM LEVEL I CERTIFICATION, FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026 (SG 1)

WHEREAS, the District will retain the Wilson Language Training Corporation to train and certify its selected interventionists to deliver the WRS program to students; and

WHEREAS, the District will be for a term commencing October 1, 2025 and terminate June 30, 2026 for an amount not to exceed $19,530.00; and

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

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute such Contract; and further

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the Parties do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. Engagement of Second Party. The First Party hereby engages the Second Party as an independent contractor to render to the First Party the professional training services hereinafter described, and the Second Party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party. The Second Party shall provide and render to the First Party the usual and customary services of a consultant regarding Level 1 Certification in the Wilson Reading System, which services shall include, without limitation, the following:

a) Individual virtual observations and meetings resulting in Wilson Reading System Level 1 certification

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 according 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 Second Party shall not be an employee of the First Party. The Second Party is engaged by the First Party only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Contract, and the relationship to the First Party during the term of this Contract shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services hereinbefore expressly set forth, in the exclusive capacity of independent contractor only, and in no event as servant or employee except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have the power to control the activities and operations of the other and their status at all times will continue to be that of independent contractor.

4. Compensation to the Second Party. Upon receipt of a payment invoice the District shall pay to Wilson Language Training, a sum not to exceed $19,530.00 provided the services have been completed, payable in quarterly installments each of $4,882.50. Wilson Language Training shall invoice the District quarterly for services rendered within the quarter, on or about the following dates: December 1, 2025, January 30, 2026, March 4, 2026 and June 30, 2026 or immediately after all billable service has been completed. Payment by checks made payable to the order of the Second Party, if in full accordance with the last sentence, shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance the Second Party, Wilson Language Training.

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

The Second Party shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the First Party. All policies shall name the First Party as an additional part insured. The Second Party is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Worker's Compensation insurance as required by law.

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

6. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from 10/01/25 through 6/30/26, however, that any Party may, at any given time, terminate this Contract in all respects by giving to the other Party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

7. Assignment. The Independent Contractor may hire and pay assistants; however, the Independent Contractor is responsible for all wages, benefits, and taxes for any assistants so hired.

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

IN WITNESS W HEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASED SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND TEACHTOWN FOR ONSITE CLASSROOM COACHING, FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026 (SG 1)

WHEREAS, the District is committed to providing quality curriculum and instruction for its Exceptional Needs pupils; and

WHEREAS, The District will retain TEACHTOWN to provide said training and site coaching visits;

WHEREAS, The Contract will be for a term commencing October 1, 2025, and terminate June 30, 2026 for an amount not to exceed $10,800 for services to be performed; therefore, be it;

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the Contract with TEACHTOWN, a copy of which is hereto attached which provides, among other things, for a term commencing October 1, 2025 and terminating June 30, 2026 for an amount not to exceed $10,800; and further

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

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute such Contract; and further

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

This Contract, made this 25th day of September, 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 Sixty Sixth Street, Niagara Falls, New York, 14304 (hereinafter called the "First Party"), and TEACHTOWN, 2 Constitution Way, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801, hereinafter called the "Second Party"); WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the Parties do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. Engagement of Second Party. The First Party hereby engages the Second Party as an independent contractor to render to the First Party the professional consulting services regarding on-site coaching support, hereinafter described, and the Second Party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party. The Second Party shall provide and render to the First Party the usual and customary services of a consultant regarding training and professional development, which services shall include, without limitation, the following:

a) Four days of onsite classroom coaching

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

4. Compensation to the Second Party. Upon receipt of a payment invoice the District shall pay to TEACHTOWN, a sum not to exceed $10,800.00 provided the services have been completed, payable immediately after each site visit. Payment by checks made payable to the order of the Second Party, if in full accordance with the last sentence, shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance the Second Party, TEACHTOWN.

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

6. The Second Party shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the First Party. All policies shall name the First Party as an additional party insured. The Second Party is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Worker's Compensation insurance as required by law.

Certificates of insurance shall be filed with the First Party prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificates. The certificates shall contain provision that coverage afforded under the

policies will not be canceled until at least thirty days prior written notice is given to the First Party.

7. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from 10/01/25 through 6/30/26, however, that any Party may, at any given time, terminate this Contract in all respects by giving to the other Party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

8. Assignment. The Independent Contractor may hire and pay assistants; however, the Independent Contractor is responsible for all wages, benefits, and taxes for any assistants so hired.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASED SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND CM LEARNING GROUP FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND COACHING FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026 (SG 3)

WHEREAS, TSI school leaders require support and guidance for data gathering, supervision of instruction, and SCEP implementation and monitoring; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to retain the CM Learning Group to provide professional learning and guidance to newly appointed school administrators; and

WHEREAS, The Contract will be for a term commencing October 1, 2025, and terminating June 30, 2026 for an amount not to exceed $30,000.00 for services to be performed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the Contract with CM Learning Group, which provides, among other things, for a term commencing October 1, 2025 and terminating June 30, 2026 for an amount not to exceed $30,000.00; and further

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

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute such Contract; and further

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES
BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

This Contract, made this 25th day of September, 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 Sixty Sixth Street, Niagara Falls, New York, 14304 (hereinafter called the "First Party"), and CM Learning Group 3079 Lake Road, Williamson, NY 14589. c/o Carolyn Tinsley, hereinafter called the "Second Party");

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the Parties do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. Engagement of Second Party. The First Party hereby engages the Second Party as an independent contractor to render to the First Party the professional consulting

services regarding principal support, hereinafter described, and the Second Party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party. The Second Party shall provide and render to the First Party the usual and customary services of a consultant regarding principal professional learning, which services shall include, without limitation, the following:

a) Gathering achievement data to evaluate long and short-term improvement goals;

b) Conducting effective classroom observations and delivery of impactful feedback to teachers;

c) Building effective school leadership teams to monitor and adjust SCEP goals and strategies for maximum impact on student performance;

d) Professional Development on high leverage instructional strategies for District instructional staff (The District Instructional Look-Fors);

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 according 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 Second Party shall not be an employee of the First Party. The Second Party is engaged by the First Party only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Contract, and the relationship to the First Party during the term of this Contract shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services hereinbefore expressly set forth, in the exclusive capacity of independent contractor only, and in no event as servant or employee except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have the power to control the activities and operations of the other and their status at all times will continue to be that of independent contractor.

4. Compensation to the Second Party. Upon receipt of a payment invoice the District shall pay to CM Learning Group, a sum not to exceed $30,000.00 provided the services have been completed, payable in quarterly installments each of $7,500.00. CM Learning Group shall invoice the District quarterly for services rendered within the quarter, on or about the following dates: December 1, 2025, February 2, 2026, March 4, 2026, and June 30, 2026. Payment by checks made payable to the order of the Second Party, if in full accordance with the last sentence, shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance the Second Party, CM Learning Group.

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

The Second Party shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the First Party. All policies shall name the First Party as an additional part insured. The Second Party is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Worker's Compensation insurance as required by law.

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

6. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from 10/01/25 through 6/30/26, however, that any Party may, at any given time, terminate this Contract in all

respects by giving to the other Party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

7. Assignment. The Independent Contractor may hire and pay assistants; however, the Independent Contractor is responsible for all wages, benefits, and taxes for any assistants so hired.

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASED SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND CM LEARNING GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR NFHS TEACHERS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026 (SG 3)

WHEREAS, 1. Use of collaborative learning strategies and protocols in the classroom; 2. Turnkey training for lead teachers to demonstrate identified strategies for instructional colleagues; and 3. Engage in guided Learning Walks to observe teaching practices and facilitate discussion on trends, insights and ongoing instructional improvement.; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to retain the CM Learning Group to provide professional learning and guidance to Niagara Falls High School teachers; and

WHEREAS, The Contract will be for a term commencing October 1, 2025, and terminating June 30, 2026 for an amount not to exceed $30,000.00 for services to be performed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the Contract with CM Learning Group, which provides, among other things, for a term commencing October 1, 2025 and terminating June 30, 2026 for an amount not to exceed $30,000.00; and further

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

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute such Contract; and further

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES
BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

This Contract, made this 25th day of September, 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 Sixty Sixth Street, Niagara Falls, New York, 14304 (hereinafter called the "First Party"), and CM Learning Group, 3079 Lake road, Williamson, NY 14589 c/o Carolyn Tinsley, hereinafter called the "Second Party");

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the Parties do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. Engagement of Second Party. The First Party hereby engages the Second Party as an independent contractor to render to the First Party the professional consulting services regarding teacher professional learning at Niagara Falls High School, hereinafter described, and the Second Party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party. The Second Party shall provide and render to the First Party the usual and customary services of a consultant regarding principal professional learning, which services shall include, without limitation, the following:

a) Facilitation of targeted professional learning for teachers;

b) Training of lead teachers to turnkey learning objectives and content to their peers;

c) Facilitation of Collaborative Learning Walks which feature structured reflection, action planning and follow-up cycles;

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 according 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 Second Party shall not be an employee of the First Party. The Second Party is engaged by the First Party only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Contract, and the relationship to the First Party during the term of this Contract shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services hereinbefore expressly set forth, in the exclusive capacity of independent contractor only, and in no event as servant or employee except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have the power to control the activities and operations of the other and their status at all times will continue to be that of independent contractor.

4. Compensation to the Second Party. Upon receipt of a payment invoice the District shall pay to CM Learning Group, a sum not to exceed $30,000.00 provided the services have been completed, payable in quarterly installments each of $7,500.00. CM Learning Group shall invoice the District quarterly for services rendered within the quarter, on or about the following dates: December 1, 2025, February 2, 2026, March 4, 2026, and June 30, 2026. Payment by checks made payable to the order of the Second Party, if in full accordance with the last sentence, shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance the Second Party, CM Learning Group.

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

The Second Party shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the First Party. All policies shall name the First Party as an additional part insured. The Second Party is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Worker's Compensation insurance as required by law.

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

6. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from 10/01/25 through 6/30/26, however, that any Party may, at any given time, terminate this Contract in all respects by giving to the other Party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

7. Assignment. The Independent Contractor may hire and pay assistants; however, the Independent Contractor is responsible for all wages, benefits, and taxes for any assistants so hired.

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

IN W ITNESS W HEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN SAY YES BUFFALO AND THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS (SG 1)

WHEREAS, The District wishes to engage Say Yes Buffalo to effectively plan and strategically roll out four collaborative programs; Saturday Academy, the Breaking Barriers Youth Leadership Development Program, the Modern Youth Apprenticeship program, and a Tuition-free College Promise for Niagara Falls public school students; and

WHEREAS, The opportunities will allow for not only academic growth, but personal and social growth through these expanded opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The attached contract has been negotiated by the administration with Say Yes Buffalo to provide such services at a cost not to exceed $250,000 for period effective July 1st, 2025 through January 1st, 2026; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Say Yes Buffalo for strategically planning the rollout of four identified programs for students and families at a cost not to exceed $250,000, for the period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, attached hereto be and is hereby approved; and further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP AND STRATEGIC PLANNING BETWEEN SAY YES BUFFALO AND THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25th September 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and SAY YES BUFFALO, 1166 Jefferson Ave Ste A, Buffalo, NY 14208, (hereinafter "Say Yes Buffalo")

WITNESSETH:

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

Say Yes Buffalo agrees to undertake the following responsibilities during the period of this of this Contract:

1. Lead the strategic process for the rollout of Saturday Academy Program within the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls which shall include assessing community needs, identifying resources, and developing implementation plans.

2. Facilitate the planning for the establishment and implementation of the Breaking Barriers Youth Leadership Development Program in collaboration with the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls. This program aims to empower young men of color through leadership development initiatives.

3. Plan and collaborate with the District to make available and expand the Say Yes Modern Youth Apprenticeship Program and workforce portfolio, providing students with hands-on learning experiences and pathways to career readiness.

4. Collaboratively fundraise with the goal of an establishing an endowed post-secondary scholarship promise program for Niagara Falls students and graduates, ensuring access to postsecondary opportunities.

5. Advise and support the establishment of an Operating Committee of key stakeholders.

6. Develop marketing materials and collateral to support fundraising and start-up efforts.

7. Provide necessary data, information, and resources to support the planning efforts.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. Say Yes Buffalo is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement. All information shared between the Parties during the course of this Agreement shall be treated as confidential and shall not be disclosed to any third party without the prior written consent of the disclosing Party.

4. Compensation to Say Yes Buffalo. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to Say Yes Buffalo for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $250,000 to be paid in in two (2) installments each of $125,000.00,upon the filing of vouchers with and acceptable to the District on November 15, 2025 and December 31, 2025. Payment checks payable to the order of Say Yes Buffalo shall be deemed full payment to, and acquittance by Say Yes Buffalo.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Say Yes Buffalo 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 Contracting excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the District, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Say Yes Buffalo shall maintain liability and other insurance of the type and in the amounts as herein provided and acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured.

Commercial General Liability insurance in limits of:

a) $4,000,000 General Aggregate
$4,000,000 Completed Operations Aggregate
$2,000,000 Personal Injury
$2,000,000 Each Occurrence

Sexual Abuse/Molestation Coverage-$1,000,000 per occurrence.

-Hired and Non-owned Auto-$1,000,000

Umbrella Liability insurance in limits of

a) $5,000,000 Each occurrence
$5,000,000 Completed Operations Aggregate
$5,000,000 General Aggregate

Workers Compensation-subject to the laws of the state in which the work is performed and Employer's Liability coverage with a limit of $1,000,000 Bodily injury by accident/$1,000,000 Bodily injury by disease policy limit/$1,000,000 Bodily injury by disease each employee.

Niagara Falls School District, Inc. will be added as additional insured on a primary and non-contributing basis. A copy of the endorsement or endorsements upon request will be sent to the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls prior to services being performed.

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.

6. Term of Contract. This contract shall be effective from July 1, 2025 through December 31, 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 election to terminate the same.

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND AERO CAR AND LIMO SERVICES, INC., D.B.A. AERO TRANSPORTATION FOR 2025–2026 SCHOOL YEAR (SG 3) (SG 3)

WHEREAS, The District is obligated to provide appropriate transportation services to students; and

WHEREAS, The District has provided transportation supports for students upon request, on an as needed basis in the past and will continue to provide transportation services through a contract with Aero Transportation who will provide qualified specialized professionals to the District; and

WHEREAS, The agreed upon fee for the services rendered pursuant to the terms of the proposed Agreement are the standard rates of $4.25 per mile beginning and ending at 6951 Williams Road, Niagara Falls, NY, plus $10.00 for each pick-up location, or $21 per leg of split transports as defined in attached contract, with a $25.00 no-show fee for transports requested by the District and not cancelled 24 hours prior to scheduled pick-up time in instances when the transport is not needed; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement shall be effective for a term commencing September 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the Agreement attached hereto with Aero Car and Limo Services, Inc., D.B.A. Aero Transportation to provide transport by qualified professionals for students upon request, on an as needed or long-term basis, at the rates as provided therein, a copy of which is attached for a period commencing September 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; and

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

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

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

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The following agreement is made between Aero Car and Limo Services, Inc., D.B.A. Aero Transportation, 6951 Williams Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 and, City School District of The City of Niagara Falls, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, herein referred to as the "District".

Aero Car and Limo Services, Inc., DBA Aero Transportation agrees to provide door to door transportation services for City School District of the City of Niagara Falls students as outlined below:

Requirements
Aero Car and Limo Services, Inc., D.B.A. Aero Transportation, agrees to provide round trip door to door transportation services for Niagara Falls students from / to their homes to / from out of district educational facility per student IEP as agreed upon with the Committee on Special Education weekdays that school is in session.

Aero Car and Limo Services, Inc., D.B.A. Aero Transportation, agrees to provide transportation services for students from a school building to the student's home in the event of a medical dismissal related to Covid-19 or other illness as needed.

Aero Car and Limo Services, Inc., D.B.A. Aero Transportation agrees to provide additional transportation services for students of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls on an as needed basis. Additional transportation services may include transport of students in temporary housing outside of District boundaries per McKinney-Vento Act provisions, and transport of students in educational programs in partnership with local business partners to/from business locations.

All Aero Car and Limo Services, Inc., D.B.A. Aero Transportation drivers shall be capable, skilled, and hold all necessary licenses and permits as may be required by applicable Federal, State and Local laws – including, but not limited to, NYS DOT 19A Certification. All Aero Transportation's drivers are subject to pre-employment drug screen and criminal background checks. Additionally, they are subject to random drug and alcohol testing per DOT guidelines.

Aero Car and Limo Services, Inc., DBA Aero Transportation, shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law indemnify and hold harmless the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, 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 Transportation Agreement excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, its agents, servants and/or employees.

Aero Car and Limo Services, Inc., DBA Aero Transportation, shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls. All policies shall name the District as an additional part insured. A certificate of insurance shall be filed with the District prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificate. The certificate shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be cancelled until at least thirty days' prior written notice is given to the District.

Rates
- Aero Car and Limo Services, Inc., DBA Aero Transportation, will charge a fee of $4.25 per mile beginning and ending at 6951 Williams Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 for each transportation service.

- Aero Car and Limo Services, Inc., DBA Aero Transportation will charge a fee of $10.00 for each pick-up location.
- Aero Car and Limo Services, Inc., DBA Aero Transportation will charge a fee of $25.00 that will apply to no-show students if the stop is requested by District staff per this agreement and not cancelled 24 hours in advance.
- Aero Car and Limo Services, Inc., DBA Aero Transportation, will charge a fee of $21 per Leg, which is defined as trips related to the split transport of Niagara Falls High School students to, from, or between partner businesses as outlined in paragraph three of contract requirements.

This agreement shall be effective September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 16 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 $432,944.35; 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 $21,647.21; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $432,944.35 less the required 5% retainage ($21,647.21) as outlined in the contract, $411,297.14; 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 $411,297.14 to Scrufari Construction Company 3925 Hyde Park Blvd Niagara Falls, NY 14305 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #16; 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: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 06 TO MKS PLUMBING CO. INC. FOR PLUMBING 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 $432,944.35; 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 $21,647.21; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $432,944.35 less the required 5% retainage ($21,647.21) as outlined in the contract, $411,297.14; 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 $411,297.14 to Scrufari Construction Company 3925 Hyde Park Blvd Niagara Falls, NY 14305 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #16; 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: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 18 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 $9,034.32; 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 $225.86; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $9,034.32 less the required 2.50% retainage ($225.86) as outlined in the contract, $8,808.46; 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 $8,808.46 to John W. Danforth 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #18; 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: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 17 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 $79,343.20; 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 $1,983.58; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $79,343.20 less the required 2.50% retainage ($1,983.58) as outlined in the contract, $77,359.62; 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 $77,359.62 to John W. Danforth 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #17; 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: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 18 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 $198,473.55; 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 $9,923.68; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $198,473.55 less the required 5% retainage ($9,923.68) as outlined in the contract, $188,549.87; 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 $188,549.87 to Frey Electrical Construction Corp. 100 Pearce Ave Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #18; 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: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 18 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 $51,344.00; 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 $2,567.20; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $51,344.00 less the required 5% retainage ($2,567.20) as outlined in the contract, $48,776.80; 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 $48,776.80 to U&S Services (Stark Tech) 95 Stark St Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #18; 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: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 12 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 $28,458.46; 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 $1,422.92; and

WHEREAS, The amount of payment the District will issue shall be $28,458.46 less the required 5% retainage ($1,422.92) as outlined in the contract, $27,035.54; 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 $27,035.54 to Johnson Controls Inc 130 John Muir Dr #100 Amherst, NY 14228 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment #12; 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: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER MKS-001 FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SG 3)

WHEREAS, This change order is needed to amend the original contract; and

WHEREAS, Clark Patterson Lee, Project Architect, and Buffalo Construction Consultants, Project Construction Manager, have recommended that the Niagara Falls Board of Education approve a change order for this purpose; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order No. MKS-001 for -$5,000.00 to MKS Plumbing Corp 19 Ransier Dr 14 West Seneca, NY 14224

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERJWDB-02 FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SG 3)

WHEREAS, This change order is needed to amend the original contract; and

WHEREAS, Clark Patterson Lee, Project Architect, and Buffalo Construction Consultants, Project Construction Manager, have recommended that the Board approve a change order for this purpose; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order No. JWD-01 for -$71,552.58 to John W Danforth Company 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER JWDC-01 FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SG 3)

WHEREAS, This change order is needed to amend the original contract; and

WHEREAS, Clark Patterson Lee, Project Architect, and Buffalo Construction Consultants, Project Construction Manager, have recommended that the Board approve a change order for this purpose; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order No. JWDC-02 for -$50,488.46 to John W Danforth Company 300 Colvin Woods Parkway Tonawanda, NY 14150.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF BUILDING-LEVEL SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS AS AMENDED, AND FILING WITH THE NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the State of New York enacted a Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act (SAVE), a component of which requires Boards of Education within the State to adopt and annually amend, if necessary, Building-Level School Safety Plans that address crisis intervention and prevention, emergency response and management; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education in compliance with the laws and regulation adopted and filed Building-Level Safety Plans for District Schools annually as required; and

WHEREAS, Building-Level School Safety Teams appointed pursuant to the law and regulations for each school within the District, reviewed and amended the Building-Level School Safety Plan for their respective school; and

WHEREAS, a summary of each Building-Level School Safety Plan as amended, was made available for public comment for a period of at least 30 days prior to formal adoption by the Board; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Building-Level School Safety Plans, as amended, is required for the participation of personnel, parents, students and other interested parties prior to its adoption and was held on May 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in August 2025, Section 2801-a (3) (a) of the Education Law of the State of New York, was amended, requiring school districts to include policies and procedures for response to sudden cardiac arrest in building level emergency response plans; and

WHEREAS, in response to this amendment to New Your State Law, District Administrators, together with the ON BOCES safety risk consultant amended Building-Level Safety plans to include specific procedures that address medical needs, transportation and emergency notification of parents/guardians in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest incident. now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve and adopt the Building-Level School Safety Plans, as amended, and submitted by the Building-Level School Safety Teams for the respective schools, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Building-Level School Safety Plans as amended and hereby adopted be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Education as required by law and regulations; and be it further

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

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

Motion to “walk on” item 6.31.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

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

APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2025.

WHEREAS, The provisions of the Education Law §1606(3) and Board Policy 1520 authorize the Board of Education to hold special meetings; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary that a special meeting of the Board of Education be held on the date and time and for the purposes below mentioned; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a special meeting of the Board of Education be held at the Administration Board Auditorium, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, for the purpose of considering and acting on such business as may properly come before the Board at a Regular meeting;

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

Review of the Proposed Policy(ies)

Other Communications
Oral Communications - Public Comment on non-Agenda Items:

Information and Reports
Superintendent's Report
Mr. Laurrie's Comments:

The superintendent congratulated the students honored this evening; the graduation rate is now 87%.

The Smart Device Ban is going very well; parents, staff, students, are all cooperating to observe the ban. The District has had one elementary student who required consequences; at prep level, four pouches were damaged; at NFHS some students need reminding but then cooperated. The Superintendent thanks all for working so well on this.

Future Agenda will change to October 15; members who want to go to the SUNY Niagara event should advise Mrs. Glaser. A NFCSD student will receive a full, two-year scholarship to SUNY Niagara for welding.

Mr. Laurrie spoke to city about the golf course, regarding Mr. Vilardo's suggestion that students could do that work; it will move forward.

It is homecoming weekend at NFHS.

Yesterday the Sleep in Heavenly Peace press conference went well; numerous requests have come in for beds. A donation of $20,000 was received already. John Cousins donated $10,000 himself. He is a founder of this collaboration with Niagara Falls.

The first "Say Yes Saturday Academy" will take place October 4, 2025 at CES, a prep rally will be held at HFA the week preceding.
Amari Jenkins, a Hyde Park teacher, won a Dion Dawkins -funded field trip to Penn Dixie as the result of a video she made.

The External Audit has begun.

Board Members Report and Comments
Mr. Paretto commented ion the fine work of the construction trades on ABOFA and how pleased he is that all our local workers, living and spending in the community.

Mr. Bass: Congratulations to the students honored this evening.
Mrs. Dunn: Pointed out that community member Ezra Scott Jr. also being recognized by SUNY Niagara.
Miss Kaur: The phone policy has been working, there are no significant problems with its implementation.
Mr. Vilardo: Congratulations to the students honored this evening. At his class reunion which took place Saturday, Mr. Rajczak expressed his thanks to the Board for its support of the students studying trades.
Mr. Petrozzi: John Cousins is a LSHS alumnus and friend; it is wonderful to be working with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Thanks also to Mr. Burgess and Mr. Schmidt of the District for their work.
Mr. Cancemi: The Cousins family is a well-known one in Niagara Falls. Congratulations to the students honored this evening. TY to BOE for hanging meeting date. First time our student full ride.
Mr. Bilson: Congratulated students honored this evening; inspiring. Thanked crew of Capital projects; the District is far ahead of others in making schools safer.
Mr. Paretto: Congratulations to the students honored this evening. As the ABOFA work is concluding, it should be noted that the District followed the PLA and hired union. Skilled trades are a depleted workforce right now. So glad the District is leading in educating the next generation of tradespeople.
The following was read into the record by Mr. Paretto:

As we close tonight's meeting, I want to take a moment to thank Mr. Laurrie for his many years of service and leadership to our District. With his retirement planned for June 30, we are grateful for the strong foundation he has helped build for our students, staff, and community.

With that, I'd like to officially note for the record that the Board will begin the process of sourcing candidates to find our next superintendent. Our goal is to identify a strong leader who will build on the great foundation Mark has established and we will begin the process internally to ensure we find the very best fit for our District.

As always we end our meeting in remembrance of those wo served and contributed to our school community:

Sal Cioffi, retired Math teacher for 33 years in the NFCSD and the first Varsity Bowling Coach at LaSalle High School. He was the Uncle of Ken White (Cataract) and Wendy Magaddino (Bond).
Emily Dotts, mother-in-law of Barbara Dotts.
Mary Elizabeth Granieri, mother of Ray Granieri. Grandmother of Lauren Granieri.
Pam Latham, wife of Marcus Latham.

Advanced Planning
Future Agenda Items
Future Meeting Dates

October 9, 2025	**October 15, 2025**
1. Speak Life Twice - Rev. Coplin (Guest)	1. Head Start Update – Dr. Haley O'Stewart
2. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – Oct. 15th Regular Board Meeting – *Mr. Laurrie*, *Mrs. Glaser*, *Ms. Massaro*	2. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – Oct. 15th Regular Board Meeting – *Mr. Laurrie*, *Mrs. Glaser*, *Ms. Massaro*

Adjournment
Meeting Adjourned on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Bilson, in memory of the following:
Sal Cioffi, retired Math teacher and the first Varsity Bowling Coach at LaSalle High School. He was the Uncle of Ken White (Cataract) and Wendy Magaddino (Bond).
Emily Dotts, mother-in-law of Barbara Dotts.
Mary Beth Granieri, mother of Ray Granieri. Grandmother of Lauren Granieri.
Pam Latham, wife of Marcus Latham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser
Judith Glaser, District Clerk

DATE: October 9, 2025
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. Paretto at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass*, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi (entered 5:48p.m.), Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod*(logged on 6:21 p.m.), Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Miss Kaur.
Excused: Mr. Capizzi
***remote**

Staff: Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Carella, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Mrs. Holody, Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser.

SPEAK LIFE TWICE Rev. Gene Coplin, Guest
Mrs. Warren, a CES employee who formerly worked at LPS, began the presentation. She spoke about how effective the program was at LaSalle Prep School, where she previously work, and how the staff learned to mirror the techniques Rev. Coplin employs.

Rev. Coplin thanked the District for its partnership.

Rev. Coplin is a motivational speaker who uses Project WITT (Wisdom in Troubled Times) with students, a counseling program to help students share about their mental health. Rev. Coplin works to intrinsically motivate students to succeed and be confident.

He also uses an attitude development, motivational leadership program called Speak Life Twice. It involves utilizing positive affirmatives to affect beneficial changes in attitude and accomplishments.

Students report a major improvement in mental health. Rev. Coplin shared letters written by students attesting to the value of the program.

The Board participated in an exercise with Rev. Coplin. He shared his positive affirmations and invited the assembled persons to repeat them.

The District has contracted with Rev. Coplin's Project L.E.E. Inc., to provide youth mentoring to students at five schools: Abate Elementary, Cataract Elementary, Hyde Park Elementary, LaSalle Preparatory, and Gaskill Preparatory School. Project L.E.E. Inc. facilitates youth mentoring workshops to motivate students to improve their academic outcomes, self-image, and attitude. Project L.E.E. Inc. has extensive experience in mentoring youth and using motivational workshops to reach many students who face difficult life challenges.

He shared the following data:

GPS: 90% of 82 students did not have to go to summer school.
LPS: 97% of 106 students did not have to go to summer school.

Rev. Coplin explained that there are spoken words, written words, body language, and silent words.
He feels silent words are the most damaging; that is, internal talk or recalling negative statements.

Staff has participated in professional development, as well.

REVIEW OF ARP AUDIT
The following were the findings of the ARP audit, which looked at the accountability of use of funds provided to address learning loss due to COVID remote learning. The District is in disagreement with the following findings, and will respond to them.

Audit Finding #1 – Time and attendance: The District's time and attendance certifications were not in compliance with Uniform Guidance
The forms included the account code of the grant but not the complete grant name "ESSER I/GEER I Cares Act"
The forms were signed twice a year by staff, typically in December and May, but not at the end of the grant period

Once the District was made aware of the changes in October of 2023, it immediately updated the forms to include the complete grant name; the updated forms were utilized in December of 2023. Now the forms are completed in June for the second time, rather than May.

It is important to note that the staff and salary amounts and included within the grants were appropriate (teachers, administrators, instructional coaches).

Audit Finding #2 – PROCUREMENT - The District did not ensure purchases were made in accordance with Uniform Guidance or their own written policies and procedures.
In all 5 instances the purchases were made through the equitable services allocation for non-public schools after consultation with the school officials.
In 4 instances the individual unit cost for the items purchases ranged between $17.95 - $978 per unit. Per the District's purchasing policy these items are below the $1,500 threshold, therefore judgement/catalog pricing was used.
In 1 instance the non-public school desired to purchase curriculum materials for distance learning per their LEA agreement. These materials were deemed to be a sole source.

All supplies and materials purchased were made per the LEA agreement and were appropriate and allowable expenditures, supporting hybrid learning and safe and healthy schools. The District complied with Uniform Guidance and the District's purchasing policy in all instances.

Audit Finding #3 – ASSET MANAGEMENT AND INVENTORY - The District did not properly monitor and account for technology materials, supplies, and equipment that were tested in accordance with Uniform Guidance and maintained incomplete and inaccurate inventory records.

Prior to the audit there were 3 separate inventory databases. Now, there is one comprehensive asset listing that includes all technology inventory, District inventory (items purchased with individual values in excess of $500), and all inventory purchased for non-public schools for equitable services.

Additionally, District officials did not arrange for an annual physical inventory of all assets, nor provide documentation that a bi-annual inventory was conducted for compliance with Uniform Guidance.

The District engaged an independent consultant to conduct an onsite physical inventory in August of 2024. This practice will continue biannually. Previously, this was completed every 3 years.

The District will also begin conducting an annual inventory internally and reconciling to the fixed asset listing.

Audit Finding #4 – EQUITABLE SERVICES - The District did not effectively manage and account for equitable services to non-public schools in accordance with the CARES Act §18005(a) and §18005(b).

After consultation with the non-public schools, several non-public schools asked to send the funds directly to their LEA (i.e. Buffalo, Grand Island). The District did not have signed LEA agreements with those public agencies. Given the lack of guidance at the time and the desire to use the funds to help open schools for the 2021-2022 school year the District did not believe these were unauthorized payments.

The District reimbursed non-public schools for costs that were incurred after the grant period began March 13, 2020 but before the district received its allocation and award in April 2020. The costs in question were for cleaning supplies, masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer.

Despite repeated efforts to get non-public schools to provide purchase requests to utilize their remaining allocations, there were a few non-public schools who had minimal balances remaining. The District chose to release those funds directly to the non-public schools.

The District made a conscious good faith effort to interpret guidance and maintains the District was a good steward of the Federal funds.

A review of the agenda was held.
A draft of the audit will be presented to the Audit Committee next week.
There will be an executive session for one personnel matter.
Remove #7 and #9 on STC grid.

Mr. Laurrie shared that the November meetings will take place on the 6th and 20th . On the sixth, an update on the Maisto Case (Campaign For Fiscal Equity) will be presented. Five Districts remain as part of the suit. The Board is asked to share any questions in advance with Mr. Laurrie, who will share them in advance with the presenters.

The next Saturday Academy takes place at 10 a.m. at Bond this week.

Teacher Silvana Bonura secured $12,000 in school supplies for Bond.

DATE:	October 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. Paretto at 5:30 p.m.

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

Staff: Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Carella, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser.

2024 2025 External Audit Report - Drescher & Malecki report presented by Mr. Montalbo
This is required by New York State. The report was presented to the Audit Committee immediately previous to this meeting. The firm reported no findings or recommendations. The District will receive an unqualified, or "clean" opinion, the best possible result.

Compensated absences were one area reviewed. There is no change in this area.

Revenue has exceeded expenditures each of last five years.
Thus, the District will increase reserves. It is anticipated that it will be difficult to continue this trend. For the time period audited, the District had $8,113,606 in unrestricted funds available, $46, 831,698 in restricted. $1,965,046, or four percent, is unassigned. This is the maximum allowed.

The school lunch fund shows a decrease in fund balance. Capital purchases for cafeteria's account for this.

There were no material weaknesses. No non-compliance was found.

Mr. Laurrie noted possible decreases in State aid going forward. Two reserve funds are funded at the maximum allowable amount, including employee retirement funds. He awaits an actuarial study to demonstrate the soundness of the workers' compensation fund. The plan is to submit the report to NYS on Monday. Thanks to the finance team for its work, as well as the legal team for its skill in handling CVA cases, and mitigating the financial impact of those. This is the sixth consecutive clean audit.

Internal Audit Updates - Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. McCreary
The Superintendent is recommending a new Internal Auditor, Tronconi Segarra & Associates. Their on-site presence is appreciated.

The internal audit will begin January 12, 2026, must be filed April 30, 2026. The firm performed a risk assessment and recommend studying: food service/child nutrition, payroll, and financial reports.

Mrs. Jacklin expounded on the financial reports, explaining that a hot topic with the Office of the State Comptroller is to confirm that the Board is being provided all required reports.

The State Comptroller is due to audit the District on these matters.

Other audit areas include information technology and water testing for lead. The District is ahead of the curve on both these areas, having addressed relevant issues already.

A review of the agenda was held.

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mr. Bilson to discuss four separate personnel matters appointments relating to the employment, appointment or promotion on these individuals. All in favor.

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. . on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mrs. Dunn . All in favor.

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

A reflection was offered by Mrs. Dunn.
Roll Call
Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi (entered 7:09 p.m.,), Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Miss Kaur
Excused: Miss Kaur
Letters and Communications

Oral Communications - Public Comment on Agenda Items - None.

Written Communications – None.

Recommended Actions from the Superintendent of Schools - Routine Matters

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

Minutes –September 25, 2025 Meetings (SG 4)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod
Not Present at Vote: Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi

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

Approval of Budget Transfer - # 3 (SG 3)

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 $ 677,229.09 among the following fund, function, object, and location codes:

General Fund:	$	268,690.00
Cafeteria Fund:	$	20,200.00
Special Aid Fund:	$	388,339.09
Capital Projects Fund:	$	0

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod
Not Present at Vote: Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mr. Bilson.
Approval of Bids: Elevator and Lift Maintenance Repair Services – Bid Award Extension

WHEREAS, Funds were appropriated for Elevator and Lift Maintenance and Repair Services in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, public bidding procedures were observed for Bid No. 10 – Elevator and Lift Maintenance and Repair Services; and

WHEREAS, Legal notice was published November 9, 2023 and bid documents were mailed to or secured by five potential bidders; and

WHEREAS, Bid was publicly opened and read on November 28, 2023 and one properly executed bid was received; and

WHEREAS, Bid was originally analyzed by Mr. Earl Smeal, Director of Facilities III, and Ms. Ann Schiro, Purchasing Agent and bid extension option was reviewed by Mr. Michael Macri, Interim Director of Facilities and Ms. Ann Schiro, Purchasing Agent; therefore, be it

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

Award No.	Vendor	Award Amount
10a	D.C.B. Elevator Co., Inc	Amount in Excess of $32,040.00

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod
Not Present at Vote: Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi

The following were received and filed.
Treasurer's Report –September 2025 (SG 3)
Budget Status Report – September 2025 (SG 3)

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mr. Bilson.
Personnel Report – Certificated (SG 1, 2)
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod
Not Present at Vote: Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Bass, seconded by Mr. Bilson.
Personnel Report - Classified (SG 1, 2)
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod
Not Present at Vote: Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mr. Bilson.
Report from Committee on Special Education (SG 1)

The Committee on Special Education met on May 29, 2025; and September 16, 18,19, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 2025; and October 1, 7, 8, 9, 2025 to review Annual Reviews, and September 4, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 2025; and October 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 2025 to review and initiate the placement of students with disabilities.

The Board of Education is required by law to act upon the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education. If no action is taken tonight, the students involved in the recommendations will not begin to receive the services deemed necessary for their education. Furthermore, the parents of the students involved could take legal action against the Board.

This action item was prepared by Cheryl Meteer, Chairperson of the Committee on Special Education. The recommended resolution was approved by Mr. Angelo Massaro, School District Attorney.

Mr. Mark Laurrie, Superintendent of Schools, will answer questions pertaining to this item.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution:
Report from the Committee on Special Education

The Committee on Special Education met on May 29, 2025; and September 16, 18,19, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 2025; and October 1, 7, 8, 9, 2025 to review Annual Reviews, and September 4, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 2025; and October 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 2025 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 2025-2026 school year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod
Not Present at Vote: Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mr. Bilson.
Report from Committee on Preschool Special Education (SG 1)

The Committee on Pre-School Special Education met on September 11, 17, 24, and 25, 2025; and October 2, 3, 7, 8, and 9, 2025; 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 2025-2026 school year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod
Not Present at Vote: Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.
Short-Term Contracts

1. New Punjabi Halal-Mirch Masala ENL Parent Orientation $480.00 F2110 400-098-2825 October 23, 2025
2. Thera-Pony LLC Saturday Academy-Interaction with Miniature Horses $500.00 A 7310 400 057 A7310 400 061 ($250 each) October 4, 2025 October 18, 20245
3. LA Movement Fitness Saturday Academy – dancing instruction /activities $300.00 A 7310 400 057 October 4, 2025
4. SPCA Saturday Academy – hands on educational programming with animals $175.00 A 7310 400 057 October 4, 2025
5. Autumn's Gate Saturday Academy – hands on educational programming with small farm animals hobby horses and crafts $275.00 A 7310 400 057 October 4, 2025
6. She Drums Cheryl Myles Saturday Academy - drum circle experience supporting movement $125.00 A 7310 400 061 October 18, 2025
7. LA Movement Fitness Saturday Academy – dancing instruction /activities $600.00 A 7310 400 056 A 7310 400 049 ($300.00 each) November 1, 2025 November 15, 2025
8. Mercy Flight Ambulatory Services at football games $1,012.50A2355 400 025 September 13, 2025- October 25, 2025
9. She Drums Rhythm-based after school program at Cataract Elementary $600.00 F2110 450 057 0326 6 weeks every trimester
10. Everway Virtual Overview workshop for special education teachers$1,197.00 A 2010 400 002 November 4, 2025
11. Curriculum Associates Professional Learning: training for ready reading and phonics reading intervention programs $1,200.00 F2110 404 098 0126 October 21, 2025 November 4, 2025
12. Jessie M. Scott Hope Club of Niagara Afterschool mentorship program at Bloneva Bond $0.00 Thursdays and Fridays beginning September 18, 2025
13. Perry Ground Native American Storytelling $500.00 F2110 400 058 0326 November 21, 2025
14. Anne Kent-Kwasniewski 6 book studies $2,200.00 F2070 400 045 8126 October 14 – December 6, 2025
15. Father and Son Center Mentoring program for NFHS $10,000.00 A2330 400 007 Tuesdays and Thursdays 2025-2026

16. Louise Feretti, PhD Independent Neuro-psychological Evaluation for special education student $1,900 - $2,200 per evaluation F2250 404 098 0726 As needed
17. Elizabeth Bell TRC Course - Behavior Breakthrough $2,925.00 F2070 400 045 8126 October 14 – December 6, 2025
18. One Trusted Adult Training for TAs and Associates $3,087.50 F2110 400 098 0326 November 4, 2025

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi,
Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi seconded by Mr. McLeod.
Head Start/ Early Head Start Reports – Attached.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi,
Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

5. Unfinished Business - None.

6. New Business
The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Bass, seconded by Mrs. Dunn .

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2024-2025 ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT AND FILING THEREOF WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, §170.2(r) of the Commissioner's Regulations requires that a financial audit of all funds maintained by the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls be performed each year; and

WHEREAS, The firm of Drescher & Malecki LLP has completed the audit and presented it to the Board of Education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the 2024-2025 Annual Independent Audit as prepared by the firm of Drescher & Malecki LLP; and

RESOLVED, That a certified copy of the resolution and a copy of the audit be filed with the Commissioner of Education; and

RESOLVED, That the District Treasurer be directed to publish the annual Independent audit in a newspaper having general circulation in the School District as required by Commissioner's Regulations §170.2(s)(1).
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi,
Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mrs. McLeod.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND TRONCONI SEGARRA & ASSOCIATES AS TSA ADVISORS, LLC. FOR INTERNAL AUDITOR SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028

Approval of Contract for professional consultant services by and between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York (the "District") and Tronconi Segarra & Associates as TSA Advisors, LLC for internal audit services for period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

WHEREAS, The Niagara Falls City School District is required to maintain an internal audit function; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is responsible for overseeing the internal audit function, and in so doing, maintains an advisory Internal Audit Committee("IAC") consisting of Board appointed community members; and

WHEREAS, The State recommends that a Request for Proposal ("RFP") be issued for internal audit services at least every five years; and

WHEREAS, The Erie 1 BOCES Requested Proposals for internal audit services for its component and participating districts; and

WHEREAS, After an additional review of RFP respondents the District recommends engaging the services of the auditing firm Tronconi Segarra & Associates as TSA Advisors, LLC., and

WHEREAS, The District will pay TSA Advisors, LLC for internal audit services upon invoice and enumeration of hours, at the discretion of the District not to exceed $20,000 in 2025-26; $21,000 in 2026-27; and $22,000 in 2027-28; and

WHEREAS, The District reserves the right to terminate its Contract with TSA Advisors, LLC upon thirty (30) days written notice; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract by and between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York (the "District") and Tronconi Segarra & Associates as TSA Advisors, LLC providing for internal audit services for period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 in accordance with the Engagement Letter, a copy of which is attached, be and is hereby; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Contract shall require that Bonadio & Co., LLP perform all services required of an Internal Auditor, including the identification of errors, fraud or illegal acts that may exist and the securing of all information required to identify risks to the District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the terms and conditions of the Contract are subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and the School District Attorney deem necessary and appropriate; and

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi,
Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

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

APPROVAL TO BIND CYBER SECURITY INSURANCE WITH GREAT AMERICAN SPIRIT INSURANCE COMPANY THROUGH WRIGHT RISK MANAGEMENT AND NEW YORK STATE INSURANCE RECIPROCAL ("NYSIR"), AS PROPOSED, FOR THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF $31,111 FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2025 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

WHEREAS, the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls purchases property and equipment, general liability, automobile, umbrella, inland marine, crime, cyber security, student accident, excess workers' compensation and builder's risk (for capital construction) insurance to protect the school system from many perils and legal liabilities.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education acknowledges it has insurance requirements that require specific endorsements and that without those endorsements the District would be exposed to significant out-of-pocket costs; and

WHEREAS, NYSIR provides one million dollars of cyber security coverage included in the annual general liability policy; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to bind an additional two (2) million dollars of Cyber Security insurance with Coalition Insurance Solutions through Wright Risk Management; and

WHEREAS, Coalition Insurance Solutions is the preferred proposal for additional Cyber Security insurance; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Education approves binding an additional two (2) million dollars of Cyber Security insurance with Great American Spirit Insurance Company through Wright Risk Management, as proposed, for the dollar amount of $31,111 for the period October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to bind the aforementioned insurances as described therein.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, 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.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR THE 2025/2026 ESEA TITLE I BASIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT

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 Title I Priority and Focus Schools to meet the progress goals in their District Comprehensive Improvement Plan and School Comprehensive Education Plan/s and thereby improve student performance; 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 $875,000.00 has been received; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Acceptance of Funds for the 2025/2026 Title I School Improvement Section 1003(a) Basic School Improvement Grant; and

RESOLVED, that the grant award of $875,000.00 be credited to revenue account code F4289.030.26 2025/2026 Title I School Improvement Section 1003(a) Basic School Improvement Grant; and

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

Account	Description	Budget
F 2110.140-045-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SCH B / PD – NFHS	$74,000.00
F 2110.140-049-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SCHB / PD – GPS	$48,200.00
F 2110.140-056-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SCH B / PD – ABATE	$54,300.00
F 2110.140-057-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SCH B / PD – CATARACT	$58,600.00
F 2110.140-058-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SCH B / PD – HYDE PARK	$23,000.00
F 2110.140-059-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SCH B / PD – KALFAS	$64,850.00
F 2110.140-060-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SCH B / PD – MAPLE	$51,500.00
F 2110.140-061-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SCH B / PD – BBPS	$30,900.00
F 2110.140-065-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SCH B / PD – 79TH	$38,300.00
F 2110.140-098-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SCH B / PD – D/W	$173,250.00
F 2110.167-057-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – HRLY CLSFD – CATARACT	$1,000.00
F 2110.167-058-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – HRLY CLSFD – HYDE PARK	$1,050.00
F 2110.167-059-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – HRLY CLSFD – KALFAS	$625.00
F 2110.167-061-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – HRLY CLSFD – BBPS	$3,900.00
F 2110.167-065-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – HRLY CLSFD – 79TH	$3,000.00
F 2110.167-098-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – HRLY CLSFD – D/W	$13,392.00
F 2110.400-049-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – PRCHD SRVCS – GPS	$27,000.00
F 2110.400-056-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – PRCHD SRVCS – ABATE	$16,000.00
F 2110.400-057-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – PRCHD SRVCS – CATARACT	$1,400.00
F 2110.400-058-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – PRCHD SRVCS – HYDE PARK	$5,000.00
F2110.400-059-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – PRCHD SRVCS – KALFAS	$3,000.00
F 2110.400-060-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – PRCHD SRVCS – MAPLE	$15,500.00
F 2110.400-065-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – PRCHD SRVCS – 79TH	$25,000.00
F 2110.400-098-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – PRCHD SRVCS – D/W	$119,500.00
F 2110.450-049-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SPLS – GPS	$7,427.00
F 2110.450-057-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SPLS – CATARACT	$3,874.00
F 2110.450-059-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SPLS – KALFAS	$2,420.00
F 2110.450-060-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SPLS – MAPLE	$189.00
F 2110.450-061-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SPLS – BBPS	$4,535.00
F 2110.450-065-0326	25/26 SCH IMP – SPLS – 79TH	$4,288.00
		$875,000.00
Revenue Code: F4289.030.26		

ABTRACT

1. School District – Niagara Falls City School District
2. Title of Project – ESEA Title I – Basic School Improvement Grant Section 1003(a)
3. Funding Source – Federal Government
4. Total Budget - $875,000.00

5. Total Staff – 1.25
6. Number of Clients Served: 6,200
7. Major Objectives / Activities / Evaluation

- Provide support for the implementation of school improvement activities as required

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi,
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.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK FOR THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS TO BECOME THE SUBRECIPIENT OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2.0 FOR YOUTH SERVICES AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM SUCH CONTRACT

WHEREAS, The City of Niagara Falls, New York applied for and received funds from the United States Government under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, The City of Niagara Falls, New York wishes to engage with the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls to be a subrecipient in utilizing such funds; and

WHEREAS, The City of Niagara Falls, New York has appropriated $32,000.00 to the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls to be used to provide afterhours tutoring for struggling students at its 6 elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, The afterschool tutoring program will be held at 2601 Highland Avenue, and

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls wishes to enter into a contract, heretofore attached, with the City of Niagara Falls, New York to provide such tutoring services as outlined in the contract; and

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

RESOLVED, that the contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the City of Niagara Falls, New York be hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract 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 contract; 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 contract; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the grant award be credited to revenue code F3289.620.26; and be it further

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

Account	Description	Budget
F2010.400-098-6226	25/26 CDBG – PRCHD SRVCS	$32,000.00
	Total	$32,000.00
Revenue Code: F3289.620.26		

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND GAME ON ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR (OCTOBER 16, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to increase academic achievement and provide mental, social, and emotional support services for students; and

WHEREAS, Game on Entertainment teaches coding and the design of electronic gaming to students; and

WHEREAS, Game on Entertainment teaches important life skills such as team work and building self-esteem through gaming; and the organization is able to reach many students who face difficult life challenges and worked previously in the after-school program at LaSalle Preparatory and Gaskill Preparatory Schools; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to enter into Contract with Game on Entertainment to provide weekly youth mentoring to students for the 2025-2026 School Year; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Game on Entertainment to provide such services seven (7) hours per week for thirty (30) weeks at a cost not to exceed $15,000 for period effective 10-16-2025 and to terminate 6-30-2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Game on Entertainment for the 2025-2026 School Year at a sum not to exceed $15,000 for the period October 16, 2025 through June 30, 2026, 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
GAME ON ENTERTAINMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 15th day of October 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Game on Entertainment, 637 60th Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14304.

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 Game on Entertainment as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding electronic gaming and Game on Entertainment hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Game on Entertainment shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, including:

- Student mentoring to improve confidence and social emotional well-being through computer programming
- Teaching of gaming and the use of coding to students
- Seven (7) hours per week for 30 weeks at the elementary and prep 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 according 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. Game on Entertainment shall not be an employee of the District. Game on Entertainment 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. Game on Entertainment 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 Game on Entertainment for weekly services of seven (7) hours per week at the elementary and prep level hereunder a sum not to exceed $15,000 paid in three (3) equal installments of $5,000 on December 31, 2025, March 31, 2026, and June 30, 2026. Payment checks payable to the order of Game on Entertainment shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Game on Entertainment.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Game on Entertainment 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Game on Entertainment shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the

District as additional party insured. Game on Entertainment 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 October 16, 2025 to June 30, 2026, 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 Game on Entertainment under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Game on Entertainment 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.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi,
Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND HOGHOL (FORMERLY F-BITES) FOR THE FALL SEMESTER (OCTOBER 16, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025)

WHEREAS, HOGHOL (formerly known as F-BITES and an acronym for "Heart of Gold, Head of Lettuce") has designed a program to give students the chance to learn important life skills and break the cycle of poverty; and

WHEREAS, The program does this by utilizing culinary education and cooking instruction as a vehicle to develop leadership, professional skills and career readiness; and

WHEREAS, The program is a hands-on solution to the problems facing at-risk youth as "Chef Bobby" helps prepare participants for the many obstacles they will face in life; and

WHEREAS, The District contracted with Chef Bobby's organization F-BITES to provide programming at LaSalle and Gaskill Preparatory Schools as well as Niagara Falls High School in previous school years and the program was a tremendous success; and

WHEREAS, District administration has negotiated a new Contract with HOGHOL to provide weekly youth mentoring through culinary arts at the elementary, prep, and high school level at a cost not to exceed $60,000 to be paid in three (3) monthly installments of $20,000 on the last date of each month for

October, November, and December 2025 for the period effective October 16, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and HOGHOL for professional services at a sum not to exceed $60,000 for the period October 16, 2025 – December 31, 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
HOGHOL

THIS CONTRACT, made this 15th day of October 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and HOGHOL, 1 Symphony Circle, Buffalo, NY, 14213.

WITNESSETH:

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

1. Engagement of Independent Contractor. The District hereby engages HOGHOL as an independent contractor to render to the District professional social and emotional student support services and HOGHOL hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: HOGHOL shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services for October 16, 2025 – December 31, 2025 including:

a) Culinary and life skills weekly programming at the elementary, prep, and high school level

b) The high school program will focus on a food truck culinary project and school catering service

c) The elementary and prep program will focus on social emotional supports through culinary arts and healthy nutrition

d) Saturday programming will be offered through the Saturday Academy and open to students and their families to receive hands-on instruction on designing healthy meals with cooking demonstrations

e) Collaboration with school administration as needed

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 according 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. HOGHOL shall not be an employee of the District. HOGHOL is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Contract and the relationship to the District during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services herein before expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of an independent contractor only and in no event as servant or employee. HOGHOL is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns.

4. Compensation to Independent Contractor. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to HOGHOL for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $60,000 to be paid in monthly installments of $20,000 on the last day of each month for October, November, and December 2025. Payment checks payable to the order of HOGHOL shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by HOGHOL.

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

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

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

7. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from October 16, 2025 to December 31, 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 HOGHOL under this Contract are unique and personal. Accordingly, HOGHOL shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Contract 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 Agreement on the date and year first above written.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi,
Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 17 TO SCRUFARI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, FOR GENERAL CONTRACTING WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) – RETENTION

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 and Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, Scrufari Construction Company LLC has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G732, for retention in the amount of $296,350.20; and

WHEREAS, General contracting 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 $296,350.20; 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 $296,350.20 to Scrufari Construction Company LLC 3925 Hyde Park Blvd Niagara Falls, NY 14305 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment No 17; 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, Michael Capizzi,
Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 07 TO MKS PLUMBING CORP., FOR PLUMBING WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) – RETENTION

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract, dated January 25, 2024, with MKS Plumbing Corp for Plumbing 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 and Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, MKS Plumbing Corp has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G732, for retention in the amount of $4,750.00; and

WHEREAS, Plumbing contracting 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 $4,750.00; 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 $4,750.00 to MKS Plumbing Corp 19 Ransier Drive West Seneca, NY 14224 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment No 07; 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, Michael Capizzi,
Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 19 TO JOHN W. DANFORTH COMPANY., FOR HVAC WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) – RETENTION

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract, dated January 25, 2024, with John W. Danforth Company for HVAC 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 and Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, John W. Danforth Company has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G732, for retention in the amount of $104,911.19; and

WHEREAS, HVAC contracting 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 $104,911.19; 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 $104,911.19 to John W. Danforth Company 300 Colvin Woods Pkwy Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment No 19; 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, Michael Capizzi,
Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 18 TO JOHN W. DANFORTH COMPANY., FOR HVAC WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) – RETENTION

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract, dated January 25, 2024, with John W. Danforth Company for HVAC 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 and Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, John W. Danforth Company has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G732, for retention in the amount of $122,012.46; and

WHEREAS, HVAC contracting 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 $122,012.46; 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 $122,012.46 to John W. Danforth Company 300 Colvin Woods Pkwy Tonawanda,

NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment No 18; 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, Michael Capizzi,
Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 19 TO FREY ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION CO., FOR ELECTRICAL WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) – RETENTION

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract, dated January 25, 2024, with Frey Electric Construction Co. for Electric 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 and Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, Frey Electric Construction Co. has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G732, for retention in the amount of $218,960.15; and

WHEREAS, Electric contracting 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 $218,960.15; 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 $218,960.15 to Frey Electric Construction Co. 100 Pearce Ave Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment No 19; 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, Michael Capizzi,
Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 19 TO STARK TECH, FOR TECHNOLOGY WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) – RETENTION

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract, dated January 25, 2024, with Stark Tech for Technology 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 and Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, Stark Tech has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G732, for retention in the amount of $39,734.21; and

WHEREAS, Technology contracting 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 $39,734.21; 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 $39,734.21 to Stark Tech 95 Stark St Tonawanda, NY 14150 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment No 19; 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, Michael Capizzi,
Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 13 TO JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC. FOR LABOR AND ELECTRICAL CONTROLS CONTRACTING WORK FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR (ABOFA) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) – RETENTION

WHEREAS, The Board of Education executed a Contract, dated January 25, 2024, with Johnson Controls, Inc. for Labor and electrical controls 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 and Administrator for School Business Services; and

WHEREAS, Johnson Controls, Inc. has submitted an Application and Certificate for Payment, AIA Document G732, for retention in the amount of $65,728.02; and

WHEREAS, Labor and electrical controls contracting 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 $65,728.02; 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 $65,728.02 to Johnson Controls, Inc. 6850 Main St Williamsville, NY 14221 in accordance with the Application and Certificate for Payment No 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, Michael Capizzi,
Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Bass, seconded by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. SCC-12&14 FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, This change order is needed to amend the original contract; and

WHEREAS, Clark Patterson Lee, Project Architect, and Buffalo Construction Consultants, Project Construction Manager, have recommended that the Niagara Falls Board of Education approve a change order for this purpose; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order No. SCC-12&14 for $40,162.49 to Scrufari Construction Company 3295 Hyde Park Blvd Niagara Falls, NY 14305

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi,
Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Bass, seconded by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. FEC-01 FOR THE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, This change order is needed to amend the original contract; and

WHEREAS, Clark Patterson Lee, Project Architect, and Buffalo Construction Consultants, Project Construction Manager, have recommended

that the Niagara Falls Board of Education approve a change order for this purpose; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order No. FEC-01 for $2,203.00 to Frey Electric Construction Company 100 Pearce Ave Tonawanda, NY 14150

Review of the Proposed Policy(ies)

Other Communications

Oral Communications - Public Comment on non-Agenda Items:

Mr. M. Barksdale, Independence Ave – Niagara Community Information Group – spoke on the search for the new Superintendent (Mr. Laurrie is retiring June 30, 2026). He read his comments into the record. (Attached).

Information and Reports

Superintendent's Report

The superintendent shared the following:

Reminder: November 6, 2025, the Maisto litigation team will be available to answer questions. Some questions have been submitted by Board members already, please feel free to send more. On November 20, 2025, the Head Start team will present. A federal audit of the program is being undertaken next week.

The next Say Yes, Niagara Falls Saturday Academy will be held at Bloneva Bond Primary School on Saturday, October 18th from 9 a.m. – noon. The program at Cataract was a success, with more than 200 students participating in a fun, well organized morning. All students under 14 years of age are welcome.

Cell phone policy update: some reminders have been issued to students observe the ban; also, Information Services is working on a solution to the fact that some students are chatting through Teams.

The ENL Reception is next week at GJ Mann School.

The Joe Jacob Elementary Mile Run for Elementary School students will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd at 3:45p.m. on the Niagara Falls High School Art Calandrelli track.

Halloween will be observed in the City from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thanks to Mrs. Holody, Mrs. Jacklin, and Ms. McCreary on the fine work on the audit.

Board Members Report and Comments – None.

Advanced Planning
Future Agenda Items
Future Meeting Dates

November 6, 2025	November 20, 2025
1.	1.
2. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – Nov. 20th Regular Board Meeting – *Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro*	2. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – Nov. 20h Regular Board Meeting – *Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro*

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned on a motion by Mrs. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Vilardo, in memory of the following:

Jason Beckman, varsity football coach, Amherst Central High School.
Sada Garijanian beloved mother of Lisa Flinchum (Bloneva Bond Primary), mother-in-law of Steve Flinchum (Central Office).
Tana Migliazzo, aunt of Carol Kajfasz.
Scott Potwin, husband of Library Director Sarah Potwin.
MaryKay Reygers, retired music teacher.
Lena Rochon, former teacher aide.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser
Judith Glaser, District Clerk

NIAGARA COMMUNITY INFORMATION GROUP

Date: October 10, 2025

To:
Mr. Anthony Paretto, President
Members of the Board of Education
Niagara Falls City School District
630 66th Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Subject: Formal Inquiry and Concern Regarding Superintendent Search Process & Board Conduct

Dear President Paretto and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Niagara Community Information Group (NCIG), we submit this letter for inclusion in the public record. Our organization represents a coalition of residents, parents, and educators deeply committed to the success of all students within the Niagara Falls City School District (NFCSD).

We recognize and appreciate the Board's responsibility in selecting the next Superintendent of Schools. However, given the District's current performance — with nine of eleven schools designated as TSI or ATSI and persistent achievement gaps among Black, multi-racial, economically disadvantaged students, and students with disabilities — the process must exemplify transparency, integrity, and full adherence to New York State standards.

NCIG formally requests that the Board:

1. Clarify the timeline, structure, and scope of the Superintendent search process — including when the Board was notified of the current Superintendent's retirement, the official start date of the search, and the opening and closing dates for the application period.
2. Provide detailed steps of how the Board plans to adhere to New York State standards and best practices for executive recruitment and community participation — specifically, how the process aligns with NYS Education Department (NYSED) and NYS School Board Association (NYSSBA) guidelines and ensures fair access for qualified candidates.
3. Connect the search process to District improvement — outlining how the Board will ensure the selected candidate has a proven record of improving Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) schools and Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) designated schools and how measurable goals for lifting NFCSD out of that status will be embedded in the superintendent's contract.

NIAGARA COMMUNITY INFORMATION GROUP

This moment presents an opportunity for the NFCSD to rebuild trust, strengthen governance, and demonstrate genuine commitment to the community it serves. We respectfully request a written response within five (5) business days.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully submitted,

The Niagara Community Information Group (NCIG)
Dr. Tina Gregory Schultz
Founder & CEO
tschultz@niagaracommunityinfo.org

DATE: November 6, 2025
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*, Mr. Bilson*, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Miss Kaur.
Excused:
***remote**

Staff: Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Carella, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. McCreary, Massaro, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser.

MAISTO CASE:
BACKGROUND: Maisto v. State of New York court case**,** which is a lawsuit that commenced on January 21, 2015, and related to public education funding and the standards set by the landmark Campaign for Fiscal Equity (CFE) case. The Maisto case was filed by parents of students in several New York Small Cities school districts, to challenge the adequacy of state education funding. The plaintiffs in the Maisto case argued that the state was not providing a "sound basic education" as required by the New York State Constitution, a standard that was established in the earlier CFE rulings. Following a series of appeals, the court ultimately ruled that the state is responsible for providing sufficient funding to these districts to guarantee a sound basic education. The case has largely shifted to the implementation of the full Foundation Aid funding by the New York State Legislature.

Mr. Laurrie gave testimony in the case years ago; it has been ongoing for a decade.

Ms. Biggerstaff, Mr. Kunz, Mr. Lynch (guests) explained that the trial court ruled on February 28, 2025 that the State's position that full funding of foundation aid is a reasonable and rational remedy for the State's Constitutional violation.
The plaintiffs are appealing this ruling, and are asking the Appellate Division to direct the State to determine what funding is required to provide at-risk students with a sound basic education and then fund it accordingly.

The plaintiffs' appeal is due November 17, 2025. The State will have 45 days to submit its brief and the plaintiffs have 15 days to submit a reply brief.

At that, briefing will be complete and oral arguments will be scheduled, probably in late winter. If the court follows its usual pattern, it will rule within 60 days.

The case's outcomes could be: the Appellate Division affirms the trial court's decision, and the case is dismissed. Plaintiffs could then appeal to the Court of Appeals since there is a Constitutional issue; or,
The Appellate Division can act as it did last time and reverse the trial court's decision and make its own findings; or,

if the Appellate Division reverses the trial court's decision without making its own findings, it could send the case back to the trial court and direct Justice O'Connor to make new findings applying the proper law.

The trial court has determined that full funding of foundation aid is the remedy. Increased funding to plaintiffs' districts since the Maisto victory on May 27, 2021 stem from the state's stand is that a proper remedy is full funding of Foundation Aid.
Niagara Falls received $88,051,712 in foundation aid the year the case was won.
Niagara Falls received $111,553,382 in foundation aid in FY 2023-24 and was deemed 'fully funded'.

	Maisto victory FA	Start of full funding of FA	Finish full	May 27, 2021 funding of	
	2021-22 AID	2022-23	2023-24 AID	2024-25	2025-26 FOUNDATION AID	FOUNDATION FOUNDATION AID	FOUNDATION
NIAGARA FALLS	88,051,712	96,567,449	111,553,382	116,263,870	122,401,142

Whoever loses at the Appellate Division has the right to appeal to the Court of Appeals.

Plaintiffs are appealing because the formula has been manipulated and artificially suppressed and does not provide aid to meet what it costs to provide a Sound Basic Education for at-risk students in plaintiff districts.

Without court directive, the State will return to year-over-year budget negotiations, whereby plaintiff districts must wait to see what increases in aid the State will provide. Plaintiff districts have experienced the last two budget cycles waiting to see what will come from Albany, rather than being assured there is proper support for at-risk student population.

The Maisto plaintiffs are students and parents from the eight Maisto school districts. There is no retainer for legal representation between plaintiffs' attorneys and the school district. Financial support is at the discretion of the district.

Note: The Respondents' strategy of delay until exhaustion has been effective, yet plaintiffs prevailed. Without this latest appeal, the case stands, i.e.,
the State's claim they have satisfied their Constitutional violation by fully funding of foundation aid stands.

Discussion was held of the State using the CPI vs. assessing the actual wealth of the community. The CPI is not an indicator for this purpose.

If the plaintiffs prevail, the District's state aid would increase by more than $56 million. Still, the Governor and legislature would have to approve the expenditure of these funds. The Niagara Falls Board of Education has contributed about $650,000 to legal costs and has not contributed in the last two years. There is

some financial fatigue with respect to this protracted litigation. Some districts have contributed who are not part of the litigation. The Board suggested a Not To Exceed figure on future requests for financial contributions.

Mr. Massaro questioned the enforceability of any decision, and whether, if not enforceable, it makes more sense to petition the legislature directly. Mr. Lynch pointed to NYS as having had partial success with the process as Maisto is pursuing it. Mr. Laurrie pointed out that the success was short-lived.

Mr. Lynch will send answers to the Board's questions and the Board will then determine its future willingness to make financial contributions.

A review of the agenda was held.

Mr. Laurrie congratulated CES teacher Ms. Tuttle, who secured a gift of $12,000 for school supplies from Teachers Pet. Also, Ms. Hardy who organized a sponsorship and rally for breast cancer awareness at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, which recognized both her and Abate School for her efforts.

NFHS alumni Aisha Makama, who is a junior at SUNY Buffalo studying biochemistry. An NFHS alumna, she was awarded a $25,000 Obama- Chesky Voyager Scholarship to study in Africa. The Obama-Chesky Scholarship for Public Service supports students who have a passion for helping others, experience serving their communities, and can demonstrate an expansive view of what's possible through public service.

Nasreen Aktar will give away 600 turkeys at Abate School on November 20, 2025, courtesy of NAZ716.

The alumni production of "Mama Mia" in the Niagara Falls High School Performing Arts Center will take place at 7p.m. November 6th -8th as well as the following week on the 14th and 15th. On Saturday, November 15th there will be a 1p.m. matinee as well as a 7p.m. performance.

Trades students will benefit from an award of $10,188 from the WNY Workforce Development Consortium to buy tool snad supplies; they are doing work at the NACC.

Winter sports schedule will be shared by Mr. Contento. He will also organize the opening of athletic facilities at NFHS starting in December, for public use.

Mr. Laurrie acknowledged the upcoming Veteran's Day and all veterans.

Also, the air quality at LPS has been checked via six tests with the NFFD, BOCES Safety Risk, Stohl Environmental, and others. The air is fine. All levels of chemicals are lower inside the building that outside. Mr. Laurrie met with the faculty, answered their questions and followed up on the concerns. Thanks to Mr. Macri for handling this situation masterfully. His depth of knowledge is prodigious.

Mr. Bass offered that he went to LPS twice with two different monitors, nothing was in evidence. Due diligence was employed and he is satisfied that all is well. He echoed Mr. Laurrie's commendation of Mr. Macri.

Mr. Cancemi recognized retiree Barbara Rogers, who spoke at the Casa Columbo today on female veterans of the Vietnam Conflict. She was outstanding and correct that women were not recognized for their service.

Mr. Capizzi thanked the District and City for quickly resolving the situation at Maple to address irresponsible drivers who compromise the safety of students and adults.

The Board entered executive session at 7:01 p.m on a motion by Mr. Cancemi seconded by Mr. Petrozzi for the purpose of discussing three potential promotions and appointments of individuals and six others which may result in the demotion or dismissal of individuals. All in favor. The Executive Session adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Petrozzi, seconded by Mr. Capizzi. All in favor.

DATE:	November 20, 2025
KIND OF MEETING:	**Regular**
PLACE:	Board of Education Board Room
AGENDA REVIEW:	None
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paretto at 7:02 p.m.

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

Staff: Mr. Macri, Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser.

The Board entered Executive Session at. on a motion by Mr. McLeod seconded by Mr. Cancemi to discuss the appointment or promotion of an individuals. All in favor.

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. . on a motion by Mr. Bass seconded by Mrs. Dunn. All in favor.

Mr. Vilardo did not attend Executive Session.

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

A reflection was offered by Mrs. Dunn.
Roll Call

Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Miss Kaur
Excused:
Letters and Communications

Oral Communications - Public Comment on Agenda Items - None.

Written Communications – None.

Recommended Actions from the Superintendent of Schools - Routine Matters

The following was moved by Vincent Cancemi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.
4.01 Minutes –November 2025 Meetings (SG4)
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was moved by Vincent Cancemi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.
Approval of Budget Transfer - #5 (SG3)
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

4.03 Approval of Bids - None

The following were received and filed:
4.04 Treasurer's Report – November 2025
4.05 Budget Status Report – December 2025

The following was moved by Nicholas Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Cancemi.
4.06 Personnel Report – Certificated (SG2)
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was moved by Mr. Petrozzi, seconded by Mr. McLeod.

4.07 Personnel Report - Classified (SG2)
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following were moved by Mr. Cancemi. seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

4.08 Report from Committee on Special Education (SG1)
4.09 Report from Committee on Preschool Special Education (SG1)
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following were moved by Mr. Cancemi. seconded by Mrs. Dunn.

4.10 Short-Term Contracts (SG3)

1. 1. Curriculum Associates Professional Learning: Walks With New Administrators $4,600.00 F2110 404 098 0126 December 3, 2025 – January 7, 2026
2. WNY Infant Toddler Network Head Start/Early Head Start Professional Development Day Workshops $716.25 F2330.404.098.TTA26 $783.75 F2330.404.096.TTA26 November 4, 2025
3. Cold Gnarly Generation LLC Shawn Bankston Music Production and mentoring $4,300.00 A2330 400 007 November – December 2025
4. Laura Mack University At Buffalo Center for Assistive Technology Assistive Technology Evaluation $1,275.00 F2250 404-098-0726 Date TBD
5. La Movement Fitness Saturday Academy – dancing instruction /activities$600.00 A 7310 400 056 A 7310 400 049 ($300.00 each) November 1, 2025
November 15, 2025
6. Elizabeth Truesdale Canisius University Professional Development for Physical Education Teachers $750.00 F2110 404 098 0226 November 4, 2025
7. Everway Conor McCarthy Unique Learning Program Pilot Training $1,197.00 A 2010.400-002 November 4, 2025
8. Coaching From the Fillmore LLC Counseling for Male Students NTE $18,000.00 ($110.00 per student/per month) F2110 400 049 0326 November 2025 – July 2026
9. Rebecca Hedgepeth Two concert presentations $350.00 A 2110 400 060 December 17, 2025 June 4, 2026
10. Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practice Restorative Practices Support $5,000.00 F2110 400 049 0326 December 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026
11. Deborah Hicks After school tutoring and academic intervention services$32,000.00 F2770 400 098 6226 November 1, 2025- June 30, 2026
12. Jenna Hayden Carroll Temporary Nurse Practitioner Services $420.00 per day/$60.00 per hour A2815 400 007 November 10, 2025 – April 20, 2026
13. Buffalo Society of Natural Science Saturday Academy: Students and families will explore the phases of matter and energy using substances like liquid nitrogen and dry ice. $465.10 A 7310.400-056 11/1/2025
14. Go Bike Buffalo Saturday Academy: Will bring bikes to fix and raffle off to students. Also fixing community bikes and bike safety None – Insurance only 11/15/2025
15. Henna By Sonia 716 Saturday Academy: Provide henna designs for students and families which fosters family and student engagement $150 A 7310.400-049 11/15/2025
16. SPCA Saturday Academy: STEAM Kindness –emphasizing compassion and responsibility towards animals, hands on experiences with animals $175 A 7310.400-049 11/15/2025
17. She Drums Saturday Academy: Provides a drum circle experience and supports movement/hand eye coordination. $400 (split funding) $25 – A 7310.400-061 $150 – A 7310.400-049 $150 – A 7310.400-05711/15/2025 12/6/2025
18. Push in Pieces Saturday Academy: Proram focuses on equipping children with the tools to make positive choices and develop confidence through hands-on, engaging activities. $150 A 7310.400-049 11/15/2025

19. Mini Books David Wasik Saturday Academy: Will provide students and families with the opportunity to create their own boo $325 A 7310.400-057 12/6/2025
20. 3x3 Concepts Saturday Academy: Provides students and families the opportunity to develop skills in digital design, laser engraving safety, and laser engraving technology. $450 A 7310.400-057 12/6/2025
21. La'Movement Fitness Saturday Academy: Provide students and families with dancing instruction/activities $300 A 7310.400-061 12/13/2025
22. SPCA Saturday Academy: Story Telling – This program combines literacy with animals, and works towards fostering empathy and compassion for all living beings. $200 A 7310.400-061 12/13/2025
23. She Drums Saturday Academy: Provides a drum circle experience and supports movement/hand eye coordination $175 A 7310.400-061 12/13/2025
24. Buffalo Clinical Lab Saturday Academy: Vendor will be making t-shirts and doing hands on enriching activities with participants $325 A 7310.400-061 12/13/2025

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was moved by Mr. Petrozzi, seconded by Mr. Bilson.
Head Start Reports
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

Unfinished Business
5.01 None

6. New Business

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. McLeod.
APPROVAL OF RECEIPT OF GIFT FROM TRINITY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (SG 4)

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

WHEREAS, The United Methodist Women of Trinity United Methodist Church has donated $400.00 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 $400.00; 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
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. McLeod.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR 2025/2026 PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL 2.0 GRANT

WHEREAS, The New York State Pathways In Technology Early College High School 2.0 (NYS P-TECH 2.0) Program will prepare thousands of New York students for the future by preparing them for high-skilled jobs in the fields of technology and manufacturing; and

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

WHEREAS, Official notification of approval of the application and award in the amount of $276,069.00 has been received; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2025/2026 New York State Pathways in Technology 2.0 Grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the grant award of $276,069.00 be credited to the following Revenue Account:

1. F3289.870.26 – 2025/2026 P-TECH 2.0 REVENUE - $276,069.00; and be it further

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

Appropriation Description Amount
Account Description Budget
F 2110.140-098-8726 25/26 P-TECH 2.0 - SCHEDULE B / PER DIEM $66,500.00
F 2110.150-014-8726 25/26 P-TECH 2.0 - GRANTS ADMIN $80,000.00
F 2110.152-014-8726 25/26 P-TECH 2.0 - PROG DIR $57,500.00
F 2110.164-014-8726 25/26 P-TECH 2.0 - CLERICAL $6,500.00
F 2110.400-098-8726 25/26 P-TECH 2.0 - PRCHD SRVCS $58,775.00
F 2110.409-098-8726 25/26 P-TECH 2.0 - TRAVEL $6,000.00
F 2110.450-098-8726 25/26 P-TECH 2.0 - SPLS $794.00
$276,069.00
Revenue Code: F3289.870.26

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. McLeod.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR THE 2025/2026 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS PREP GRANT

WHEREAS, The Niagara Falls City School District is a high-need public school district. The Prep 21st Century grant program is designed to provide academic and social- emotional support to specifically targeted youth; and

WHEREAS, The Prep-level program will run for two hours, four times per week for 30 weeks during the school year at both LaSalle and Gaskill Preparatory Schools; and

WHEREAS, official notice of the application and award in the amount of $826,702.00 has been received; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the acceptance of 2025/2026 funds for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Prep Grant; and further

RESOLVED, That the grant award of $826,702.00 be credited to 2025/2026 Revenue Account code F4289.240.26; and further

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

Account	Description	Budget
F 2110.140-098-2426	25/26 21ST C PREP – SCH B/ PER DIEM	$425,827.00
F 2110.150-014-2426	25/26 21ST C PREP – GRANT ADMIN	$8,750.00
F 2110.151-098-2426	26/26 21ST C PREP – STIPENDS	$59,000.00
F 2110.152-014-2426	25/26 21ST C PREP - PROGRAM DIRECTOR	$31,250.00
F 2110.167-098-2426	25/26 21ST C PREP - CLSFD HRLY	$9,900.00
F 2110.177-098-2426	25/26 21ST C PREP - CLASS ASSOC	$16,800.00
F 2110.400-098-2426	25/26 21ST C PREP - PRCHD SRVCS	$205,000.00
F 2110.409-098-2426	25/26 21ST C PREP - TRAVEL	$18,200.00
F 2110.450-049-2426	25/26 21ST C PREP - SPLS - GPS	$4.891.00
F 2110.450-050-2426	25/26 21ST C PREP - SPLS - LPS	$4,892.00
F 2110.803-096-2426	25/26 21ST C PREP - FICA	$42,192.00
		$826,702.00

Revenue Code: F4289.240.26

ABSTRACT

1. School District: City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York

2. Title of Projects: 21st Century Community Learning Centers Prep Grant Program

3. Funding Source: New York State Education Department

4. Total Budget: $826,702.00

5. Total Staff:

- 1 Program Director (.5 FTE total)
- 1 Grants Administrator (.05 FTE total)

6. Number of Clients Served: 400

7. Major Objectives/Activities/Evaluation:

- Increasing Math passing rate and overall ELA Common Core passing rate.
- Develop within students a sense of personal and social responsibility regarding their work ethic and social behavior within the community, among family, peers and school staff.
- Maximize the positive effects that school policies, parenting skills, teaching skills, administrative supervision and community partnerships have on developing and managing student behavior and learning.
- Assist parents in becoming involved with the school and community in a partnership that enhances their children's education.
- Improving student engagement, connectedness, and mental health through increased student support for targeted students with supportive activities.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. McLeod.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR THE 2025/2026 EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY / SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention Program encourages public school districts, not-for-profit educational organizations, and community-based organizations to work collaboratively in offering programs to prevent violence and promote tolerance; and

WHEREAS, District staff has met and formulated an application to meet the guidelines of the grant; and

WHEREAS, Official notification of approval of the application and award in the amount of $350,000.00 has been received; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the Acceptance of Funds for the 2025/2026 Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention Program; and

RESOLVED, That the grant award of $350,000.00 be credited to Revenue Account F3289.660.26 Extended School Day/Violence Prevention; and

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

Account	Description	Budget
F 2110.140-045-6626	25/26 EXT DAY – SCH B/PER DIEM	$147,500.00
F 2110.151-045-6626	25/26 EXT DAY - STIPENDS	$3,000.00
F 2110.164-014-6626	25/26 EXT DAY – CLERICAL	$5,200.00
F 2110.167-045-6626	25/26 EXT DAY – HRLY CLSFD	$4,200.00
F 2110.177-045-6626	25/26 EXT DAY – CLASS ASSOC	$14,260.00

F 2110.400-098-6626	25/26 EXT DAY - PRCHD SRVCS	$123,000.00
F 2110.409-098-6626	25/26 EXT DAY - TRAVEL	$5,750.00
F 2110.450-045-6626	25/26 EXT DAY - SUPPLIES	$6,650.00
F 2110.803-096-6626	25/26 EXT DAY – FICA	$36,940.00
F 2815.167-045-6626	25/26 EXT DAY – SUMMER NURSE	$3,500.00
		$350,000.00

Revenue Code: F3289.660.26

ABSTRACT

1. School District: School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York
2. Title of Project: Extended School Day/Violence Prevention Program
3. Funding Source: The State Education Department
4. Total Budget: $350,000.00
5. Total Staff: 0.10
6. Number of Clients Served: 2,000

7-9. Major Objectives/Activities/Evaluation:

- Maximize the achievement of all students related to the learning standards with an emphasis on problem-solving, listening, speaking, critical thinking, and communication.
- Develop within students a sense of personal and social responsibility regarding their work ethic and social behavior within the community, among family, peers and school staff.
- Maximize the positive effects that school policies, parenting skills, teaching skills, administrative supervision and community partnerships have on developing and managing student behavior and learning.
- Assist parents in becoming involved with the school and community in a partnership that enhances their children's education.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. McLeod.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR THE 2025/2026 MENTOR-TEACHER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, District staff has met and formulated an application to meet the guidelines of the grant; and

WHEREAS, Official notification of approval of the application and award in the amount of $51,240.00 has been received; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2025/2026 Mentor-Teacher Internship Program Grant; and

RESOLVED, That the grant award of $51,240.00 be credited to Revenue Account F3289.220.26 Mentor-Teacher Internship Program; and

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

Account	Description	Budget
F 2110.140-098-2226	24/25 MTIP - SCHEDULE B / PER DIEM	$25,560.00
F 2110.149-098-2226	24/25 MTIP - SUBSTITUTES	$20,400.00
F 2110.400-098-2226	24/25 MTIP - PRCHD SRVCS	$4,000.00
F 2110.803-096-2226	24/25 MTIP - FICA	$1,280.00
		$51,240.00

Revenue Code: F3289.220.26

ABSTRACT

1. School District: School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York
2. Title of Project: 2025/2026 Mentor-Teacher Internship Program Grant
3. Funding Source: New York State Education Department
4. Total Budget: $51,240.00
5. Total Staff: 6 Building Based Substitutes
6. Major Objectives/Activities/Evaluation:
   - To promote a sense or collegiality among all faculty members;
   - Reduce the traditionally viewed isolation of a classroom teacher;
   - Stimulate reflective practice not only among those new in the profession but also among the experienced staff;
   - Give opportunity for "master" teachers to share their experience, knowledge and expertise with their colleagues;
   - Enable all participants to become more aware of research and what its findings can do to assist in the classroom;
   - Ease the "trauma" a beginning teacher experiences in his/her first year and thus retain knowledgeable and qualified individuals in the teaching ranks;
   - Enable the district to maintain continuity for reform and restructuring endeavors by equipping new recruits with both the knowledge and skills that are necessary.
   - Allow District employees holding Initial Certification to meet the state mandated one year of mentoring required for Professional Certification.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. McLeod.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR 2025/2026 NIAGARA FALLS TEACHER RESOURCE CENTER

WHEREAS, The Regents have made available State appropriations to operate Teacher Resource Centers (TRC); and

WHEREAS, District staff prepared and submitted an application for the 2025/2026 Teacher Resource Center Grant; and

WHEREAS, Official notification of approval of the application and award in the amount of $66,938.00 has been received; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2025/2026 Teacher Resource Center Grant; and

RESOLVED, that the grant award of $66,938.00 be credited to revenue account code F3289.810.26; and

RESOLVED, that the money be expended from the following function/object codes for Teacher Resource Center:

Account	Description	Budget	
F 2070.140-098-8126	25/26 TRC - SCHEDULE B / PER DIEM		$24,561
F 2070.151-098-8126	25/26 TRC - STIPENDS	$13,622	
F 2070.400-045-8126	25/26 TRC - PRCHD SRVCS	$17,530	
F 2070.409-098-8126	25/26 TRC - TRAVEL	$1,658	
F 2070.450-045-8126	25/26 TRC - SPLS	$9,567	$66,938

Revenue Code: F3289.810.26

ABSTRACT

1. School District – Niagara Falls City School District
2. Title of Project – Niagara Falls Teacher Resource Center
3. Funding Source – State Education Department
4. Total Budget - $66,938.00
5. Total Staff – 0.00
6. Number of Clients Served – 550
7. Major Objectives:

- To maximize the use of alternative instructional approaches which teacher use with children in order to improve children's acquisition of knowledge.
- To enhance the professional growth of teachers and to make them knowledgeable about educational research and how this research may be used to improve instruction in their classrooms.
- To improve the skills of teachers in curriculum writing and in the production of curricular materials.
- To train teachers in the use of computers and computer-related materials and make them aware of how this knowledge may help them both in the classroom and personally.
- To instruct teachers in the content areas of science, math, and computer and other technology but also in other content areas as needed in order to enhance their teaching in the classroom.
- To increase the number of sites available for teacher participation in professional learning and to expand the availability of professional materials for teachers in order that they may enhance their classroom instruction and personal and professional growth.

8. Outcomes:

- After participating in workshops on research-based instructional strategies and content, teachers will demonstrate increased knowledge and change their instructional practice.
- Teacher Center Study Groups and District Initiative workshops will offer teachers the opportunity to collaboratively learn new instructional strategies aimed at increasing student achievement.
- Teachers will be able to integrate more technology into classroom instruction.
- Teachers will use the Teacher Resource Center for the primary source of professional learning offerings and resource materials.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. McLeod.

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

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 $8,102.08 from the CUNY Research Foundation to assist the District in providing Professional Development to 4 ENL teachers during the 2025/2026 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 $8,102.08 be credited to revenue code F3289.300.26; and be it further

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

Account Description Budget
F2259.140-050-3026 25/26 CUNY IIE – SCH B/PER DIEM $8,102.08
Total $8,102.08
Revenue Code: F3289.300.26

LaSalle Preparatory School
7436 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Memorandum of Understanding
CUNY-Initiative on Immigration and Education
September 2025 – June 2026
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 2025-2026 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 September 2025 and June 2026
- 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, October 17, 2025 and Friday, April 17, 2026 at the CUNY-IIE office at The City College of New York. (Transportation and lodging 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 (9) 1.5-hour professional development meetings for 4 educators with CUNY-IIE staff outside of school hours (@ $60.91/hour)
$3,289.14

Per session compensation for 8.5 hours for 4 educators in support of material development/planning outside of school hours (@ $60.91/hour)
$2,070.94

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, October 17, 2025 and Friday, April 17, 2026 for 4 teachers (@$217.75/day)
$1,742.00

Total
$8,102.08

Payments from the CUNY Research Foundation will be disbursed to schools in two installments (in January and May 2026) 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. Anthony Paretto
President, City School District of the City of Niagara Falls Board of Education

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. McLeod.

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT DISTRIBUTION OF JUUL LITIGATION SETTLEMENT MONIES

WHEREAS, Western New York schools and BOCES will receive $8.8 million from a settlement with JUUL to prevent and reduce underage vaping through evidence-based measures to combat underage vaping and e-cigarette addiction; support community and school-based anti-vaping initiatives; help people quit vaping; enforce vaping laws and regulations; and fund research and surveillance related to youth vaping; and

WHEREAS, a share of those proceeds in the amount of $507,353.46 has been allocated for distribution to the O/N BOCES and its component districts, of which the District is one; and

WHEREAS, The portion of the said share of the proceeds allocated to the District is $12,222.53, to be paid in eight equal annual payments, which amount may only be used consistent with the foregoing terms of the overall settlement; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the funds appropriated in the settlement, under the terms and for the purposes described.

Agreement

This Agreement is by and between the Orleans/Niagara Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the Supervisory District of Orleans and Niagara Counties (hereinafter "O/N BOCES") and the Niagara Falls City School District, ("District"), hereinafter referred to individually as a "Party", and collectively as the "Parties".

WHEREAS in 2023, the NYS Attorney General secured an amount of money (the "proceeds") in a settlement of certain litigation against JUUL Labs, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a share of those proceeds in the amount of $507,353.46 has been allocated for distribution to the O/N BOCES and its component districts, of which the District is one; and

WHEREAS, the said share of those proceeds will be deposited with the O/N BOCES's in eight equal annual payments for further distribution; and

WHEREAS, the said share of those proceeds under the terms of the overall settlement may only be used in preventing youth and young adults from initiating vaping, supporting community, school, college, and university based anti-vaping programs, helping people quit vaping, enforcing vaping laws and regulations, and research and surveillance related to vaping; and

WHEREAS, the portion of the said share of the proceeds allocated to the District is $12,222.53, to be paid in eight equal annual payments, which amount may only be used consistent with the foregoing terms of the overall settlement; and

WHEREAS, the District has been provided with the opportunity to determine whether its portion of the said share of the proceeds is to be directly distributed to the District or retained by the BOCES to form a pool for use in creation of a regional, student-focused "JUUL Education Program" consistent with the foregoing terms of the overall settlement;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed that:

1. The O/N BOCES recognizes that the District has elected to directly receive its portion of the settlement proceeds in the amount of $12,222.53 in eight equal annual installments for its use consistent with the overall settlement.

2. The O/N BOCES, therefore, will directly distribute to the District its said share of the settlement proceeds as indicated.

3. The District may elect not later than June 1 prior to any year it is scheduled to receive a payment hereunder to reallocate some or all of its remaining share of the proceeds to the O/N BOCES for use in its JUUL Education Program.

4. All of the terms and conditions related to this matter are contained in this Agreement, and unless this Agreement is amended in like formality, no other agreement with respect to this matter will be valid.

5. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and each of such counterparts shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original, together constituting but one and the same Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties have affixed their signatures below on the dates indicated.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. McLeod.

APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR NUTRITION AND HEALTHY EATING FOR HEAD START CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

WHEREAS, On January 2nd 2021, the Niagara Falls City School District submitted an application to become the provider of Head Start/Early Head Start services in Niagara Falls, NY; and

WHEREAS, The Niagara Falls City School District was awarded the Head Start/Early Head Start Grant on September 8th, 2021, the Niagara Falls City School District received the official grant award notice, called Notice of Award, for the Head Start/Early Head Start Grant; and

WHEREAS, The Head Start/Early Head Start Grant is funded from 09/01/2021 through 06/30/2026; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Program Instruction ACF-OHS-PI-25-02, Head Start Grant Recipients are eligible to submit an application for one-time supplemental funding to promote nutritional services and healthy eating for enrolled children and families; and

WHEREAS, Program Instruction ACF-OHS-PI-25-02 is also intended to assist programs in determining allowable uses of funds to meet program needs; and

WHEREAS, Program Instruction ACF-OHS-PI-25-02 also indicates that Governing Board, which has been identified as the Niagara Falls Board of Education, approval is required to request such funding; and

WHEREAS, Program Instruction ACF-OHS-PI-25-02 indicates the following allowable uses of funds to meet program needs:

- Food Service Upgrades
- Materials, Supplies and Equipment
- Nutritional Education Resources
- Non-recurring Personnel Costs; and

WHEREAS, On October 24th, 2025, it was determined that the walk-in refrigerator at the Head Start Center located at 901 – 24th St Niagara Falls, NY 14301 (The DiFrancesco Center) was in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, Upon inspection from a qualified refrigeration repair specialist, the refrigerator was deemed unrepairable and is in need of immediate replacement; and

WHEREAS, The replacement would qualify under the "Materials, Supplies and Equipment" allowable use of funds stated above; and

WHEREAS, Replacement cost is not to exceed $15,000.00; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls Head Start Program approve the resolution to request one-time funding based on the criteria set forth in Program Instruction ACF-OHS-PI-25-02; be it further

RESOLVED, that the replacement cost shall not exceed $15,000.00

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. McLeod.

DISPOSITION OF UNUSED BALLOTS FROM THE MAY 2025 BUDGET VOTE

WHEREAS, The provisions of the Education Law 2034(6)(b) and Local Government Schedule (LGS) -1 concerning retention of ballots unused in an election; and

WHEREAS, It the District has retained the unused ballots in question for the required period of time; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District Clerk to dispose of the unused ballots from the May 20, 2025 vote, after having held them for the required six-month period.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. McLeod.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED MEMBERS OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AUDIT COMMITTEE (SG 3)

WHEREAS, In order to achieve its goal to ensure public confidence in the operation of the School District and expenditures of tax dollars, in February 2005, the Board of Education created an Audit Committee as a standing committee, comprised of all members of the Board of Education sitting as a Committee of the Whole; and

WHEREAS, The Audit Committee was charged with the responsibility of overseeing District finances by developing requests for proposals for external audit functions, evaluation of responses to requests, making recommendations to the Board; and

WHEREAS, In 2009 the Board reconstituted the Audit Committee to consist of nine members, five of whom would be Board of Education Members and four of whom would be community members, with all appointed by the Board of Education to serve for a period of one (1) year or until their replacement whichever shall later occur; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Audit Committee will be appointed at the will of the Board as per the aforementioned motion; and

WHEREAS, The Board appointed Members to the Audit Committee to serve July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026 all in accordance with the Audit Committee Charter; now therefore be it; and

WHEREAS, the Board now wishes to appoint another individual to also serve on the Audit Committee; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board does hereby appoint Portland Jackson to its Audit Committee to serve for a term commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 or until their replacement, whichever shall later occur.

Clara Dunn Vincent Cancemi Heather Johnson Jerry Petito
Portland Jackson
Joseph Giarrizzo Robert Bilson Nicholas Vilardo TBD
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

The following was moved by Mr. Petrozzi, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF STATE AID FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW GENERATOR

WHEREAS, On or about October 30, 2025, the emergency generator at LaSalle Preparatory School suffered a catastrophic failure; and

WHEREAS, The emergency generator powers emergency lighting and emergency circuits so that the building would be able to function in the event of a power outage; and

WHEREAS, The failure of the emergency generator and the conditions resulting therefrom created a public emergency affecting the LaSalle Preparatory School building; and which could affect the health and/or safety of the occupants of the building and other persons; and

WHEREAS, The failure of the emergency generator and the resulting conditions was not an action item that the District could have anticipated, as annual routine maintenance was performed on the emergency generator; and

WHEREAS, As deemed by the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls' (the District) Interim Director of Facilities; Michael Macri; the Superintendent; Mark Laurrie; and outside architect Clark, Patterson, Lee; the corrective action plan is to replace the emergency generator and associated transfer switches; and

WHEREAS, The District will submit the required emergency plans to NYSED for capital improvement project approval; and

WHEREAS, The District will submit the required documentation and paperwork after completion of the project so as to be reimbursed by State Aid using the State Aid Formula; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The above-described occurrences and the condition thereby created constituted an immediate public emergency within the meaning of General Municipal Law §103(4) arising out of an accident or other unforeseen occurrence or condition whereby circumstances affecting public building, public property or the life, health, safety or property of the inhabitants of the District and other persons did and does require immediate remedial and corrective action which cannot await public competitive bidding procedures and the delay attendant thereon; and be it further

RESOLVED, All contracts and engagements heretofore made by or on behalf of the District for the remediation of the conditions created by said public emergency are hereby in all aspects confirmed, ratified and approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to secure informal quotations from qualified contractors to perform such work and furnish such labor and materials as shall be necessary to fully secure the building from the damage resulting from the emergency occurrences as described above; and be it further

RESOLVED, By reason of such emergency any and all contracts heretofore or hereafter made for the above-mentioned purposes shall not require prior public competitive bidding and may be made and awarded by the Superintendent of Schools and/or the Administrator for School Business Services subject to the ratification and approval of this Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board of Education and/or the Superintendent be and they are hereby authorized to execute any contract hereinbefore or hereinafter made for the remediation of the emergency

generator at LaSalle Preparatory School and the remediation of the condition created by the public emergency at the LaSalle Preparatory School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk is authorized to obtain the signature of the President of the Board of Education and/or the Superintendent as may be required on any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. Review of the Proposed Policy(ies)

7.01

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent congratulated Miss Kaur on carrying a 96.62 average, while taking advanced statistics, college preparatory classes, Regents chemistry, while working at Wegman's, and volunteering as well.

Tomorrow, grade nine student Selena Govern and grade 12 student Torianne Franke will represent NFHS at the Swimming and Diving State Championship. Best of luck tothem. They received a great send off with pep band playing them out.

Twenty-one of the 100 students chosen to participate in the Elementary Music Educators Association All County in February are District students

At Cataract, thanks and congratulations to Abby Edwards, Sunnie Ventry, and Angela Manella Dimes, who spearheaded the Dimes for Dominic donations; $20,500 have been donated to Roswell Park Cancer Institute so far.

On December 9 students from North Tonawanda, Niagara Falls, and Niagara -Wheatfield will participate in a community service in North Tonawanda. Each of the three communities will benefit from a day of community service.

Special thanks to Anne Le Gasse and Nicole Mombrea, who donated "Grandmas Little Gifts," 285 baskets given to McKinny Vento students.

Our family support center has delivered 50 beds to date through our Sleep in Heavenly Peace partnership. We have a waiting list of 149 students in need of a sufficient bed.

The District offers its condolences to the Jamestown School District community on the loss of a Pre-Kindergarten student.

Regarding the retirement of Mrs. Holody: Becky worked tirelessly, often on working on Saturdays and Sundays, and served the District with integrity and honesty. Her absence will be sorely missed and the District wishes her all the best.

Happy Thanksgiving to all students, staff, families, and Board members.

Board Members Report and Comments –

Various members offered thanks and best wishes to Mrs. Holody and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Vilardo called the Board's attention to the following letter, which he submitted previously, as indicated:

October 23, 2025

Anthony Paretto, President
Board Of Education
City School District of City of Niagara Falls
630 66th Street
Niagara Falls, New York,14304

Dear Mr. Paretto:

I have been advised that Cheryl Vilardo, 814 College Terrace, Niagara Falls, New York 14305 submitted an Application for Position of Superintendent of Schools, which will be vacant with the resignation of the present Superintendent Mr. Mark Laurrie.

With Mrs. Vilardo having filed an Application, I wish to officially inform you and the Board and make it known to the public that Mrs. Vilardo is related to me as a niece by marriage, having married a son of my brother Ronald Vilardo. Further I wish to inform you, the Board and the public, that to a avoid any possible potential conflict of interest that may arise, I intend to and will recuse myself and abstain from any discussion on the selection, appointment, contract and voting, for any of the persons who submitted an application and who will be considered and/or appointed by the Board for the position of Superintendent.

In furtherance, of my intention to recuse myself from any discussion and voting on any matter in the selection process, I respectfully request that prior to the Board commencing discussion involving selection of a new Superintendent, that I be given an opportunity to remove myself from the meeting and discussion.

Thank you and the Board for respecting my wishes in this matter.

BY:_____ Nicholas Vilardo,
Board of Education Member

cc: Mark Laurrie, Superintendent Judith Glaser, District Clerk
Maria Massaro, Human Resources Administrator

Advanced Planning
Future Agenda Items
Future Meeting Dates

December 11, 2025	December 18, 2025
1.	1.
2. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – Dec. 18 Regular Board Meeting – *Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro*	2. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – Dec. 18 Regular Board Meeting – *Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro*

Adjournment

Reconvene Executive Session
On a motion by Mr. Petrozzi, seconded by Mrs. Dunn, the Board reconvened executive session at 7:27 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the appointment or promotion of an individual. *Mr. Vilardo did not attend Executive Session.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Brad McLeod

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

1. Marion Bartley, Aunt of April Downey at Cataract School and Alyssa DeRosa School Counselor at Bond Primary school.
2. Mary Brown, mother of Hyde Park's Melissa Ruta
3. Linda Jo Heuer, mother of social studies teacher Peter Heuer.
4. Anita Nart, godmother of Barbara Dotts.

Motion to exit executive session and adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Motion by Rob Bilson, second by Brad McLeod.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Brad McLeod

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser
Judith Glaser, District Clerk

DATE: December 11, 2025
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. Paretto at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass (entered 5:46p.m.), Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi (entered 6:01 p.m.), Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo.
Excused: Miss Kaur

Staff: Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Carella, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. McCreary, Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser.

Mr. Laurrie expressed sympathy to Mrs. Dunn in the loss of her sister.

A review of the agenda was held.
Next week, the ON-BOCES team will present to the Board. An Executive Session will be needed next week.

Miss Edwards at GJ Mann will be recognized next week at the meeting.
Short Term Contracts were explained. They will fund:
A realtor who will work with upperclassmen at the high school to start teaching them realty.
Training at Hyde Park staff to assist in providing alternatives to student suspensions.
Professional development.
Activities at Saturday Academy.

More than $10 million worth of grants/entitlements will be accepted next week.

The Head Start budget seeks approval to move money between accounting lines in a resolution that will be before the Board next week.

City funds will be accepted to purchase equipment for the OSC-TV program, should the Board approve a resolution to that effect next week.

The preliminary resolution to start budget vote work will be acted upon.

Amendments will be offered for Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy administered by NFMMC.

A resolution will be acted upon to address training for staff who work with autistic students.

Resolutions will be acted upon to provide extra services and programs at various schools and one to work with our 95 Hispanic students.

A resolution will be acted upon to hire a grant evaluator; another will address trauma informed care instruction provided by the University at Buffalo.

A room at CEC will be rented to BOCES; an agreement with the Wilson Center for use of the Center by the District. Two resolutions will be put forth for these reasons.

The final resolution will be for a negative type two declaration for the LPS emergency generator.

Mr. Laurrie reported that:

Mr. Carella is retiring February 1, 2026.
The pool at GPS is shut down due to a leak, which was leaking into the basement. The remediation may be substantial. The rebar may be affected. Also, due to making repairs, the District will be required to bring the facility up to standards it has not met. Cost estimates will be obtained. The pool is quite old. Gaskill was built in 1929.

Mrs. Jacklin and Ms. McCreary are providing a revenue status report each month in addition to the appropriation status report.

Say Yes Academy at Bond Saturday, December 13th, at Bloneva Bond. Another took place last week at Cataract. These run from 9a.m. – noon.

NFHS will host a robotics tournament January 31, 2026. Schools from across NYS will participate.

Students from NFHS, NTHS and NWHS completed a community service project in North Tonawanda. Similar projects will take place in the other communities.

The Cataract City Classic Basketball Tournament was held at the Niagara Falls High School Wolvarena. Proceeds from this event support scholarships for NFHS students at a dinner in May 2026. Thanks to the NF Education Foundation for its continuing efforts to benefit students.

The NF Fire Department Toy Telethon was again hosted at NFHS. Thanks to the OSC students.

Grandma's Little Gifts provided 300 baskets to our homeless students. All I am going to recommend them for a Golden Apple later this year. Thanks to them.

The VFW had a holiday lunch for 200 students.

At Harry F. Abate School, 196 students are participating in band or choir. This is represents a third of its enrollment.

At Bloneva Bond School, the greenhouse is open; classes are taking place.

Last evening, Mr. Laurrie found a song on Spotify written by Blair Bilson. Congratulations to Mr. Bilson and his daughter Blair.

The Board entered Executive Session at. 6:12 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bilson seconded by Mrs. Dunn to discuss the appointment or promotion of an individual. All in favor.

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. . on a motion by Mr. Bilson, seconded by Mr. Capizzi. All in favor.

Mr. Vilardo did not attend Executive Session.

DATE: December 18, 2025

DATE: December 18, 2025
KIND OF MEETING: **ARS**
PLACE: Board of Education Board Room
AGENDA REVIEW: None
CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paretto at 5:34 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass (entered 5:51), Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi (entered 5:51), Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Miss Kaur
Excused: Mr. McLeod

Staff: Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Carella, Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. McCreary, Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser, Mr. Chandler.

Mr. Laurrie offered condolences to the family of former Legislator and District employee Owen Steed, Sr. His loss is deeply felt throughout the community. Mourning flags will be flown. The meeting is dedicated to him tonight. He was friend to all and a highly dedicated father.

BOCES Programs and Initiatives Guests Dr. Farrar and the BOCES Team Mr. Connolly, Dr. Melanie Conley.
Mr. Laurrie complimented Dr. Farrar on the wonderful job she does.

Dr. Fararr is concentrating on building capacity at ON BOCES, which is one of 37 BOCES across the State. This BOCES serves 13 component districts, 10 of which are in Niagara County. It serves about 30,000 students. There are two career centers, one is Sanborn, one in Medina.

Adult education is a growing area, working with adults to earn GED, skilled trades, and health occupations.

With new graduation requirements coming, ON BOCES is working to support component districts.

BOCES can assist districts by accessing aid for college level courses.

New items include:
Early College Access
Home School Monitoring
Administrative Interim/Coaching/Mentoring
Attendance Supervisor
Also, expanded services include sub reimbursement and public relations.

ONBOCES has expanded its partnerships providing additional space in Niagara-Wheatfield, Lew-Port, Ransomville Learning, and on Tonawanda Creek Road. This additional space will improve the student experience.

Dr. Farrar visits Albany monthly.

A review of the agenda was held.

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:11 on a motion by Mr. Bilson, seconded by Mr. Vilardo to discuss four cases of the possible appointment or promotion of individuals. Four more items to be discussed may lead to the demotion, discipline, or dismissal of individuals. All in favor.

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. . on a motion by Mr. Petrozzi, seconded by Mrs. Dunn. All in favor.

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

A reflection was offered by Mrs. Dunn.
Roll Call
Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Miss Kaur
Excused:

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS
Mr. Laurrie again reminded those assembled that the meeting is being dedicated to Owen Steed, Sr. It is a terrible loss to the community. Godspeed.
SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF Ms. Katie Edwards, Mr. Ezra Scott, Sr.
Mr. Mike Quinn, a music teacher of 25 years, experienced a medical emergency at GJ Mann School. Ms. Edwards and Mr. Scott quickly responded to summon medical care and provide comfort, possibly avoiding a catastrophic outcome for Mr. Quinn.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA-RELATED ITEMS – None.
WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - ROUTINE MATTERS

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo.

MINUTES –DECEMBER 2025 MEETINGS
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo.
APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER - #5

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 $ 1,433,187.02 among the following fund, function, object, and location codes:

General Fund:	$	1,363,049.98
Cafeteria Fund:	$	17,627.41
Special Aid Fund:	$	12,327.14
Capital Projects Fund:	$	40,182.49

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

APPROVAL OF BIDS - NONE

TREASURER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2025

BUDGET STATUS REPORTS– DECEMBER 2025

The following was moved by Vilardo, second by Mr. Bass.
PERSONNEL REPORT – CERTIFICATED
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Bass, second by Mr. Cancemi.
Mr. Laurrie expressed his full confidence in Mrs. Jacklin, who has demonstrated an outstanding work ethic and a full understanding of her work.
PERSONNEL REPORT - CLASSIFIED
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bilson.
REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Committee on Special Education met on May 16, 2025; and September 25, 26, 2025; and October 8, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 29, 2025; and November 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 2025; and December 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 2025 to review Annual Reviews, and September 2, 3, 26, 2025; and October 1, 9, 21, 24, 27, 2025; and November 5, 6, 7, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 2025; and December 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 15, 2025 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 2025-2026 school year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Brad McLeod, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bilson.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Committee on Pre-School Special Education met on October 29, 2025; and November 5, 10, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 25, 2025; and December 2, and 4, 2025; 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 2025-2026 school year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Brad McLeod, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo.

SHORT-TERM CONTRACTS

1. Curriculum Associates i-Ready Math AIS training for LaSalle Preparatory School $700.00 F2110 404 098 0125 December 10, 2025
2. Lakea A. Perry, Realtor, LLC Real Estate Licensing $3,000.00 A2110.400.045.0228 December 2025-June 2026
3. Niagara Alliance for Restorative Practices Restorative Practices Support $2,500.00 F2110.400-058-0326 December 2025-January 2026
4. Curriculum Associates Keeping Momentum with i-Ready for teachers $9,200.00 F2110 404 098 0126 January 16, 2026
5. Marie McLeod Saturday Academy – Zumba instruction /activities $200.00
6. Challenger Learning Center of Lockport Mark Gerlach Saturday Academy Mobile Planetarium $400.00 A7310.400-056 January 10, 2026
7. Challenger Learning Center of Lockport Mark Gerlach Saturday Academy Mobile Planetarium $000.00 A7310.400-056 December 6, 2025
8. Buffalo Zoo Saturday Academy Animal Wonders $329.40 A7310.400-056January 10, 2026
9. She Drums Saturday Academy Drum Circles $350.00A7310.400-057 ($150.00) A7310.400-061 ($175.00) January 10, 2026 February 21, 2026

10. Fun Buffalo Saturday Academy STEM Snow-cone Machine $1,000.00 A7310.400-057 ($500.00) A7310.400-049 ($500.00) January 24, 2026 February 7, 2026
11. Families Aimed Toward Excellence Saturday Academy STEM Robot building $300.00 A7310.400-049 January 24, 2026
12. LMCimpact Inc. Saturday Academy STEM Cultural empowerment programming/crafting $400.00 A7310.400-056 ($200.00) A7310.400-061 ($200.00) January 10, 2026 February 21, 2026
13. Iqra Shehzadi Saturday Academy Henna Designs $100.00 A7310.400.049 January 24, 2026
14. Jonathan C. Erwin TRC Course The Classroom of Choice $975.00 F2070.400.045.8126 February 10 – March 27, 2026

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Brad McLeod, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Petrozzi, second by Mr. Bilson.

HEAD START REPORTS

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

The following was moved by Mr. Bilson, second by Mr. Vilardo.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR 2025/2026 - UNIVERSAL PRE-K

WHEREAS, Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) is a grant program established by the New York State Legislature to provide funding for developmentally appropriate pre-kindergarten programs for three- and four-year old children; and

WHEREAS, The budget established funding for UPK and provides that those districts that received UPK funding in the 2024/2025 school year will be eligible to receive UPK funding in the 2025/2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, The Niagara Falls City School District received UPK funding in the 2024/2025 school year, therefore the District will receive UPK funding in the 2025/2026 school year; and

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

WHEREAS, Official notification of approved of the application and award in the amount of $4,357.010.00 has been received; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Acceptance of Funds for the 2025/2026 Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Grant; and

RESOLVED, that the grant award of $4,357,010.00 be credited to revenue code F3289.310.26; and

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

Account	Description	Budget
F 2510.133-057-3126	25/26 UPK - TCHR - CATARACT	$332,589
F 2510.133-058-3126	25/26 UPK - TCHR - H/P	$120,147
F 2510.133-059-3126	25/26 UPK - TCHR - KALFAS	$360,269
F 2510.133-060-3126	25/26 UPK - TCHR - MAPLE	$300,717
F 2510.133-061-3126	25/26 UPK - TCHR - BBPS	$427,652
F 2510.133-065-3126	25/26 UPK - TCHR - 79TH	$278,366
F 2510.133-067-3126	25/26 UPK - TCHR - GJ MANN	$324,866
F 2510.140-098-3126	25/26 UPK - SCHEDULE B / PER DIEM	$11,500
F 2510.150-014-3126	25/26 UPK - GRANT DIRECTOR	$43,267
F 2510.164-014-3126	25/26 UPK - CLERICAL	$21,175
F 2510.177-057-3126	25/26 UPK - CLASS ASSOC – CATARACT	$192,884
F 2510.177-058-3126	25/26 UPK - CLASS ASSOC - H/P	$71,968
F 2510.177-059-3126	25/26 UPK - CLASS ASSOC - KALFAS	$193,947
F 2510.177-060-3126	25/26 UPK - CLASS ASSOC - MAPLE	$146,341
F 2510.177-061-3126	25/26 UPK - CLASS ASSOC - BBPS	$292,342
F 2510.177-065-3126	25/26 UPK - CLASS ASSOC - 79TH	$148,582
F 2510.177-067-3126	25/26 UPK - CLASS ASSOC - GJ MANN	$144,299
F 2510.177-098-3126	25/26 UPK - CLASS ASSOC – JAMBOREE	$3,360
F 2510.400-098-3126	25/26 UPK - PRCHD SRVCS	$314,106
F 2510.409-098-3126	25/26 UPK - TRAVEL	$2,103
F 2510.450-098-3126	25/26 UPK - SPLS	$89,795
F 2510.803-096-3126	25/26 UPK - FICA	$87,139
F 2510.807-096-3126	25/26 UPK - HEALTH INS	$449,596
		$4,357,010

Revenue Code: F3289.310.26

ABSTRACT

1. School District – Niagara Falls City School District
2. Title of Project – Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK)
3. Funding Source – New York State Legislature
4. Total Budget - $4,357,010.00
5. Total Staff – 73.95
6. Number of Clients Served: 520
7. Major Objectives / Activities / Evaluation

- All three- and four-year old students will develop a positive self-concept and attitude toward learning and life.
- They will understand and respect social and cultural diversity, develop relationships of mutual trust and respect with adults and peers.
- Demonstrate increasing independence.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Bilson, second by Mr. Vilardo.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR 2025/2026 - SMART SCHOLARS EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL (ECHS)

WHEREAS, this grant will promote college level coursework by Niagara Falls High School students who are considered "at-risk" for future college enrollment, and

WHEREAS, NFHS students will be dually enrolled at Niagara University and Niagara Falls High School, and

WHEREAS, official notice of approval of the application and award in the amount of $112,500.00 has been received; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2025/2026 Smart Scholars Early College High School (ECHS) Grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grant award of $112,500.00 be credited to revenue account code F3289.630.26; and be it further

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

Account	Description	Budget
F 2010.140-045-6326	25/26 SS/EC - SCH B/PER DIEM	$30,250.00
F 2010.152-014-6326	25/26 SS/EC - PROG DIRECTOR	$18,000.00
F 2010.400-045-6326	25/26 SS/EC - PRCHD SRVCS	$60,000.00
F 2010.409-098-6326	25/26 SS/EC - TRAVEL	$1,980.00
F 2010.450-045-6326	25/26 SS/EC - SPLS	$2,270.00
		$112,500.00

Revenue Code: F3289.630.26

ABSTRACT

1. School District: City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, NY
2. Title of Project: Smart Scholars Early College High School (ECHS) Grant
3. Funding Source: The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and NYSED
4. Total Budget: $112,500.00
5. Total Staff: .15

Objectives:

- Promote enrollment
- Promote attendance
- Achieve success in college level course work

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The following was moved by Mr. Bilson, second by Mr. Vilardo.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR 2025/2026 - TITLE I PART A - IMPROVING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, TITLE IIA - TEACHER/PRINCIPAL TRAINING, AND TITLE IV

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 - $5,183,003.00
- Title II-A Teacher/Principal Training award - $476,189.00
- SSAE Title IV – Part A award - $397,086.00; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Acceptance of Funds for the 2025/2026 ESEA Title I Part A Improving Academic Achievement Grant, 2025/2026 Title II-A Teacher/Principal Training Grant and 2025/2026 SSAE Title IV – Part A; and

RESOLVED, that the grant award of $5,183,003.00 be credited to revenue account code F4126.010.26 ESEA Title I Part A Improving Academic Achievement Grant, the grant award of $476,189.00 be credited to the revenue account code F4289.430.26 Title II-A Teacher/Principal Training Grant and the grant award of $397,086.00 be credited to the revenue account code F4289.020.26 SSAE Title IV – Part A Grant; and

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

Title I

Account	Description	Budget
F 2020.150-014-0126	25/26 TITLE I - RTI COORDINATOR	$130.083
F 2110.130-045-0126	25/26 TITLE I - P2E TCHR - NFHS	$258,405
F 2110.133-045-0126	25/26 TITLE I - COUNSELOR - NFHS	$207,526
F 2110.133-049-0126	25/26 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - GPS	$112,060
F 2110.133-056-0126	25/26 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - ABATE	$154,067
F 2110.133-057-0126	25/26 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - CATARACT	$285,487
F 2110.133-058-0126	25/26 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - H/P	$317,854
F 2110.133-059-0126	25/26 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - KALFAS	$189,231
F 2110.133-060-0126	25/26 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - MAPLE	$227,467
F 2110.133-061-0126	25/26 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - BBPS	$142,588
F 2110.133-065-0126	25/26 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - 79TH	$189,957
F 2110.133-067-0126	25/26 TITLE I - AIS: MATH TCHR - MANN	$156,904
F 2110.138-045-0126	25/26 TITLE I - INST COACH - NFHS	$119,137
F 2110.138-049-0126	25/26 TITLE I - INST COACH - GPS	$124,198
F 2110.138-050-0126	25/26 TITLE I - INST COACH - LPS	$124,198
F 2110.138-056-0126	25/26 TITLE I - INST COACH - ABATE	$127,478
F 2110.138-058-0126	25/26 TITLE I - INST COACH - H/P	$17,871
F 2110.138-059-0126	25/26 TITLE I - INST COACH - KALFAS	$36,513
F 2110.138-061-0126	25/26 TITLE I - INST COACH - BBPS	$160,711
F 2110.138-096-0126	25/26 TITLE I - HOMELESS LIASON	$45,300
F 2110.141-049-0126	25/26 TITLE I - SCH B – GPS	$1,227

F 2110.141-057-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SCH B - CATARACT $2.454
F 2110.140-098-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SCH B - DIST-WIDE $80,323
F 2110.141-045-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SCH B - NFHS - P&F ENGAGE $10,048
F 2110.141-050-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SCH B - LPS - P&F ENGAGE $3,435
F 2110.141-056-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SCH B - ABATE - P&F ENGAGE $4,318
F 2110.141-058-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SCH B - H/P - P&F ENGAGE $2,944
F 2110.141-059-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SCH B - KALFAS - P&F ENGAGE $1,227
F 2110.141-060-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SCH B - MAPLE - P&F ENGAGE $1,227
F 2110.141-061-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SCH B - BBPS - P&F ENGAGE $884
F 2110.141-065-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SCH B - 79TH - P&F ENGAGE $1,767
F 2110.141-067-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SCH B - MANN - P&F ENGAGE $1,816
F 2110.143-045-0126 25/26 TITLE I - BIG PICTURE TA - NFHS $36,653
F 2110.143-056-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PEP TA – ABATE $135,463
F 2110.164-014-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SECRETARY $36,758
F 2110.168-007-0126 25/26 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD DPC $8,000
F 2110.178-045-0126 25/26 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - NFHS $1,863
F 2110.178-050-0126 25/26 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - LPS $379
F 2110.178-056-0126 25/26 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - ABATE $350
F 2110.178-057-0126 25/26 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - CATARACT $443
F 2110.178-058-0126 25/26 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - H/P $763
F 2110.178-060-0126 25/26 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - MAPLE $758
F 2110.178-061-0126 25/26 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - BBPS $550
F 2110.178-065-0126 25/26 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - 79TH $759
F 2110.178-067-0126 25/26 TITLE I - HRLY CLSFD - MANN $426
F 2110.400-071-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - CARDINAL O'HARA $10,504
F 2110.400-072-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - MT ST MARY $1,600
F 2110.400-073-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - SACRED HEART $4,377
F 2110.400-075-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - STELLA NIAGARA $13,130
F 2110.400-078-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - CANISIUS H/S $1,751
F 2110.400-079-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - CATH ACAD $35,399
F 2110.400-083-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - CHRIST ACAD OF WNY $2,590
F 2110.400-084-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - CTK $3,705
F 2110.400-087-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - ST PETER LUTHERAN $2,626
F 2110.400-089-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - ST JOHN LUTHERAN $4,377
F 2110.400-090-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - HOLY GHOST $5,252
F 2110.400-092-0126 25/26 TITLE I – PRCHD SRVCS - VICTORY ACADEMY @ RIDGE $4.377
F 2110.400-098-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - DIST-WIDE $349,200
F 2110.400-112-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS – VICTORY LEARNING @ RIDGE $875
F 2110.400-120-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - DARUL IMAN ACADEMY $5,252

F 2110.400-181-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - SGF - ROOSEVELT $18,383
F 2110.400-281-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - SGF - CAMBRIDGE $27,137
F 2110.400-381-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - SGF - ROSSLER $1,751
F 2110.400-681-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - SGF - MULLEN $10,505
F 2110.404-083-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF WNY $36
F 2110.429-079-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PRCHD SRVCS - CATH ACAD - P&F ENGAGE $420
F 2110.450-045-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - NFHS $2,360
F 2110.450-049-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - GPS $2,890
F 2110.450-050-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - LPS $2,143
F 2110.450-056-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - ABATE $30,017
F 2110.450-057-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - CATARACT $21,442
F 2110.450-058-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - H/P $6,428
F 2110.450-059-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - KALFAS $6,818
F 2110.450-060-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - MAPLE $6,015
F 2110.450-061-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - BBPS $8,081
F 2110.450-065-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - 79TH $1,405
F 2110.450-067-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - MANN $6,859
F 2110.450-069-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - BUFF HEARING & SPEECH $3,502
F 2110.450-072-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - MT ST MARYS ACADEMY $151
F 2110.450-074-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - ST JOSEPH COLLEGIATE $875
F 2110.450-077-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - BEYOND LEARNING $2,626
F 2110.450-084-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS – CTK $1,547
F 2110.450-088-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - ST PETER RC $4,377
F 2110.450-091-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - ST STEPHEN $1,751
F 2110.454-045-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - NFHS - P&F ENGAGE $3,401
F 2110.454-049-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - GPS - P&F ENGAGE $2,394
F 2110.454-056-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - ABATE - P&F ENGAGE $598
F 2110.454-057-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - CATARACT - P&F ENGAGE $751
F 2110.454-058-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - H/P - P&F ENGAGE $319
F 2110.454-059-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - KALFAS - P&F ENGAGE $1,559
F 2110.454-060-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - MAPLE - P&F ENGAGE $810
F 2110.454-061-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - BBPS - P&F ENGAGE $2,546
F 2110.454-065-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - 79TH - P&F ENGAGE $11
F 2110.454-067-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - MANN - P&F ENGAGE $29
F 2110.454-079-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - CATH ACAD - P&F ENGAGE $72
F 2110.454-084-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SPLS - CTK - P&F ENGAGE $0
F 2250.147-045-0126 25/26 TITLE I - PSA - NFHS $257,511
F 2259.130-045-0126 25/26 TITLE I - ENL TCHR - NFHS $119,137
F 2810.133-045-0126 25/26 TITLE I - COUNSELOR - NFHS $258,780
F 2810.133-050-0126 25/26 TITLE I - COUNSELOR - LPS $223,379
F 2825.133-045-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SOCIAL WORKER - NFHS $144,427

F 2825.133-049-0126 25/26 TITLE I - SOCIAL WORKER - GPS $92,875
Total Title I Budget $5,183,003
Revenue Code: F4126.010-26

Title IIA

Account	Description	Budget
F 2110.132-098-4326	25/26 TITLE IIA - PER DIEM - D/W	$16,250
F 2110.138-098-4326	25/26 TITLE IIA - INST COACH – D/W	$395,364
F 2110.140-098-4326	25/26 TITLE IIA - SCH B - D/W	$28,439
F 2110.400-079-4326	25/26 TITLE IIA - PRCHD SRVCS - CATH ACAD	$5,837
F 2110.400-084-4326	25/26 TITLE IIA - PRCHD SRVCS - CTK	$2,547
F 2110.400-098-4326	25/26 TITLE IIA - PRCHD SRVCS - DIST-WIDE	$19,542
F 2110.409-098-4326	25/26 TITLE IIA - TRAVEL - DIST-WIDE	$5,510
F 2110.490-079-4326	25/26 TITLE IIA – BOCES/CATH ACAD	$2,700
Total Title IIA Budget		$476,189

Revenue Code: F4289.430-26

Title IV

Account	Description	Budget
F 2110.132-098-0226	25/26 TITLE IV - PER DIEM - D/W	$14,400
F 2110.138-049-0226	25/26 TITLE IV - INST COACH - GPS	$47,655
F 2110.138-050-0226	25/26 TITLE IV - INST COACH - LPS	$47,655
F 2110.138-056-0226	25/26 TITLE IV - INST COACH - ABATE	$23,827
F 2110.140-098-0226	25/26 TITLE IV - SCH B - D/W	$7,500
F 2110.400-079-0226	25/26 TITLE IV - PRCHD SRVCS - CATH ACAD	$7,119
F 2110.400-098-0226	25/26 TITLE IV - PRCHD SRVCS	$70,000
F 2110.409-098-0226	25/26 TITLE IV - TRAVEL	$10,456
F 2110.450-084-0226	25/26 TITLE IV - SPLS - CTK	$2,124
F 2630.138-098-0226	25/26 TITLE IV - CLSRM TECH INT - DW	$166,350
Total Title IV Budget		$397,086

Revenue Code: F4289.020-26

ABTRACT - ESEA Title I Part A Improving Academic Achievement

1. School District: School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York
2. Title of Project: ESEA Title I Part A Improving Academic Achievement
3. Funding Source: Federal Government
4. Total Budget: $5,183,003.00
5. Total Staff: 49.72
6. Number of Clients Served: 6,658 students
7. Major Objectives / Activities / Evaluation:

- The purpose of the supplementary services provided under Title I is to improve the opportunities of such children by helping them succeed in the regular school program, attain proficiency, and improve achievement in basic and more advanced skills.
- Results from performance-based assessments in Mathematics and Language Arts will be used to identify students who may be at-risk

ABSTRACT - ESEA Title II-A Teacher/Principal Training

1. School District: School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York
2. Title of Project: ESEA Title II-A Teacher/Principal Training
3. Funding Source: Federal Government
4. Total Budget: $476,189.00

5. Total Staff: 2
6. Number of Clients Served: 6,658 students
7-9 . Major Objectives/Activities/Evaluation:

- Funds will be used for expansion and improvement of in-service training or retraining of teachers and other appropriate school personnel in both public and non-public schools.
- In-service workshops will be the major activities.
- Rosters, agendas and locally-designed workshop evaluation forms and new curriculum guides will be outcomes.

ABSTRACT – SSEA Title IV – Part A
1. School District: School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York
2. Title of Project: SSEA Title IV – Part A
3. Funding Source: Federal Government
4. Total Budget: $397,086.00
5. Total Staff: 4
6. Number of Clients Served: 400
7-8. Major Objectives/Activities:

- To improve the use of technology as another means to achieve academic achievement. Specifically, by promoting digital literacy of all students and providing professional development to the educators that teach and support them.
- To ensure that all students build the capacities necessary for thriving as 21st century learners and workforce contributors, program initiatives fall under three categories, Digital Citizenship, Personalized Learning and Improving Equity for All Learners.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Bilson, second by Mr. Vilardo.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO 2025/2026 HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START GRANT

WHEREAS, On January 2nd 2021, the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls (hereafter known as "The District") submitted an application to become the provider of Head Start/Early Head Start services in Niagara Falls, NY; and

WHEREAS, The District was awarded the Head Start/Early Head Start Grant on September 8th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls City School District received the official grant award notice, called Notice of Award, for the Head Start/Early Head Start Grant; and

WHEREAS, The Head Start/Early Head Start Grant is funded from 09/01/2021 through 06/30/2026; and

WHEREAS, The Notice of Award indicates that the project period for Year 5 of the Head Start/Early Head Start Grant is 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026, with a combined funding of $1,875,753.00; and

WHEREAS, The Board approved the Continuation Application for the 2025/2026 school year at its meeting on March 27th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The District now wishes to amend some of the line items within the funding amount of $1,875,753.00; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Human Services, which is the department of the Federal Government that oversees the Head Start/Early Head Start Grant, has requested that the Governing Board, which has been designated as the Niagara Falls City School District Board of Education, approve the attached amendment budget and narrative for the 2025/2026 Head Start/Early Head Start project period, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the attached amendment budget and narrative for the Head Start/Early Head Start Grant project period of 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026; be it further

RESOLVED, The District Clerk has the authority to secure the signature of the President of the Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, The President of the Board of Education is designated as authorized to sign the attached Budget Amendment and Narrative.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Bilson, second by Mr. Vilardo.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE OUR SCHOOLS CHANNEL OSC 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

WHEREAS, In 2004, the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, by Agreement with the City of Niagara Falls was designated to operate and administer the Access Educational Channel, now known as Our School's Channel (OSC); and

WHEREAS, The District has successfully operated the OSC since the date of the Agreement affording its students, staff and the community educational and informative programs; and

WHEREAS, In the past, the City assisted the District by contributing monies toward the operation and maintenance of OSC; and

WHEREAS, The City again wishes to assist the District and contribute $10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) toward the operation and maintenance of OSC subject to certain terms and conditions contained in an Agreement negotiated by City and District representatives; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the sum of $10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) from the City of Niagara Falls, New York for assistance in the operation and maintenance of the Our School's Channel and does hereby approve the Agreement attached hereto, by and between the City and School District, as to use of said funds; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement attached hereto; and be it further

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Petrozzi, second 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

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 19, 2026; 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 2026 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 7, 2026, 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 19, 2026, 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, 2026.

2. To adopt the annual budget of the school district for the fiscal year 2026/27 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 19, 2026.

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:

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT	ELECTION DISTRICT	Polling Place	Polling Address
1	3rd	*1,	Board of Education Admin. Bldg.	630 – 66th 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 – 95th Street
5		8	79th Street School	551 – 79th Street
6	4th	*1st	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	5th	*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	6th	1	City Hall	745 Main Street
16		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.
21+		8	Spallino Towers	720 Tenth Street

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 4, 2026) 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 18, 2026
Judith Glaser, Clerk of the Board of Education

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH THE NIAGARA FALLS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR ON-SITE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, The School District is responsible for the education of all students with disabilities as provided in PL 94-142 and Article 89 of the Education Law of New York; and

WHEREAS, The School District is required to provide an appropriate special education placement and related services as determined by the District's Committee on Special Education; and

WHEREAS, The Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, provides the necessary on-site occupational therapy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Agreement with the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for On-Site Occupational Therapy for 2025-2026 School Year; and be it further

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

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

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

AGREEMENT FOR INSTRUCTION OF
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of December 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 – 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, party of the first part, herein called the School District, and the NIAGARA FALLS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, 621-10th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14301, party of the second part, herein called Memorial Medical Center.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The School District is responsible for the education of students with disabilities as provided by Article 89 of the Education Law of the State of New York (as enacted by Chapter 853 of the Laws of 1976), and

WHEREAS, The School District is authorized and empowered to contract for the education of students with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, Memorial Medical Center has warranted and represented to the School District that it is fully licensed, qualified and competent to provide adequate instruction to students with disabilities in accordance with the provisions of Article 89 of the Education Law and to lawfully furnish the professional services hereinafter described, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District and Memorial Medical Center have each, authorized and approved the execution of the contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Article 89 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the parties do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. During the 2025-2026 school year, commencing on December 18, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2026, Memorial Medical Center will provide adequate and sufficient occupational therapy services for all students with disabilities who are specifically assigned to this therapist by written direction of the Superintendent of Schools of the School District. The education and instruction of these children shall in all respects and at all times be subject to the control, supervision, and approval of said Superintendent of Schools, who shall have the right to terminate the service for any child at any time when he/she considers such action to be in the best interests of each such child or the School District. Any action of said Superintendent of Schools herein mentioned may be taken by his/her duly authorized representative.
2. Memorial Medical Center shall promptly furnish to said Superintendent of Schools any and all reports and data which he/she may request concerning the education and educational progress of these children such as:
   a. Written order/script

b. Evaluation of students

c. Appropriate program planning

d. Prepare appropriate students' goals and objectives to be recommended to the Committee on Special Education

e. Direct student care and implementation of home program

f. Maintenance of evaluation, progress and discharge reports, therapy attendance records, daily session notes, quarterly progress notes as may be deemed appropriate

g. Communication with professional staff, student, family members and members of the school district

h. Certification "Of Under the Direction and Accessibility" of Supervision of occupational therapy support staff

i. Must permit Medicaid audits, that the agency maintains required records, and that the agency makes those records available in the event of an audit.

j. Refer students to the Committee on Special Education who may need evaluation or service

3. Memorial Medical Center will maintain individual malpractice liability insurance in such reasonable amounts as shall be prescribed by the School District and shall abide by the Code of Ethics of the American Occupational Therapy Associates and the rules and regulations of the respective school facilities in which it shall provide services and shall respect the confidentiality of any and all student records.

4. The School District agrees:

a. To provide suitable treatment and classroom facilities for occupational therapy care which said facilities shall in all respects be appropriate, safe and conducive to optimal occupational therapy care.

b. To provide Memorial Medical Center when possible with at least 24 hours' notice of the inability of any student scheduled to attend an occupational therapy session.

c. To pay the sum of $214.09 for each occupational therapy evaluation.

d. To pay the sum of $82.10 per classroom consultation per classroom contact. (For students on consultation only.)

e. To pay the fixed sum of $391.32 per month per child. Includes either individual or group occupational therapy sessions.

5. This Agreement shall commence December 18, 2025, and terminate June 30, 2026. The School District may sooner terminate this Agreement upon give thirty (30) days written notice to Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center of its intention to so terminate. Further either party may, upon thirty (30) written notice to the other, make changes to the Agreement and such changes shall be incorporated in the Agreement upon written approval of the other party.

6. This Agreement shall in all respects be subject to all applicable laws, statutes and regulations and shall be specifically subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education of the State of New York and such other officials or agencies of the State of New York as may be required by law.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE NIAGARA FALLS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR ON-SITE PHYSICAL THERAPY FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, The School District is responsible for the education of all students with disabilities as provided in PL 94-142 and Article 89 of the Education Law of New York; and

WHEREAS, The School District is required to provide an appropriate special education placement and related services as determined by the District's Committee on Special Education; and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center provides the necessary on-site physical therapy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board approve the Agreement with the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for On-Site Physical Therapy for 2024-2025 School Year; and be it further

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

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

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

Final Re AGREEMENT FOR INSTRUCTION OF
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of December 20258, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 – 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304 party of the first part, herein called the School District, and the NIAGARA FALLS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, 621 -10th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14301 party of the second part, herein called Memorial Medical Center.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The School District is responsible for the education of students with disabilities as provided by Article 89 of the Education Law of the State of New York (as enacted by Chapter 853 of the Laws of 1976), and

WHEREAS, the School District is authorized and empowered to contract for the education of students with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, Memorial Medical Center has warranted and represented to the School District that it is fully licensed, qualified and competent to

provide adequate instruction to students with disabilities in accordance with the provisions of Article 89 of the Education Law and to lawfully furnish the professional services hereinafter described, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District and Memorial Medical Center have each, authorized and approved the execution of the contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Article 89 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the parties do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. During the 2025-2026 school year, commencing on or about December 18, 2025, and ending on or about June 30, 2026, Memorial Medical Center will provide adequate and sufficient physical therapy services for all students with disabilities who are specifically assigned to this therapist by written direction of the Superintendent of Schools of the School District. The education and instruction of these children shall in all respects and at all times be subject to the control, supervision, and approval of said Superintendent of Schools, who shall have the right to terminate the service for any child at any time when he/she considers such action to be in the best interests of each such child or the School District. Any action of said Superintendent of Schools herein mentioned may be taken by his/her duly authorized representative.

2. Memorial Medical Center shall promptly furnish to said Superintendent of Schools any and all reports and data which he/she may request concerning the education and educational progress of these children as:

a. Written order/script
b. Evaluation of students
c. Appropriate program planning
d. Prepare appropriate students' goals and objectives to be recommended to the Committee on Special Education
e. Direct student care and implementation of home program
f. Maintenance of evaluation, progress and discharge reports, therapy attendance records, daily session notes, quarterly progress notes as may be deemed appropriate
g. Communication with professional staff, student, family members and members of the school district
h. Must permit Medicaid audits, that the agency maintains required records, and that the agency makes those records available in the event of an audit.
i. Refer students to the Committee on Special Education who may need evaluation or service

3. Memorial Medical Center will maintain individual malpractice liability insurance in such reasonable amounts as shall be prescribed by the School District and shall abide by the Code of Ethics of the American Physical Therapy Associates and the rules and regulations of the respective school facilities in which it shall provide services and shall respect the confidentiality of any and all student records.

4. The School District agrees:

a. To provide suitable treatment and classroom facilities for physical therapy care which said facilities shall in all respects be appropriate, safe and conducive to optimal physical therapy care.

b. To provide Memorial Medical Center when possible with at least 24 hours notice of the inability of any student scheduled to attend a physical therapy session.

c. To pay the sum of $164.69 for each physical therapy evaluation.

d. To pay the sum of $125.50 or each thirty (30) minute unit of individual therapy.

e. To pay the sum of $149.47 for each thirty (30) minute unit of group therapy.

f. To pay the sum of $66.71 for each classroom consultation or visitation.

5. This Agreement shall commence December 18, 2025 and terminate June 30, 2026. The School District may sooner terminate this Agreement upon give thirty (30) days written notice to Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center of its intention to so terminate. Further either party may, upon thirty (30) written notice to the other, make changes to the Agreement and such changes shall be incorporated in the Agreement upon written approval of the other party.

6. This Agreement shall in all respects be subject to all applicable laws, statutes and regulations and shall be specifically subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education of the State of New York and such other officials or agencies of the State of New York as may be required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.solution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND MARCUS L. THOMEER, PH.D., PSYCHOLOGIST, P.C. (JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks to continuously improve our Autism program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marcus Thomeer has provided numerous trainings and support in the past to the District Autism programs; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Marcus Thomeer is a professor who has specialized in working with students with Autism; and
WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a Contract with Marcus Thomeer, PhD. To provide such services at a cost not to exceed $25,000 (125 hours at $200 per hour) over the life of the contract; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Marcus Thomeer, PhD. from July 1, 2025- June 15, 2026 at a sum not to exceed 125 hours for $25,000 for the period effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, 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
Marcus L. Thomeer, Ph.D, Psychologist, P.C.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of December 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Marcus L. Thomeer, Ph.D, Psychologist, P.C. (hereinafter "Dr. Thomeer").

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 Dr. Thomeer as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the Family and Community Engagement Grant objectives and Dr. Thomeer hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Dr. Thomeer shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, during the school year, including:

- Support and training of teachers and staff in the District Autism program
- Directly working with the District Special Education coach to support the teachers and staff in the Autism program.

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 according 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. Dr. Thomeer shall not be an employee of the District. Dr. Thomeer 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. Jason Scott is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns.

4. Compensation to Independent Contractor. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to Dr. Thomeer for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $25,000 to be paid in monthly installments. Payment checks payable to the order of Marcus Thomeer will be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Dr. Thomeer.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Dr. Thomeer 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Dr. Thomeer shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Dr. Marcus Thomeer 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 July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, 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 Dr. Thomeer under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Dr. Thomeer 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND BECAUSE I TRIED ENTERPRISES, INC FOR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to increase academic

achievement and provide mental and social emotional support services for students; and

WHEREAS, In previous school years, the District has contracted with Maurice Cox's company, "Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc.", to provide youth mentoring services at the elementary, prep, and high school level; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox has extensive experience in mentoring and teaching youth and he is a captivating motivational speaker who is able to reach many students who face difficult life challenges; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with Mr. Cox's company, Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc., to provide mentoring, social, and emotional support services for students participating in the "Winning Because I Tried" Mentoring Program; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc., to provide weekly mentoring services at six (6) schools: LaSalle Preparatory, Gaskill Preparatory, Niagara Falls High School, Maple Avenue, Hyde Park Elementary, and Harry F. Abate Elementary for a cost not to exceed $39,000 to be paid in two (2) installments of $19,500 for period effective 1-1-2026 and to terminate 6-30-2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. for Student Support Services at a sum not to exceed $39,000 for the period January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026, 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
BECAUSE I TRIED ENTERPRISES, INC

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of December 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc., PO Box 1278, Buffalo, NY, 14214.

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 Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. as an independent contractor to

render to the District professional services regarding implementation of youth mentoring classes and Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the weekly mentoring sessions for Spring 2026 (1-1-26 to 6-30-26), including:

- Maximum of 10-15 students per class
- Spring mentoring class at six (6) schools: LaSalle Preparatory, Gaskill Preparatory, Niagara Falls High School, Maple Avenue, Hyde Park Elementary, and Harry F. Abate Elementary
- Programs may be offered both before and after school
- Program dates to run from January 2026 through June 2026
- Program graduation including party, certificates, awards and gifts

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 according 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. Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. shall not be an employee of the District. Because I Tried Enterprises, 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. Because I Tried Enterprises, 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 to Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $39,000 to be paid in two (2) installments of $19,500 on March 1, 2026 and June 30, 2026. Payment checks payable to the order of Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Because I Tried Enterprises, 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All

policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Because I Tried Enterprises, 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, 2026 – June 30, 2026, 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 Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Because I Tried Enterprises, 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bilson.
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND MAKEEDA BROOKS (JANUARY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to provide mental and social emotional support services for students; and

WHEREAS, For previous school years, the District has contracted with Makeeda Brooks to provide youth mentoring services; and

WHEREAS, Makeeda Brooks has extensive experience in mentoring and teaching youth the importance of focus, discipline, and respect; and the organization is able to reach many students who face difficult life challenges; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with Makeeda Brooks to provide mentoring, social, and emotional support services for students participating in the "Just BE" program; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Makeeda Brooks to provide eight (8) weeks of programming at Hyde Park Elementary, Bloneva Bond Primary, and Gaskill Preparatory at a cost not to exceed $15,200 for period effective 1-1-2026 and to terminate 6-30-2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Makeeda Brooks for youth mentoring services at a sum not to exceed $15,200 for the period January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026, 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
MAKEEDA BROOKS

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of December 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Makeeda Brooks, 2992 Grand Island Boulevard Apt. #6, Grand Island, New York 14072.

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 Makeeda Brooks as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the mental health grant objectives and Makeeda Brooks hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Makeeda Brooks shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services including:

- Facilitation of "Just BE" (Girls Empowerment Program)
- Student mentoring to improve confidence and social emotional well-being
- Teaching of life lessons such as building self-esteem
- Presenting the programs of "Just BE" program at Hyde Park Elementary, Bloneva Bond Primary, and Gaskill Preparatory School

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 according 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. Makeeda Brooks shall not be an employee of the District. Makeeda Brooks 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. Makeeda Brooks is to maintain all records of

employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns.
4. Compensation to Independent Contractor. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to Makeeda Brooks for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $15,200 to be paid in two installments of $7,600 on March 1, 2026 and June 30, 2026 for implementation of the eight week "Just BE" program at Hyde Park Elementary, Bloneva Bond Primary, and Gaskill Preparatory School. Payment checks payable to the order of Makeeda Brooks shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Makeeda Brooks.
5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Makeeda Brooks 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.
6. Taxes and Insurances. Makeeda Brooks shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Makeeda Brooks 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, 2026 – June 30, 2026, 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 Makeeda Brooks under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Makeeda Brooks 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND BESTSELF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC. (JANUARY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls is committed to providing social emotional support and mental health interventions to students; and

WHEREAS, In previous school years, the District has contracted with outside organizations to provide licensed mental health counselors to students and

families through the Student Mental Health Supports Grant to fulfill grant objectives; and

WHEREAS, BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. has extensive experience in individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, and the use of evidence-based curriculum; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to enter into Contract with BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. to provide a mental health coordinator/counselor; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. for a cost not to exceed $45,000 for period effective 1-1-2026 and to terminate 6-30-2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. to provide mental health support and interventions to students and families in the school district at a sum not to exceed $45,000 for the period January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026, 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
BESTSELF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of December 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc., 255 Delaware Avenue, Suite 300, Buffalo, New York 14202.

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 BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the Student Mental Health Supports Grant. BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the Student Mental Health Supports Grant for January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026, including:

- BestSelf's school-based program director and mental health counselors will provide individual and group counseling to referred students
- BestSelf's school-based program director will work with District Project Director to assess needs of students and create and implement a plan to increase access to mental health supports, with an emphasis on Tier II and Tier III interventions

- BestSelf's school-based program director will provide clinical supervision for BestSelf counselors working in the District
- Monitor programming designed to increase social emotional development of participants which align with the District, School and Grant goals/objectives
- Meet regularly with school staff and the project director for the mental health grants
- Work collaboratively with the District at the Family Support Center and satellite locations
- Provide crisis intervention to students in need and link families to outside resources
- Attend identified meetings with District team to identify challenges, expand mental health partnerships and increase availability of Tier III mental health services

All of the functions will be performed by BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. and shall be coordinated with the Program Director and/or District Administration. BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. possesses a thorough knowledge of mental health interventions as they relate to the implementation of the Student Mental Health Supports Grant Objectives.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. shall not be an employee of the District. BestSelf Behavioral Health, 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. BestSelf Behavioral Health, 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 BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $45,000. The District shall pay $45,000 in two (2) installments of $22,500 on March 30, 2026 and June 30, 2026. Payment checks payable to the order of BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, BestSelf Behavioral Health, 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. BestSelf Behavioral Health, 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, 2026 – June 30, 2026, 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 BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, BestSelf Behavioral Health, 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bilson.
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND NATIVE LANGUAGE SERVICES, LLC FOR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (JANUARY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to provide social-emotional support, advocacy and bilingual communications support services for students; and

WHEREAS, For the last school year, the District has contracted with Jose Garcia's company, "Native Language Services, LLC", to provide mentoring, advocacy, and bilingual communications support services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia has extensive experience in mentoring and bilingual interpersonal communications and who is able to reach many students who face difficult life challenges as native language speakers both in school and in the community; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with Mr. Garcia's company, Native Language Services, LLC., to provide mentoring, advocacy and bilingual communications support services for students living and attending school in the Niagara Falls City School District community; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Native Language Services, to provide mentoring, advocacy and bilingual communications services at GJ Mann Elementary School, Henry J. Kalfas Elementary School, LaSalle Preparatory School and Niagara Falls High School for a cost not to exceed $20,000 for period effective 1-1-2026 and to terminate 6-30-2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Native Language Services, LLC for Student

Support Services for the school year at a sum not to exceed $20,000 for the period January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026, attached hereto, be and hereby is 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
NATIVE LANGUAGE SERVICES, LLC

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of December 2025, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Native Language Services, LLC, 1858 East River Road, Grand Island, NY 14072.

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 Native Language Services, LLC as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of English Language Learner support to students and Native Language Services, LLC hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Native Language Services, LLC shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, (January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026), including:

- Provide social emotional support to students who are learning English as a new language
- Establish relationships with students and families through open conversation in their preferred language
- Identify learner needs and develop resolution strategies in concert with teachers, counselors or administration – to include real or perceived bullying or other factors that impact the child's academic or social emotional well being
- Support open conversation with a focus on social engagement to address the isolation that a language barrier can present

- Foster increased parent engagement through home visitation, in-person and virtual sessions as required to connect the parent with their child's education and the development of home-school partnerships
- Refer students and families to outside community agencies for needed services
- Conduct home visits to address issues related to school attendance or other purposes as indicated by Niagara Falls City School District Staff

All of the functions will be performed by Native Language Services, LLC and shall be coordinated with School Administration and/or District Administration Native Language Services, LLC. possesses a thorough knowledge of social support services in the area of support for English Language Learners.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. Native Language Services, LLC shall not be an employee of the District. Native Language Services, LLC 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. Native Language Services, LLC 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 Native Language Services, LLC for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $20,000 to be paid in two (2) installments of $10,000 on March 1, 2026 and June 30, 2026. This is for eight (80) hours of monthly student support services provided by Native Language Services, LLC to GJ Mann Elementary School, Henry J. Kalfas Elementary School, LaSalle Preparatory School and Niagara Falls High School. Payment checks payable to the order of Native Language Services, LLC shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance Native Language Services, LLC.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Native Language Services, LLC 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Native Language Services, LLC shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Native Language Services, LLC 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, 2026 – June 30, 2026, 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 Native Language Services, LLC under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Native Language Services, LLC 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.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bilson.
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND VIA EVALUATION, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL GRANT EVALUATION SERVICES FOR STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS GRANT (JANUARY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again hire an independent evaluation company to render professional services associated with the mandatory independent evaluation required of the Student Mental Health Supports Grant; and

WHEREAS, The District previously hired Via Evaluation, Inc. as an independent consultant to render the professional evaluation services required; and

WHEREAS, A new Contract has been negotiated with Via Evaluation, Inc. for the period January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026, at a fee not to exceed $25,000 payable in two (2) installments of $12,500 on March 30, 2026 and June 30, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Via Evaluation, Inc., for independent grant evaluation services at a cost not to exceed $25,000 for period January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026 attached hereto, be and the same is hereby approved; and be it further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR INDEPENDENT GRANT EVALUATION SERVICES BY
BY INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT
VIA EVALUATION, INC.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of December 2025 by and between the CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, the first party, and Via Evaluation, Inc., 505 Ellicott Street, Suite A8, Buffalo, NY 14203, the second party.

WITNESSETH:

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

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

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

a. In-person and phone-based meetings and consultation
b. Analysis of all data necessary to meet requirements of the evaluation portion of the Student Mental Health Supports Grant
c. Customary Document Preparation and reporting of required data to appropriate parties provide copies of completed data reports to the District

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

4. Compensation to Second Party: Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the first party shall pay to the second party for services rendered in sum to exceed $25,000 payable in two (2) installments of $12,500 on March 30, 2026 and June 30, 2026. The Second Party shall submit invoices quarterly on the dates herein stated. The second party shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquittance.

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

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

7. Term of Contract: This Contract shall commence January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026, provided, however, that any party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

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

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bilson.
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES (JANUARY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, It is acknowledged that many students come to school with trauma and that trauma impacts student learning; and

WHEREAS, To address the impact of trauma on students the District seeks to have the Institute on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care through the Research Foundation at the State University of New York at Buffalo provide consulting services and staff trainings at all District schools; and

WHEREAS, The District proposes to partner with the Research Foundation of the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo to prepare school staff to identify signs of trauma and to respond using trauma-informed care; and

WHEREAS, The Administration negotiated a Contract with the Research Foundation at the State University of New York at Buffalo, through the Institute on Trauma and Trauma Informed Care for it to provide the desired consultation services, trainings, and coaching to staff members, students, and parents for a not to exceed agreed upon fee of $15,000 payable in two (2) equal installments of $7,500, effective for a term commencing January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the Attached Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Research Foundation of the State University of New York at Buffalo through the Institute on Trauma and Trauma Informed Care for it to provide the consultation services, trainings, and classroom-based coaching for a not to exceed agreed upon fee of $15,000; and further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR SUNY on behalf of the UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of December 2025, 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 RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR SUNY on behalf of the UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO with a principal office located at 35 State Street, Albany, NY 12207 and with a place of business at UB Commons, Suite 211, 520 Lee Entrance, Amherst, NY 14228-2567 ("University"),

WITNESSETH:

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

1. Engagement of Foundation. The District hereby engages the Foundation as an independent contractor to render to the District professional consulting services relating to trauma and trauma-informed care for January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026, and the Foundation hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of the Foundation: The University shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services with the Institute on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care (hereinafter referred to as "Services") including:

a) Facilitation of steering committee meetings with District administration and meetings with school principals

b) Presentations to parents and families at three Saturday Academy days

c) Training of student champion teams at LaSalle Prep, Gaskill Prep, and Niagara Falls High School

d) Creation of student champion team curriculum and support in the implementation of the student champion team curriculum

e) Consultation and training for Head Start staff

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 according 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 Foundation shall not be an employee of the District. The Foundation 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 Foundation is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns

4. Compensation to Foundation. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to the Foundation for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $15,000, in two (2) equal installments of $7,500 payable to the order of the Foundation on March 31, 2026 and June 30, 2026. Invoices shall be submitted by the Foundation on the dates herein stated to the District at the following address: 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304.

The Foundation shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the Foundation full payment to, and acquittance. The Foundation will allocate funds in general accordance with the budget submitted to the District. Foundation may deviate from the budget consistent with Service needs to

complete the scope of work outlined in Article 2 above, provided that any budget deviations do not increase the total dollar amount to be paid by District, unless agreed in writing by the parties. Any pre-paid, unearned funds will be returned to the District.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Foundation 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. The Foundation and/or its subcontractor shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. The Foundation and/or its subcontractor are 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.

6. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026, 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.

7. Assignment: The services to be rendered by the Foundation under this Contract are unique and personal. Accordingly, the Foundation party shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Contract 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.

8. No Warranties: Foundation makes no warranties, expressed or implied, as to any matter whatsoever, including without limitation the condition or performance of the Services, Service results, deliverables, work product, or any inventions, intellectual property, or products, whether tangible or intangible, conceived, discovered, reduced to practice, or developed under this agreement, or the ownership, merchantability, fitness for any particular purpose, or non-infringement of the Services, Service results, deliverables, work product, inventions, intellectual property, or product. Foundation will not be liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, special or other damages suffered by the District or any other parties resulting from the use or misuse of the Service results, deliverables, work product, inventions, intellectual property, or any product or service derived therefrom.

9. Entire Agreement. 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Brad McLeod, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mr. Bass.
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO LEASE ON CLASSROOM AT THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER TO ORLEANS NIAGARA BOCES FOR LITERACY ZONE GED INSTRUCTION 7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026

WHEREAS, BOCES Orleans/Niagara wishes to use space from the Board of Education for its GED program; and

WHEREAS, the District and BOCES Orleans/Niagara wish to formalize this arrangement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the Agreement for Space Between the Board of Education and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Orleans/Niagara commencing on the date(s) each school board approves the lease and continuing thereafter until terminated pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute such Agreement; and

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mr. Bass.
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR USE OF FACILITIES BY THE NIAGARA COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS SCHOOL YEAR FROM DECEMBER 20TH, 2025 TO JUNE 30TH, 2026

WHEREAS, The District wishes to engage The Niagara Community Center to utilize facilities for a variety of programs including Future Stars Programming (Elementary Unified Sports Programming), Athletic programming (Tennis, Basketball and dance), Extended Learning Programming, Pre-Kindergarten Week of the Young Child Activities and;

WHEREAS, A Contract has been negotiated by the administration with to provide such services at a cost not to exceed $12,000.00 for period effective 12-20-2026 and to terminate 6-30-2026, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Niagara Community Center to utilize facilities for a variety of athletic programs to afford students multiple opportunities for personal and social growth through such programs as well as appropriate support programs at a sum not to exceed $12,000.00 for period December 20th, 2025 to June 30th, 2026 attached hereto be and is hereby approved; and further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR use of Facilities
The Niagara Community Center

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th, December, 2025, 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 Community Center 530 66th Street Niagara Falls New York 14304.

WITNESSETH:

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

1. Engagement of Niagara Community Center. The District hereby engages the Niagara Community Center as a partner to utilize facilities for various programs upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Use of Facilities: The District shall utilize the Niagara Community Center for the following programs

a) Elementary Unified Sports Programming: students with developmental and intellectual disabilities have the opportunity to participate in Special Olympics based programming. Students from Cataract Elementary, Henry J. Kalfas, Bloneva Bond and Niagara Falls High School to participate in Elementary Unified programming.

b) Pre-Kindergarten teachers and students to utilize to Niagara Community Center for culminating activity during the week of the young child (April 2026).

c) Cataract Elementary to utilize facility for school-based activities throughout the 2025-2026 school year.

d) Extended Learning Program; Saturday Academy, Winter/Spring recess and Parent/Family Engagement programming.

e) Inter-scholastic athletic activities: use of tennis courts, basketball court, and dance/cheerleading room.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. The Niagara Community Center is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement. The Niagara Community Center is to maintain all records of use of facilities, and to address any matters related to facility concerns.

4. Compensation to Niagara Community Center. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to the Niagara Community Center for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $12,000.00 to be paid in two (2) installment as follows: $6,000.00 on March 15, 2026 and July 15, 2026. Payment checks payable to the order of Niagara Community shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by the Niagara Community Center.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Niagara Community Center 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Niagara Community Center shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured.
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.
6. Term of Contract. This contract shall be effective from December 20th, 2025 to June 30th 2026, 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.
7. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by the parties.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mr. Bass.
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS' CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – LASALLE PREPARATORY SCHOOL EMERGENCY GENERATOR PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls (the "Board") has considered the impact to the environment of the following scope of work to be completed:

1. LaSalle Preparatory School (SED 400-80001-0020-020)
- Replacement of emergency backup generator

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the scope of work set forth above as one Proposed Action, and has further consulted with its Architects and legal counsel with respect to potential for environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has relied on the statement of facts contained in the State Education Department Project Descriptions (Form FP-PD) and reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Article 8 (SEQRA) and concluded that the project involves:

- Maintenance or reconstruction involving no substantial changes in an existing facility or structure (6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1)); and
- Replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes (6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2)); therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Proposed Action, individually and cumulatively, (i) in no case, has any significant adverse impact on the environment based on the criteria ser forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617; (ii) are not a typical Type I

action as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 617; (iii) does not constitute substantial changes to the existing facilities and (iv) involved routine activities of educational institutions, and, therefore, does not exceed the thresholds for a Type II Action established under 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

RESOLVED, the Board hereby determines the Proposed Action as a Type II action in accordance with SEQRA regulations; and

RESOLVED, no further review of the Proposed Action is required under SEQRA; and

RESOLVED, this resolution shall be effective immediately.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED POLICY(IES) - None

Information and Reports
Oral Communications - Public Comment on non- Agenda-related Items
Dr. Tina Schultz - Niagara Community Information Group – spoke on literacy.
Sharon Bailey spoke on literacy and the search for Mr. Laurrie's successor.

Superintendent's Report
Mr. Laurrie wished happy holidays to those celebrating Christmas, Kwanzaa, Chanukah, and/or the New Year.

Totally Buffalo Cares distributed 500 gifts to students at Cataract Elementary School, and also distributed gifts at five other schools. The District is thankful for this generosity.

Annie Jr. was performed at Abate School in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club.

Mr. Stosh Kajfasz leads the NFHS DECA club, which has 38 members and competes against 700 students across WNY; eight NFHS students made it to the State-wide competition.

A 2022 NFHS graduate, Tyler White, competed as a student at St. Bonaventure in Division I rugby competition, in which the university won the national championship. Congratulations to Mr. White.

Board Members Report and Comments
The Board members expressed many sentiments regarding Mr. Steed, Sr., congratulated Mrs. Jacklin, and wished all happy holidays.

FUTURE MEETING DATES
Board Review Session
Thursday, Jan 8, 2026 ARS/Regular/Statutory Meeting
Thursday, Jan 22, 2026
1. TBD 1. 2026 2027 Budget

2. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – January 22nd Regular Board Meeting – Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro 2. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – January 22nd Regular Board Meeting – Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro

The Board re-entered executive session at on a motion by Mr. Bilson, seconded by Mr. Capizzi to resume the discussion previously described. All in favor.
The Board exited executive session at 8:37 p.m. and adjourned on a motion by Mr. Capizzi, seconded Mrs. Dunn. All in favor.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT in memory of the following who recently passed away:
1. Mary Catherine Accardo, grandmother of Natalie Hubbard and mother to Kathy Polka.
2. Annie Hicks, sister of Clara Dunn.
3. Elsena Holody, mother in law of Becky Holody.
4. Julia Anna Lowrey, mother of Area 1 Director of the New York State School Boards Association and Erie County Association of Schools Boards Executive Director David Lowrey.
5. Chris Niver (Lockport PE teacher), son-in-law to Sam and Maralynn Giancola, brother-in-law to DJ Giancola (Hyde Park).
6. Finally, our dear friend Owen Steed, Sr., who was an employee, community leader, and beloved member of our City. His loss is felt throughout the city and county.

A moment of silence was observed for Mr. Steed.

Motion by, second by.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser
Judith Glaser, District Clerk

DATE: January 8, 2026
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. Paretto 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, Miss Kaur
Excused:

Staff: Mr. Laurrie, Mr. Carella, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. McCreary, Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser, Mr. Chandler.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT PRESENTATION

Mrs. Forgette, advisor to the Native American Club at NFHS, and students explained Native Heritage Month and the Haudenosaunee Flag. Native American Heritage month is observed each November with educational events and celebrations. An overview of Haudenosaunee culture was given; the Haudenosaunee Confederacy is comprised of the Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Mohawk, and Tuscarora tribes.

The students presented to elementary students in November. Every school now has a Native flag, purchased this year. In 2024 the flag – the Hiawatha Belt - was raised at NFHS for the month of November; now every school can do this.

Students showed artifacts from Native culture and explained their significance.

Mr. Laurrie commented that our diverse student population is a great strength and a blessing to the District. He encouraged the students to keep advocating for cultural awareness.

NYSSBA CHAMPION OF CHANGE PRESENTATION

Ms. Tricia Andrews, a Clarence Board of Education member representing NYSSBA, presented Champion of Change banners recognizing the District and SUNY Buffalo (UB) for its Trauma Informed Care program, in which students were trained in appropriate response to support those in trauma. For the last three years, UB's Institute on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care has trained teachers, staff, and now students on how to recognize trauma. In light of potential federal cuts which may have threatened the program, the Buffalo Bills Foundation agreed to provide a $10,000 grant. Miss Kaur took part in accepting the recognition, as she is part of the NFHS trauma Informed Care team at NFHS.

Mr. Laurrie thanked NYSSBA and Ms. Andrews for the recognition as well as Ms. Koury of UB and the Board for its continual support of mental health supports for students.

HEAD START PRESENTATION

DR. HALEY-O'STEWART, HS/EHS Director & CEC Administrator
Mrs. Jessica Kubiak, Current EHS Parent & Policy Council Chair
Ms. Jabrea Drake, Former HS Parent & Current Policy Council Community Representative

Now in its fourth year under the District's auspices, the Head Start, Early Head Start team reported on the annual review of Head Start governing body, responsibilities per Head Start Regulations, changes that impacted Head Start in 2025 and what to expect in 2026, as well as cumulative enrollment from January 2022 – January 2026. They provided a retrospective look back over the past four years, parent perspectives and information on Federal reviews – Focus Area 1 & Focus Area 2 – and the Designation Renewal System (DRS).

An agency, as defined in part 1305 of this chapter, must establish and maintain a formal structure for program governance that includes a governing body, a policy council at the agency level and policy committee at the delegate level, and a parent committee. Governing bodies have a legal and fiscal responsibility to administer and oversee the agency's Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Policy councils are responsible for the direction of the agency's Head Start and Early Head Start programs. The Head Start model provides for inclusive leadership, to include management, the governing body (Board of Education), and Policy Council.

Following the inauguration of the present U.S. president, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Office of Head Start (OHS) underwent significant leadership changes, structural reorganizations, and budget-related disruptions.
A federal grant funding freeze was implemented within the first two weeks, and several staff members from the Office of Head Start were terminated.
HHS Restructuring (March 2025): HHS announced a major overhaul to consolidate its 28 divisions into 15, aiming to reduce its workforce from 82,000 to 62,000 employees.
Five regional offices overseeing Head Start programs in 22 states were closed.
A new division, the Administration for a Healthy America (AHA), was created to absorb several agencies, including those focused on primary care and maternal/child health.
Major Appointments: Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was confirmed as HHS Secretary, Marty Makary as FDA Commissioner, and Jay Bhattacharya as NIH Director.

Funding:
In January 2025, the "Expanding Head Start Eligibility Act of 2025" was introduced in Congress to expand program access to families receiving WIC, SNAP, and federal housing assistance.
However, in March 2025, a funding bill passed by Congress included $750 million in cuts to Head Start programs, prompting warnings of reduced access for approximately 80,000 children.
We were informed our Head Start grant was cut for FY26
In August 1, 2025 Several updated Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS) took effect, including:
Staff Compensation: Requirements to pay educators salaries comparable to local public preschool teachers.

Disability Enrollment: Programs must ensure at least 10% of actual enrollment is filled by children with disabilities.
Instructional Support: The Office of Head Start (OHS) officially delayed the increase of the CLASS® Instructional Support threshold (from 2.3 to 2.5) from this date to August 1, 2027.

In September 2025, the HHS added $61.9 million to nutrition services for Head Start families through the "Make America Healthy Again" (MAHA) initiative.
In October and November 2025, a federal shutdown disrupted funding for Head Start programs in over 40 states and Puerto Rico, potentially impacting nearly 60,000 children.
In November 2025, the "Keep Head Start Funded Act of 2025" was introduced to ensure continued operations during budget delays.
In December 2025, HHS reportedly instructed Head Start providers to remove specific terms from grant applications, including "race," "racism," "black," "native American," "disability," and "pregnant people".

Head Start Program Performance Standards currently are under review, with revisions to be proposed in the near future to ensure alignment to the current administration's agenda.
On January 8, 2026, New York State received formal notice from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) regarding a freeze of federal funding for a number of critical programs that are essential to supporting children and families across the state. Among these is the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), which supports child care services including the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).
OCFS is reviewing the communication and considering all available options. We expect to provide more information in the coming days, but there is no impact to our programs, including CCAP at this time.
There is concern that this could impact Head Start funding as well.

The full report is attached.

A review of the agenda was held.

Mr. Laurrie opined that harmony, peace, and unity referenced by the students who presented, are sorely needed in our world today.

Mr. Laurrie congratulated middle school hockey players at LaSalle Prep School Ella Magnusen and Maggie Adams who are doing really well.

Say Yes Saturday Academy takes place this weekend at Abate Elementary School.

Mr. Carella is retiring. He has been an exceptional administrator and member of the District family for decades. It will be impossible to replace him. He is he most knowledgeable Curriculum and Instruction Administrator in the State. Mr. Laurrie is grateful for his leadership in this area and his voice over the years.

Josh Allen's hat worn after the Jets game was designed by LPS student Morgan Dale. These hats are auctioned to benefit the Patricia Allen Fund.

Colette Printup is a 15 years old student who plays for Monster 2028 Purple where she is primarily a defender. Carmella Vilardo plays primarily offense, and recorded 29 goals last season as an grade eight student, which was enough to place her tied for 7th in the entire section in that category.
Both were named to the fourth team All State Soccer Team.
NFHS students Cam Crumpler and Kayden Fegis have been invited to compete in the Eastern States Wrestling Tournament, which is highly competitive
Congratulations to all four of these students.

Mona's House Young Women's Empowerment Academy is providing funding for 10 NFHS students to travel to Tanzania in July.

Please note that Booker College Planning has gifted coffee mugs to Board members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

DATE: January 22, 2026
KIND OF MEETING: **ARS**
PLACE: Board of Education Board Room
AGENDA REVIEW: None
CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paretto at 5:34 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass*, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Miss Kaur
Excused: Mr. McLeod,
***** ***Attended both in person and remotely - Mr. Bass entered at 7:07 p.m. and left to respond to a fire at 7:33 p.m. He then re-entered the meeting remotely at 7:48 p.m.***

Staff: Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Carella, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. McCreary, Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser, Mr. Chandler.

Mr. Laurrie virtually greeted Susie Macri, who watches the meetings.
He also received well thought-out Teams messages from students urging him to close schools, or not to close schools.

Preliminary Look at 2026 – 2027 Budget: Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. McCreary
Mr. Laurrie advised that the first look at the budget is the first of seven or so; today's information is very preliminary and subject to change.
$4.83 million was used in reserve from last year. Potentially, the District may use $2 to $3 million to balance the budget this year. This year also included the need to buy a generator for LPS, and other items.
We received increase in UPK funds in the incredible amount of $2.2 million.

Interest rates are dropping; energy costs are raising; charter school increased costs for special education also cut into reserves. The State's proposed budget does not recognize high-needs districts.
We did not receive all the anticipated funds last year, receiving $575,000 less.

Foundation aid is based on data from November 15; it will be again certified on May 15. We assume a $5.3 million increase.
Other increases include

BOCES AID	266,771
EXCESS COST AIDS	206,283
TRANSPORTATION	384,156

There is a decrease in building aid, Charter Transition Aid.

The District is collecting more tax dollars – this is not a change to the levy but more people paying their tax bills. CDs interest rates have decreased.
PROJECTED REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS $4,561,947

PROJECTED 26-27 REVENUE $202,572,287

Appropriations:
Assuming rolling everything forward today, the expense side falls short.
Salary increases will be studied to fine tune the estimated salary costs.
Some grants are expiring, including mental health grants (three in number); IDEA carry-over is being spent down. Both sets of costs will be moved to the general fund budget.

The UPK formula increased State funding by $5,000 per student. This will alleviate some general fund costs. Still, Mr. Laurrie points out, it is not a true recognition of high-needs districts.
The District will need to add at least four Special Education classes, each requiring six adults.

Increases in health costs are estimated and will be fine-tuned.
Nine Evolv machines will be replaced in the coming year at NFHS.
Utility costs are increasing quickly.

TUITIONS for CHARTER AND OUT OF DISTRICT is estimated to increase by $1,123,650. This includes BOCES.
ERS will increase by two percent; TRS has a decrease.

The budget includes an increase of 4% or $ $211,029,509.00.
Suggested Use of Reserves: $8,457,222.00.
NFHS will be paid off in 2027-2028.
Gap today: $7,607,222.00, but this a fluid document.

Strategies:
The Board could raise the tax levy 2.1%; this is not recommended.
Raise more revenues.
Reduce force.
Use reserves.
Some combination thereof.
If school vouchers are enacted, it will be a disaster. Public education will be in a dire circumstance. We have an obligation to rally against this.
There is also a 26% reduction in Title I aid being proposed.

In answer to a Board question, Mr. Laurrie advised that grants have dried up.

The staff will study reduction through attrition to see what savings may be possible.

A review of the agenda was held.

On a motion by Mr. Bilson, seconded by Mr. Cancemi the Board entered Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matter which may lead to the appointment the promotion of an individual; negotiations under Taylor Law.

On a motion by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Bilson the Board exited Executive Session at 6:57 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

A reflection was offered by Mrs. Dunn.
Roll Call
Mr. Bass*, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Capizzi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Miss Kaur
Excused:
**** Attended both in person and remotely - Mr. Bass entered at 7:07 p.m. and left to respond to a fire at 7:33 p.m. He then re-entered the meeting remotely at 7:48 p.m.***

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA-RELATED ITEMS – Tameka Huston : spoke on the District's academic performance and the need for the next Superintendent to understand curriculum and performance.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - ROUTINE MATTERS

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo.
MINUTES –DECEMBER 2025 MEETINGS
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo.
APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER - #6

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

APPROVAL OF BIDS - NONE

TREASURER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2025

BUDGET STATUS REPORTS– DECEMBER 2025

The following was moved by Mr. Petrozzi, second by Mr. Cancemi.

PERSONNEL REPORT – CERTIFICATED ITEMS II THROUGH XI
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Petrozzi, second by Mr. Cancemi.
PERSONNEL REPORT – CERTIFICATED ITEMS I
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Remarks while casting vote on Superintendent:
Mr. Bilson: congratulations, Mr. Wojton, we are excited and proud to begin working with you. The hiring process was wonderful on the Board's part and there were great candidates. We are excited for you and know the District will be in great hands and we know you are already working hard. The District will move forward even better way.

Mr. Cancemi: congratulations, Mr. Wojton, there was much public discussion about the candidates and it was difficult to make a choice. Your 20 years of experience will serve you well.

Mr. Capizzi echoed his colleagues comments and also thanked Mr. Laurrie for his years of service and leadership as Superintendent.

Mrs. Dunn expressed that having had children and grandchildren in the District, she was excited to part of the process of choosing a new Superintendent. People who voted for her should know she took that responsibility very seriously, and believe Mr. Wojton will move the District forward. In this she has total confidence. Congratulations.

Mr. Petrozzi: Mr. Wojton, you have big shoes to fill, and I am confident the Board has chosen the path best in choosing you. Best of luck and the Board will support you.

Mr. Vilardo: Explained that he recused himself from the process of selecting a Superintendent and the subsequent vote because a relative was also a candidate. A study of newly appointed superintendents State-wide shows that 80% chose a Superintendent from within the organization, and the last time the school board hired a superintendent from outside the district, the individual was fired after two years. Mr. Vilardo fully supports Mr. Wojton and offers congratulations.

Mr. Paretto: Congratulated Mr. Wojton. Excellent candidates applied, and all should be commended and proud, and we are proud, that these candidates wanted the job. Mr. Wojton, we are very proud of you as you take the top job July 1, 2026. We are excited about the team you are building and the plan you presented. Be happy and proud.

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mr. Cancemi.

PERSONNEL REPORT - CLASSIFIED
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass,* Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

- **Mr. Bass abstained on item V.**

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bilson.
REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Brad McLeod, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bilson.
REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Brad McLeod, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bass.

SHORT-TERM CONTRACTS

1. Curriculum Associates Workshop: Sequencing Student Ideas
2. Mathematical Reasoning for Teachers $9,200.00 F2110 404 098 0126 March 19, 2026 Iron Workers Local 9 Apprenticeship Fund OSHA 10 Training $2,500.00 A2110.400.045.0228 December 2025-June 2026
3. Christina Fecio LLC Workshop: From Overwhelmed to Joyful - Caring For Children$1,500.00 F2330.404.098 TTA26 F2330.404.096 TTA26 January 16, 2026
4. Niagara University Into to Sociology 3 sections $33,300.00 A 2110.400.045.2280 January 2026 – June 2026
5. Elizabeth Bell Seminar – TRC Behavior Breakthrough The IEP A-Z
6. Positive Resources for Behavior PT 2 $2,925.00 F2070.400.045.8126 February 10 – March 27, 2026
7. Anne Kent-Kwasniewski TRC Book Studies = 4 Ed Practice Courses (3) $2,200.00 F2070.400.045.8126 February 10 – March 27, 2026
8. Buffalo Museum of Science District-Wide Science Fair:
9. Students and families can explore engineering and alternative energy by building a simple car powered by wind $451.50 A 2110.453-061 February 10, 2026
10. Rawtools Buffalo Inc. Saturday Academy: Students and families will engage in a hands-on peacemaking workshop inspired by Dr. Martin Luther Kings Jr. $350 (Split funding) $175 – A 2310.400-057 $175 – A 2310.400-061 February 7, 2026 February 21, 2026
11. Push in Pieces Saturday Academy: Program focuses on equipping children with the tools to make positive choices and develop confidence through hands-on activities $550 (Split funding) $275 A 2310.400-057 $275 A 2310.400-061 February 7, 2026 February 21, 2026
12. Sabriyah Smith Saturday Academy: Engaging and interactive activities for families to learn about African American Inventors and trailblazers $150 A 7310.400-061 February 21, 2026

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Brad McLeod, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Petrozzi, second by Mr. Bilson.

HEAD START REPORTS

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR 2025/2026 FEDERAL IDEA (EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ACT) FUNDING – PART B, SECTIONS 611 AND 619

WHEREAS, The Federal Government, through the State Education Department, has made funds available for ESEA Section 611 and ESEA Section 619 – Federal IDEA Funding for the Education of Students with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, Sections 611 and 619 allocate money to school districts for the purpose of providing supportive services to students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Official notification of approval of the application and award in the amount of $2,230,349.00 for Section 611 and $109,643.00 for Section 619 has been received; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2025/2026 Federal IDEA Funding for the Education of Students with Disabilities Act – Sections 611 and 619; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grant award of $2,230,349.00 for Section 611 be credited to revenue account code F4256.070.26; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grant award of $109,643.00 for Section 619 be credited to revenue account code F4256.730.26; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the money be expended from the following function/object codes for Section 611; and be it further

Account	Description	Budget
F 2250.132-098-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - PER DIEM	$173,794
F 2250.133-045-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPED TCHR - NFHS	$439,283
F 2250.133-056-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPED TCHR - ABATE	$198,497
F 2250.133-057-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPED TCHR - CATARACT	$124,198
F 2250.133-061-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPED TCHR - BBPS	$170,488
F 2250.133-065-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPED TCHR - 79TH	$80,660
F 2250.138-014-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 -TSA – CO	$119,252
F 2250.140-098-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 – SCH B	$14,721
F 2250.143-049-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPED TA - GPS	$42,582
F 2250.143-056-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPED TA - ABATE	$42,582
F 2250.143-057-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPED TA - CATARACT	$52,119
F 2250.143-058-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPED TA - H/P	$26,060
F 2250.147-045-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPED PSA - NFHS	$118,791
F 2250.147-049-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPED PSA - GPS	$56,031
F 2250.147-058-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - PSA - H/P	$50,162
F 2250.147-065-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPED PSA - 79TH	$56,031
F 2250.164-014-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - CLERICAL	$101,181
F 2250.177-045-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPED CLASS ASSOC - NFHS	$57,106
F 2250.400-098-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - PRCHD SRVCS	$329,710
F 2250.450-079-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPLS - CATH ACAD	$18,408
F 2250.450-084-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPLS - CTK	$3,682
F 2250.450-088-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPLS – ST PETER RC	$1,228
F 2250.450-098-0726	25/26 IDEA 611 - SPLS – DIST-WIDE	$3,945
	Total	$2,230,349

Revenue Code: F4256.070.26

RESOLVED, that the money be expended from the following function/object codes for Section 619:

Account	Description	Budget
F 2250.164-014-7326	25/26 IDEA 619 – CLERICAL	$58,238
F 2250.400-098-7326	25/26 IDEA 619 - PRCHD SRVCS	$42,118
F 2250.409-098-7326	25/26 IDEA 619 - TRAVEL	$700
F 2250.450-079-7326	25/26 IDEA 619 - SPLS - CATH ACAD	$1,195
F 2250.450-098-7326	25/26 IDEA 619 – SPLS – DIST-WIDE	$2,937
F 2250.803-096-7326	25/26 IDEA 619 - FICA	$24,455
Total		$109,643

Revenue Code: F4256.730.26

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Petrozzi.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRINCIPALS TO APPOINT BUILDING-LEVEL SCHOOL SAFETY TEAMS FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF BUILDING-LEVEL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION LAW 2801-A

WHEREAS, Section 2801-a of the New York State Education Law requires the appointment of Building-Level School Safety Teams to annually review building-level emergency response plans, which teams shall be appointed by the building principals which shall include, but not be limited to representatives of teachers, administrators and parent organizations, school safety personnel, other school personnel, community members, law enforcement officials, local ambulance or other response agencies and other representatives of the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, Any additions or amendments to the Building-Level Emergency Response Plans must be approved by the Board of Education after a duly called public hearing; and

WHEREAS, The District must complete annual review and approval process for the Building-Level Emergency Response Plans by September 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Any additions or amendments to the Building-Level Emergency Response Plans as approved must be filed with the appropriate local law enforcement agencies and state police within 30 days of their adoption and input into the NYSED business portal by October 1st annually; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes each building principal to appoint Building-Level School Safety Teams in accordance with the regulations or guidelines prescribed by this Board of Education or the New York State Commissioner of Education, which Building-Level School Safety Teams shall include, but not be limited to representatives of teachers, administrators and parent organizations, school personnel, community members, local law enforcement officials, local ambulance or other emergency response agencies, and other representatives of the Board of Education or other governing body deemed appropriate.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Petrozzi.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE FOR ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION LAW 2801 SUBDIVISION 3

WHEREAS, Section 2801(3) of the New York State Education Law requires the Board of Education annually review the District Code of Conduct in collaboration with students, teachers, administrators and parent organizations, school safety personnel, and other school personnel; and

WHEREAS, Any additions or amendments to the District Code of Conduct must be approved by the Board of Education after a duly called public hearing; and

WHEREAS, The District must complete annual review and approval process for the District Code of Conduct by July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The District Code of Conduct as may be amended and approved, must be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Education no later than 30 days after its adoption; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education by Resolution authorized the establishment of a Committee that annually reviews the District Code of Conduct in collaboration with students, teachers, administrators, parent organizations, school safety personnel, and other school personnel; and

WHEREAS, The Superintendent and the Board are authorized to appoint the appropriate members to the District Code of Conduct Committee for the annual review of the District Code of Conduct for period commencing February 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the appointments of the following persons to the District Code of Conduct Committee for period February 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026 be and they hereby are ratified and confirmed:

Students
Miriamne Guthrie- Niagara Falls High School
Nyeem Purvis – Niagara Falls High School
Racy Rai – Niagara Falls High School
Darien Zervas- Niagara Falls High School

Teachers
Christine Barstys
Madison Dalporto
Noelle Gaetano
Louis Jacklin
Steven Kutis
Jolene Nearhood
Richard Slaiman
Dan Weiss
Sophia Williams

Administrators

Michael Corsaro
Katie Popovice
Derek Zimmerman

Parent Organizations
Tomasina Cook
Charlotte Robinson

Community Members
Nicholas Ligamarri - Niagara Falls Police Superintendent
Gary Pochatko – Niagara Falls Fire Chief

Other School Personnel
Bryan Dalporto – Director of Safety and Security
Maria Massaro – Administrator for Human Resources

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Petrozzi.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO THE DISTRICT-WIDE SCHOOL SAFETY TEAM FOR ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT-WIDE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION LAW 2801-A

WHEREAS, Section 2801-a of the New York State Education Law requires the Board of Education to appoint a District-Wide School Safety Team to annually review the District-Wide Comprehensive School Safety Plan, which team shall include, but not be limited to representatives of the School Board, students, teachers, administrators and parent organizations, school safety personnel, and other school personnel; and

WHEREAS, Any additions or amendments to the District-Wide Comprehensive School Safety Plan must be approved by the Board of Education after a duly called public hearing; and

WHEREAS, The District must complete the annual review and approval process for the District-Wide Comprehensive School Safety Plan by September 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The District-Wide Comprehensive School Safety Plan as approved must be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Education no later than 30 days after its adoption; and

WHEREAS, The Superintendent and the Board are authorized to appoint the appropriate members to the Niagara Falls City School District District-Wide School Safety Team for the annual review of the District-Wide Comprehensive School Safety Plan for period commencing February 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the appointments of the following persons to the Niagara Falls City School District District-Wide School Safety Team be for period commencing February 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026, and they hereby are ratified and confirmed:

Students
Miriamne Guthrie- Niagara Falls High School
Nyeem Purvis – Niagara Falls High School
Racy Rai – Niagara Falls High School
Darien Zervas- Niagara Falls High School

Teachers
Christine Barstys
Madison Dalporto
Noelle Gaetano
Louis Jacklin
Steven Kutis
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Richard Slaiman
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Administrators
Michael Corsaro
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Tomasina Cook
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Community Members
Nicholas Ligamarri - Niagara Falls Police Superintendent
Gary Pochatko – Niagara Falls Fire Chief

Other School Personnel
Bryan Dalporto – Director of Safety and Security
Maria Massaro – Administrator for Human Resources

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Bass, second by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND LONG LIFE YOGA (JANUARY 23, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to provide mental, social, and emotional support services for students; and

WHEREAS, Long Life Yoga teaches about wellness and building self-esteem through the practice of Yoga and facilitated the program in District schools last school year; and

WHEREAS, Long Life Yoga teaches important life skills such as team work and leadership through yoga; and the organization has previous experience in many school districts to reach students who face difficult life challenges; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to enter into Contract with Long Life Yoga to provide youth mentoring before and after school at three (3) schools per week Cataract Elementary, Hyde Park Elementary, and Gaskill Preparatory effective 1-23-26 – 6-30-26; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a Contract with Long Life Yoga to provide weekly services at three (3) schools for a cost not to exceed $8,400 for period effective January 23, 2026 and to terminate June 30, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Long Life Yoga at a sum not to exceed $8,400 for the period January 23, 2026 through June 30, 2026, 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
LONG LIFE YOGA

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 22nd day of January 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Long Life Yoga, 286 Victoria Boulevard, Kenmore, NY 14217.

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 Long Life Yoga as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding yoga and Long Life Yoga hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Long Life Yoga shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, including:

- Student mentoring at Gaskill Preparatory School, Cataract Elementary, and Hyde Park Elementary to improve confidence and social emotional well-being
- Teaching the practice of yoga to students
- Providing all needed materials for yoga

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 according 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. Long Life Yoga shall not be an employee of the District. Long Life Yoga 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. Long Life Yoga 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 Long Life Yoga for weekly services before and after school at three (3) schools hereunder a sum not to exceed $8,400 to be paid in two (2) equal installments of $4,200 on March 15, 2026 and June 30, 2026. Payment checks payable to the order of Long Life Yoga shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Long Life Yoga.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Long Life Yoga 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Long Life Yoga shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Long Life Yoga 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 23, 2026 to June 30, 2026, 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 Long Life Yoga under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Long Life Yoga 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Bass, second by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN SAY READ TO SUCCEED AND THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

WHEREAS, The District wishes to engage Read to Succeed to effectively plan and strategically provide literacy tutoring to primary-aged students at Bloneva Bond Primary School; and

WHEREAS, The opportunities will allow for not only academic growth, but personal and social growth through these expanded opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The agreement has been negotiated by the administration with Read To Succeed to provide such services at a cost not to exceed $25,000 for period effective October 1st, 2025 through June 30, 2026;

now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Read To Succeed for implementation of literacy-based tutoring the rollout of four identified programs for students at a cost not to exceed $25,000, for the period of October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, attached hereto be and is hereby approved; and further

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

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Bass, second by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND HOGHOL (FORMERLY F-BITES) (JANUARY 23, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, HOGHOL (formerly known as F-BITES and an acronym for "Heart of Gold, Head of Lettuce") has designed a program to give students the chance to learn important life skills and break the cycle of poverty; and

WHEREAS, The program does this by utilizing culinary education and cooking instruction as a vehicle to develop leadership, professional skills and career readiness; and

WHEREAS, The program is a hands-on solution to the problems facing at-risk youth as "Chef Bobby" helps prepare participants for the many obstacles they will face in life; and

WHEREAS, The District contracted with Chef Bobby's organization F-BITES to provide programming at LaSalle and Gaskill Preparatory Schools as well as Niagara Falls High School in previous school years and the program was a tremendous success; and

WHEREAS, District administration has negotiated a new Contract with HOGHOL to provide weekly youth mentoring through culinary arts at the elementary, prep, and high school level at a cost not to exceed $120,000 to be paid in monthly installments of $20,000 on the last date of each month for January – June 30, 2026.

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and HOGHOL for professional services at a sum not to exceed $120,000 for the period January 23, 2026 – June 30, 2026, 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
HOGHOL

THIS CONTRACT, made this 22nd day of January 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and HOGHOL, 1 Symphony Circle, Buffalo, NY, 14213.

WITNESSETH:

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

1. Engagement of Independent Contractor. The District hereby engages HOGHOL as an independent contractor to render to the District professional social and emotional student support services and HOGHOL hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: HOGHOL shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services for January 23, 2026 – June 30, 2026 including:

a) Culinary and life skills weekly programming at the elementary, prep, and high school level

b) The high school program will focus on a food truck culinary project and school catering service

c) The elementary and prep program will focus on social emotional supports through culinary arts and healthy nutrition

d) Saturday programming will be offered through the Saturday Academy and open to students and their families to receive hands-on instruction on designing healthy meals with cooking demonstrations

e) Collaboration with school administration as needed

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 according 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. HOGHOL shall not be an employee of the District. HOGHOL is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Contract and the relationship to the District during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services herein before expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of an independent contractor only and in no event as servant or employee. HOGHOL is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns.

4. Compensation to Independent Contractor. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to HOGHOL for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $120,000 to be paid in monthly installments of $20,000 on the last day of each month for January – June 2026. Payment checks payable to the order of HOGHOL shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by HOGHOL.

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

6. Taxes and Insurances. HOGHOL shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured.

HOGHOL is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Worker's Compensation insurance as required by law.
Certificates of Insurance shall be filed with District prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificates. The certificates shall contain provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty days prior written notice is given to the District.
7. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from January 23, 2026 – June 30, 2026, provided however, that either party may, at any given time, terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.
8. Assignment: The services to be rendered by HOGHOL under this Contract are unique and personal. Accordingly, HOGHOL shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Contract 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 Agreement on the date and year first above written.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Bass, second by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND PROJECT L.E.E. INC. FOR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (JANUARY 1, 2026 – MARCH 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to increase academic achievement and provide mental, social, and emotional support services for students; and

WHEREAS, In past school years, the District contracted with Project L.E.E. Inc. at LaSalle and Gaskill Preparatory Schools to provide student mentorship; and

WHEREAS, Project L.E.E. Inc. has extensive experience in mentoring youth and using motivational workshops to reach many students who face difficult life challenges; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with Project L.E.E. Inc., to provide youth mentoring and social-emotional support services for students at Abate Elementary, Cataract Elementary, Maple Avenue Elementary, LaSalle Preparatory, and Gaskill Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Project L.E.E. Inc., to provide such services for five (5) schools at a cost not to exceed $52,500 for the period 1-1-2026 -3-31-2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Project L.E.E. Inc for weekly social-emotional

student support services at a sum not to exceed $52,500 for the period January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026, 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
PROJECT L.E.E., INC

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 22nd day of January 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Project L.E.E. Inc., PO Box 392, Buffalo, New York 14205.

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 Project L.E.E. Inc. as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of a student mentor program and Project L.E.E. Inc. hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Project L.E.E. Inc shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the student mentor program objectives for January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026 including:

- Student mentoring at five (5) schools: Abate Elementary, Cataract Elementary, Maple Avenue Elementary, Gaskill Preparatory, and LaSalle Preparatory schools
- Motivational workshops for at-risk students
- The program will run weekly with program implementation at one school each day for a total of five schools each week.
- Social emotional learning (SEL) support to students

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 according 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 Project L.E.E. Inc. shall not be an employee of the District. Project L.E.E. 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. Project L.E.E. 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 Project L.E.E. Inc. for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $52,500 to

be paid in three (3) monthly installments of $17,500 on the last date of each month for January, February, and March 2026 for five (5) schools per week of student support services. Payment checks payable to the order of Project L.E.E. Inc. shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Project L.E.E. Inc.
5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Project L.E.E. 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.
6. Taxes and Insurances. Project L.E.E. Inc. shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Project L.E.E. 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, 2026 to March 31, 2026, 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 Project L.E.E. Inc. under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Project L.E.E. 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.

Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Bass, second by Mr. Bilson.
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND PROJECT L.E.E. INC. FOR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (JANUARY 1, 2026 – MARCH 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to provide mental, social, and emotional support for students; and

WHEREAS, The District has contracted with Community Missions, INC. in previous school years through mental health grants to provide youth mentoring to female students; and

WHEREAS, Community Missions, INC. provides various support services for students including "Girls Circles" offered at nine (9) schools; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again Contract with Community Missions, INC. to continue these services for January 23, 2026 – June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a Contract with Community Missions, INC. to provide said services at a cost not to exceed $25,000 to be paid in two (2) equal installments of $12,500 on March 15, 2026 and June

30, 2026, for period effective 1/23/2026 and to terminate 6/30/2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Community Missions, INC. to provide professional social and emotional services for students at a sum not to exceed $25,000 for period January 23, 2026 – June 30, 2026 attached hereto, be and is hereby approved; and further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
COMMUNITY MISSIONS, INC.

THIS CONTRACT, made this 22nd day of January 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and COMMUNITY MISSIONS, INC., 1570 Buffalo Avenue, (hereinafter "CMI") Niagara Falls New York 14303.

WITNESSETH:

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

1. Engagement of CMI. The District hereby engages the CMI as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the mental health grants and CMI hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of CMI: CMI shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, including:

a) Girls Circle program for the nine identified schools that promotes positive self-development in young women

b) Participation in Student Support Team meetings upon request to ensure appropriate referral or intervention services provided for individual students

c) Parent/student workshops upon request by school administration

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 according 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. CMI shall not be an employee of the District. CMI is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Contract and the relationship to the District during the term of this Contract shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services herein before expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of an independent contractor only and in no event as servant or employee. CMI is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns

4. Compensation to CMI. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to CMI for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $25,000 to be paid in two (2) equal installments of $12,500 on March 15, 2026 and June 30, 2026 for providing twenty (20)

hours of weekly social-emotional support services to the nine identified schools. Payment checks payable to the order of Community Missions Inc. shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by CMI.
5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, CMI 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 Contract excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the District, it's agents, servants and/or employees.
6. Taxes and Insurances. CMI and/or its subcontractor(s) shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. CMI and/or its subcontractor(s) are 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 23, 2026 – June 30, 2026, 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 CMI under this Contract are unique and personal. Accordingly, CMI party shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Contract 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.

8. 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 following was moved by Mr. Bass, second by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND COMMUNITY MISSIONS, INC. (JANUARY 23, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to provide mental, social, and emotional support for students; and

WHEREAS, The District has contracted with Community Missions, INC. in previous school years through mental health grants to provide youth mentoring to female students; and

WHEREAS, Community Missions, INC. provides various support services for students including "Girls Circles" offered at nine (9) schools; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again Contract with Community Missions, INC. to continue these services for January 23, 2026 – June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a Contract with Community Missions, INC. to provide said services at a cost not to exceed $25,000 to be paid in two (2) equal installments of $12,500 on March 15, 2026 and June 30, 2026, for period effective 1/23/2026 and to terminate 6/30/2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Community Missions, INC. to provide professional social and emotional services for students at a sum not to exceed $25,000 for period January 23, 2026 – June 30, 2026 attached hereto, be and is hereby approved; and further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
COMMUNITY MISSIONS, INC.

THIS CONTRACT, made this 22nd day of January 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and COMMUNITY MISSIONS, INC., 1570 Buffalo Avenue, (hereinafter "CMI") Niagara Falls New York 14303.

WITNESSETH:

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

1. Engagement of CMI. The District hereby engages the CMI as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the mental health grants and CMI hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of CMI: CMI shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, including:

a) Girls Circle program for the nine identified schools that promotes positive self-development in young women

b) Participation in Student Support Team meetings upon request to ensure appropriate referral or intervention services provided for individual students

c) Parent/student workshops upon request by school administration

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 according 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. CMI shall not be an employee of the District. CMI is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Contract and the relationship to the District during the term of this Contract shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services herein before expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of an independent contractor only and in no event as servant or employee. CMI is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns

4. Compensation to CMI. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to CMI for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $25,000 to be paid in two (2) equal installments of $12,500 on March 15, 2026 and June 30, 2026 for providing twenty (20) hours of weekly social-emotional support services to the nine identified schools. Payment

checks payable to the order of Community Missions Inc. shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by CMI.
5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, CMI 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 Contract excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the District, it's agents, servants and/or employees.
6. Taxes and Insurances. CMI and/or its subcontractor(s) shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. CMI and/or its subcontractor(s) are 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 23, 2026 – June 30, 2026, 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 CMI under this Contract are unique and personal. Accordingly, CMI party shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Contract 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.

8. 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Bass, second by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND BUFFALO FEDERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES IN THE AREA OF MULTI-SYSTEMIC CRIME PREVENTION
WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls ("District") and the Niagara County Department of Social Services ("Social Services") entered into an Agreement providing for an innovative Crime Prevented Collaborative Partnership for a multi-systemic approach to youth by addressing the educational, social and emotional needs of youth ages 12-15; and
WHEREAS, The Agreement, among other things, provides for the District to enter into an Agreement with the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers ("BFNC") to provide the services required in implementing the Crime Prevention Collaborative Partnership; and
WHEREAS, According to the Contract the District will pay BFNC the sum of Six Thousand Dollars ($6,000.00) per month for ten (10) months not to exceed the total sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars ($60,000.00); and

WHEREAS, The District will be reimbursed for fifty percent (50%) of the Contract cost to be paid to BFNC, by the Niagara County Social Services upon verification of services rendered by the Administrator for School Business Services. Reimbursement will be at the rate of $3,000.00 per month commencing the 1st day May 2026 and continuing thereafter the 1st day of each month June through December with the ten (10) and last payment due on the 31st of December 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Superintendent has negotiated a Contract with BFNC, Inc. to provide the services required; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers to provide services in implementing the Crime Prevention Collaborative Partnership for the multi-systemic approach to youth by addressing the educational, social and emotional needs of youth ages 12-15 which is attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Contract is subject to such further terms, provisions and conditions that may be deemed appropriate by the Superintendent and the School District Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute the Contract; and be it further

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES BY
AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTIOR

THIS AGREEMENT made this 22 day of January 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS CITY, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, 14304 (hereinafter called the "First Party"), and BUFFALO FEDERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS, 97 Lemon Street, Buffalo, NY 14204 (hereinafter called the "Second Party");

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the Parties do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. Engagement of Second Party. The First Party hereby engages the Second Party as consultant to render to the First Party the professional consulting services in the area of multisystemic crime prevention (See Attachment A), hereinafter described, and the Second Party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth

2. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party. The Second Party shall provide and render to the First Party the usual and customary services of a consultant as they relate to multisystemic crime prevention services and shall include without limitation a multisystemic crime prevention intervention services to students ages 12-15 years old, including but not limited to the following:

- Service up to 30 "at-risk" Niagara Falls City School District students, ages 12 to 15.
- Provide individual student progress reports each month to all three collaborating agencies detailing the progress around the objectives listed above.
- Provide a monthly financial status report on any and all expenditures relating to this program.
- Provide a final financial report and student progress report to all agencies within 30 days of the conclusion of this agreement.
- Ensure that all appropriate parental/guardian permissions and approvals have been placed on file with all three agencies prior to commencing work with any student.

- Provide to all families whose children are eligible and referred to participate in the program, outreach services at their homes so as to communicate the school's concern, and to offer a range of home and school-based services available to assist them.
- Provide instructions as to their educational rights, responsibilities, state law, and the child welfare educational neglect process, and its enforcement procedures.
- Provide the families, parenting or other skill improvement assistance.
- Work toward reducing youth referred for school truancy issues showing an improvement in attendance across a ten-month period.
- Work toward referred youth showing an improvement in Life-Skills functioning in at least one Life Area using the Case Life Skills Assessment Tool at the six-month mark.

The Second Party represents that it possess a thorough knowledge of crime prevention strategies. The Second Party will maintain the strictest standards of ethical behavior and confidentiality.
The Second Party's services shall be performed in collaboration with the Deputy Superintendent of Schools.

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

4. Compensation to the Second Party. Upon receipt of due monthly invoice indicating the service performed by the Second Party in accordance with the Crime Prevention Collaboration Program Log attached hereto and the verification of the performance of such services to the satisfaction of the Administrator for Business Services, the First Party shall pay to the Second Party, for all services rendered hereunder, a sum not to exceed $60,000 for period January 22, 2026, through December 31, 2026. Payment shall be made as follows: the sum of $6,000.00 on the first day of each month commencing on the 1st day of May 2026 and continuing on the 1st day of each and every month thereafter June through December 2026, with the last payment on the 31st of December 2026. Payment shall be by checks made payable to the order of the Second Party, and shall be deemed full payment to the Second Party.

In the event the Niagara County Department of Social Services ("Social Services"), which has committed to participate in the Program to the extent of $30,000.00 payable in equal monthly installments, fails to make its monthly payment of $3,000.00 then and in such event the District shall pay the Second Party the sum of $3,000.00 per month for services rendered herein for those months that Social Services fails to reimburse the District.

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

The Second Party shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the First Party. All policies shall name the First Party, the City of Niagara Falls, New York and the Niagara County Social Services Department, as additional parties insured. The Second Party is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Workers' Compensation insurance as required by law.
Certificates of insurance shall be filed with the First Party prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificates. The certificates shall contain provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty days prior written notice is given to the First Party.

6. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from January 22, 2026, through December 31, 2026, provided, however, that any Party may, at any given time, terminate this Contract in all respects by giving to the other Party thirty (30) days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.
7. Assignment. The Party of Second Party may hire and pay assistants; however, as an Independent Contractor it shall be responsible for all wages, benefits, and taxes for any assistants so hired.
8. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by all of the Parties.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Bass, second by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND THE NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES CREATING A CRIME PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls ("District") and Niagara County Department of Social Services ("Social Services") recognize that a multi-systemic approach to youth is critical to establish the future success of young adults ages 12-15, and that an innovative partnership between them needs to be created to implement such approach; and

WHEREAS, The District and Social Services agree to form a Crime Prevention Collaborative Partnership and to contract with the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers to provide the multi-systemic approach to youth ages 12-15 by addressing their educational, social and emotional needs; and

WHEREAS, An Agreement has been negotiated by the Superintendent with the Niagara County Department of Social Services for creation of the Crime Prevention Collaborative Partnership and is presented to the Board for its action; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement provides, among other things, for the District and Social Services to each contribute Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000.00) for a total of Sixty Thousand Dollars ($60,000.00) to fund the program.

WHEREAS, The Social Services will reimburse the District the sum of $3,000.00 per month for ten (10) months for total of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000.00); and

WHEREAS, The District will serve as Lead Agency and retain consulting services from Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers to provide the services required and shall pay Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers the sum of $3,000.00 per month for ten (10) months, upon verification by the Administrator for School Business Services of services rendered; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the Agreement between the District and Social Services forming a Crime Prevention Collaborative Partnership providing multi-systemic approach to addressing the educational, social and emotional needs of youth ages 12-15 attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is subject to such further terms, provisions and conditions that may be deemed appropriate by the Superintendent and the School District Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute the Agreement; and be it further

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

CONTRACT CRIME PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM

THIS AGREEMENT made as of the 22 day of January 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, 14304 (hereinafter called the "District"), and NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, 20 East Avenue, P.O. Box 506, Lockport, New York 14095-0506, (hereinafter called the "Social Services ");

WHEREAS, the District and Social Services recognize that a multi¬systemic approach to youth is critical to establish the future success of young adults ages 12 through 15, and that an innovative partnership needs to be created to implement such approach; and

WHEREAS, the District and Social Services agree to form a Crime Prevention Collaborative partnership and to contract with the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers to provide the multi-systemic approach to youth by addressing the educational, social, and emotional needs of youth ages 12 through 15.

THEREFORE, the District and Social Services in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions herein contained agree as follows:

FIRST: To form an intergovernmental partnership to the fullest extent permitted by law to address the following areas:

a. Educational

1. To reduce student truancy.
2. To improve the attendance and tardiness rate for project students.
3. To reduce student disciplinary referrals by 10%.

b. Juvenile Justice

1. To eliminate new referrals for project students to the Juvenile Justice and Court system.
2. To eliminate recidivism in criminal activities of the project students.

c. Social Services

1. Provide to all families whose children are eligible and referred to participate in the program, outreach services at their homes so as to communicate the school's concern, and to offer a range of home and school-based services available to assist them.

2. Provide to those served, instructions as to their educational rights, responsibilities, state law, and the child welfare educational neglect process, and its enforcement procedures.
3. Provide to the families, parenting or other skill improvement assistance.
4. Work toward reducing youth referred for school truancy issues showing an improvement in attendance across a twelve-month period.
5. Work toward showing an improvement in Life-Skills functioning in at least one Life Area using the Case Life Skills Assessment Tool at the six-month mark.

SECOND: The referral of eligible students will be conducted by an established collaborative team representing the District, City and Social Services.

THIRD: The collaborative effort will commence on January 23, 2026 and will be in effect until December 31, 2026.

FOURTH: Payment under this Agreement shall be as follows:

a. The District and Social Services each agree to contribute $30,000 per year for a total of $60,000.00 to fund the Crime Prevention Collaborative Program.

b. Social Services shall reimburse the District, which will serve as lead agency in dispensing the funds to the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers.

c. Reimbursement by Social Services to the District shall be in the sum of $30,000.00 on December 31, 2025 for the services provided from January 2, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

d. For the services provided in 2025, Social Services shall reimburse the District two payments in the amount of $15,000.00, payable on July 15, 2026 and December 15, 2026.

FIFTH: The District shall enter into an Agreement with the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers which shall provide among other provisions for the following:

a. Payment to the Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers the sum of $60,000.00 payable in monthly installments of $6,000.00 for services rendered as verified by the School Business Administrator.

b. The Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers agreeing to provide :

1. Service up to 30 "at-risk" Niagara Falls City School District students, ages 12 to 15.

2. Provide individual student progress reports each month to collaborating agencies detailing the progress around the objectives listed above.

3. Provide a monthly financial status report on any and all expenditures relating to this program.

4. Provide a final financial report and student progress report to all agencies within 30 days of the conclusion of this agreement.

5. Ensure that all appropriate parental/guardian permissions and approvals have been placed on file with all three agencies prior to commencing work with any student.

6. Provide to all families whose children are eligible and referred to participate in the program, outreach services at their homes so as to communicate the school's concern, and to offer a range of home and school-based services available to assist them.

7. Provide to those served, instructions as to their educational rights, responsibilities, state law, and the child welfare educational neglect process, and its enforcement procedures.

8. Provide to the families, parenting, or other skill improvement assistance.

9. Work toward reducing youth referred for school truancy issues showing an improvement in attendance across a ten-month period.

10. Work toward youth showing an improvement in Life-Skills functioning in at least one Life Area using the Case Life Skills Assessment Tool at the six-month mark.

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Bass, second by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATIONS FOR THE HEAD START / EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, AND BESTSELF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (HEREINAFTER "BESTSELF"), FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2025 – 2026 SCHOOL YEAR (JANUARY – JUNE 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, BestSelf, a licensed provider of mental health services has experts who will provide our Head Start / Early Head Start staff and parents/caregivers with opportunities for mental health consultations as described in the MOU.

WHEREAS, The fee for the contracted services is $300.00 per hour for one-hour per month for a total of six months, totaling $1,800.00;

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract for Behavioral/Mental Health Services between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, and BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. for the Head Start / Early Head Start Program attached hereby approved; and

RESOLVED, That the agreed upon fee of $1,800.00 for monthly Mental Health Consultation Services for the remainder of the 2025 – 2026 School Year, to begin in January, upon approval from the Board and end on June 30, 2026; and

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

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board be authorized and directed to

execute such contract; and further

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

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF REGISTRATION, DESIGNATION OF DAY, HOURS, AND PLACE OF REGISTRATION, AUTHORIZATION FOR CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICES OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION/BUDGET VOTE FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

WHEREAS, The Board of Education shall, pursuant to Section 2606 of the Education Law, on or before the fifteenth day of February, 2026, appoint a Board of Registration for a term of one (1) year for the annual school election/budget vote to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Such Board of Registration shall attend on Registration Day and will be compensated at a rate not to exceed that paid at general elections of the city; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education shall designate, at least twenty (20) days before Registration Day, a place, day(s), and hours within the School District where such Board of Registration shall attend for the purpose of preparing a register for each school election district, the last day of which shall not be less than two (2) weeks preceding the school election; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education must publish a notice of registration at least once in each of the two (2) weeks preceding Registration Day, in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City School District, stating the day, place, and hours of registration for such school election; and

WHEREAS, Upon the filing of such register prepared on registration day, the Board of Education shall publish at least once in each of the two (2) weeks preceding election day, in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City

School District, a notice stating that the school election registers have been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District and noting the place at which they are on file and the hours during which they will be open for inspection; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in accordance with Section 2606 of the Education Law, the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, appoint the following individuals, not more than half of whom belong to the same political party, as a Board of Registration for a term of one (1) year, beginning February 1, 2026, for the annual school district election to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026:

Mrs. Betty Larratta (R)
1018 Angelo Ct., Apt 2 (03)

Mrs. Georgia Robinson (D)
2220 Weston Ave. (05)

Mr. William S. Carroll (R)
4420 Lewiston Road (04)

Ms. Marla McGahey (sub) (R)
1361 Caravelle Drive (04)

Mrs. Jean Kennedy (sub) (D)
1423 Wyoming Ave.

Mr. Saladin Allah (D)
2013 10th Street Apt 1 (05)

Ms. Brenda Hamilton (D)
1879 Michigan Ave. (05)

Ms. Marla McGahey (R)
1361 Caravelle Drive (04)

The Board of Registration will be present on Registration Day and will be compensated for his/her service on that day at the rate of $65.00 for Registration Day; and

RESOLVED, That said Board of Registration is appointed for the purpose of preparing a register of voters for the annual school election/budget vote; and

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education designate Monday, April 27, 2026, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., as Registration Day and that said Board of Registration, herein above appointed, shall meet on Registration Day at the Niagara Falls City School District Administration Building, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, which is hereby designated as the place for registration, for the purpose of preparing a register for each school election district in the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, for the annual school election/budget vote to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026; and

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorize the District Clerk to publish the following "Notice of Registration" at least once in each of the two (2) weeks preceding Registration Day in the Niagara Gazette:

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGISTRATION NOTICE

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Office of the Clerk of the Board
of Education of the City School
District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Registration of the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, will meet at Niagara Falls City School District Administration Building, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, on Monday, April 27, 2026, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., for the purpose of preparing a register for each school election district for the Annual School Election/Budget Vote to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, and at said registration the Board of Registration shall add to such registers the names of qualified voters of the School District who shall present themselves personally for registration.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District by requesting and returning a military voter registration application to the District Clerk. Completed military voter registration application forms must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 26, 2026. A military voter may indicate his or her preference for receiving the registration application by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any person who did not register for the preceding General Election or any intervening school district election or who did register for one of such preceding election but at the time of such registration resided in a school election district other than one in which he presently resides, must, in order to be entitled to vote present himself personally for Registration.

Judith Glaser
Clerk of the Board of Education
City School District of the City of
Niagara Falls, New York

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorize the District Clerk, upon the filing of the registers prepared on registration day, to publish at least once in each of the two (2) weeks preceding election day in the Niagara Gazette a "Notice of the Filing" of such registers in the following form:

NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE REGISTERS OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK, FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION/BUDGET VOTE ON MAY 19, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 2606 of the Education Law, as amended, that the registers for the school election districts of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, for the annual school election/budget vote to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, have been prepared and duly filed with the Clerk of the Board of Education located at 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, and said registers shall remain on file at such office and be open for inspection by any qualified voter of said City School District during the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday until the day of election, May 19, 2026.

Judith Glaser
Clerk of the Board of Education of the

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Bilson, second by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES WITH INK LABS BUFFALO LLC TO FURNISH, INSTALL, AND MAINTAIN EVOLV EXPRESS TECHNOLOGY SINGLE LANE SYSTEM HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE PERIOD OF 2026 – 2030

WHEREAS, The District agrees to purchase the subscription with Ink Labs Buffalo, LLC for Evolv Express Technology weapons screening technology; and

WHEREAS, It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Education approve the Agreement for the Purchase from Ink Labs Buffalo, LLC, of a subscription of weapons screening technology services and equipment for the period beginning April 2026 through March 2030; and

WHEREAS, The fee for this subscription shall be paid at an annual rate of $23,895 for each of the six (6) units to be installed at District schools for a period of 48 months, and a one-time installation cost of $4,189 per unit for each of the six (6) units, to be billed at time of installation. Total installation and subscription amount to be paid is $598,614 over 48 months; therefore be it

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

RESOLVED, That the Agreement for the purchase of subscription services for Ink Labs Buffalo, LLC to furnish, install, and maintain Evolv Express weapons screening technology at the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York per the quotes, attached hereto, be approved; and

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

The following was moved by Mr. Bilson, second by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT OF PLANNED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC. (FIRE) FOR THE 2025 - 2026 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York is committed to improving the efficiency of operations; and

WHEREAS, A Planned Service Agreement is necessary to achieve the goal; and

WHEREAS, The Planned Service Agreement Committee has reviewed and determined that the amended contract, "Planned Services Agreement Proposal," Johnson Controls, Inc. is the most desirable organization to achieve its objectives

and in furtherance thereof negotiated this Amended Planned Service Agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. (Fire) for Board approval; and

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education approves the amendment of the Planned Service Agreement for Fire Systems of the attached agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Johnson Controls, Inc. (Fire) for the period January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 and be it further

RESOLVED, That the terms and conditions of the Amended Contract are subject to any requirements of the Superintendent and the School District Attorney; and be it further

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The following was moved by Mr. Bilson, second by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM – DEREK ZIMMERMAN

A member of the Administrative staff has submitted a claim for reimbursement in the amount of $500.00 for damage to personal property incurred while on duty. The claimant states that on October 7, 2025, his vehicle was damaged from a fallen tree branch while parked on Independence Avenue at Gaskill Preparatory School. His vehicle sustained damage to the hood of his truck. The total damage was $875.88. The District's responsibility is $500.00.

In keeping with previous arbitrable decisions, payment of this claim is recommended.

The Board should take action at this time in order for the claimant to be reimbursed for expenses incurred.

This action item was prepared by Ms. Maria Massaro, Administrator for Human Resources, and the proposed resolution was reviewed by Mr. Angelo Massaro, School District Attorney.

Ms. Massaro will answer questions pertaining to this action item.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Property Damage Claim – Derek Zimmerman

WHEREAS, A claim for reimbursement for damage to personal property incurred while on duty has been submitted by a member of the Administrative staff; and

WHEREAS, All required documentation has been submitted to the Business Office and has been reviewed and found acceptable to establish that the claim is valid; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the claim and authorizes payment of $500.00 to Derek Zimmerman, 1251 Brandi Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304, for damage to personal property incurred while on duty.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The following was moved by Mr. Bilson, second by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM – BRYAN DEVANTIER

A member of the Certificated staff has submitted a claim for reimbursement in the amount of $200.00 for damage to personal property incurred while on duty. The claimant states that on December 12, 2025, his vehicle was damaged by someone riding an electric bicycle while he was leaving the parking lot at Niagara Falls High School. His vehicle sustained damage to the passenger side rear door and rear quarter panel. The total damage was $5,014.06. The District's responsibility is $200.00.

In keeping with previous arbitrable decisions, payment of this claim is recommended.

The Board should take action at this time in order for the claimant to be reimbursed for expenses incurred.

This action item was prepared by Ms. Maria Massaro, Administrator for Human Resources, and the proposed resolution was reviewed by Mr. Angelo Massaro, School District Attorney.

Ms. Massaro will answer questions pertaining to this action item.

RECOMMENDATION:

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution: Property Damage Claim Bryan DeVantier

WHEREAS, A claim for reimbursement for damage to personal property incurred while on duty has been submitted by a member of the Certificated staff; and

WHEREAS, All required documentation has been submitted to the Business Office and has been reviewed and found acceptable to establish that the claim is valid; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the claim and authorizes payment of $200.00 to Bryan DeVantier, 922 Van Rensselaer Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14305, for damage to personal property incurred while on duty.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bilson.

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS Niagara Falls, New York
Regular Board Meeting
January 22, 2026

* APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND STANLEY L. WOJTON CONTAINING THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND BENEFITS OF HIS EMPLOYMENT AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

For more than twenty (20) years Stanley L. Wojton has served the District with distinction in various positions including as a Physical Education Teacher, Teacher on Special Assignment, Assistant Principal of Gaskill Preparatory School, Principal of Cataract Elementary School and Principal on Special Assignment. At its meeting of January 22, 2026, the Board, in recognition of Mr. Wojton's extensive service, qualifications, and knowledge of the District and his continued

dedication to the students, their advancement and the advancement of the District determined that he was uniquely qualified to serve as Superintendent. As a result thereof, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 2507 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board appointed Mr. Wojton Superintendent of Schools for the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls for a term of three (3) years effective and commencing July 1, 2026, and terminating June 30, 2029.

The Board wishes to provide Mr. Wojton a Contract containing the terms, conditions and benefits of his employment as Superintendent, and Mr. Wojton has accepted the Board's appointment as Superintendent of Schools and the terms, conditions and benefits of his employment as Superintendent as offered by the Board, all of which are incorporated in the attached Contract.
The Board should act on this action item at this time so as to allow for an effective implementation of the Superintendent's term on July 1, 2026.
Maria A. Massaro, Administrator for Human Resources prepared this action item at the direction of the Board President Anthony Paretto, and Angelo Massaro, School District Attorney has reviewed the resolution and attached contract.
Mr. Paretto, Ms. Massaro and Mr. Massaro will answer questions as to this action item.

RECOMMENDATION:
A motion be made for approval of the following resolution: Approval of Contract between the City School District of The City of Niagara Falls and Stanley L. Wojton containing the terms, conditions and benefits of his employment as Superintendent of Schools.

WHEREAS, For more than twenty (20) years Stanley L. Wojton has served the District with distinction in various positions including as a Physical Education Teacher, a Teacher on Special Assignment, Assistant Principal of Gaskill Preparatory School, Principal of Cataract Elementary School, and Principal on Special Assignment; and

WHEREAS, At its meeting of January 22, 2026, the Board, in recognition of Mr. Wojton's extensive service, qualifications, and knowledge of the District, and his continued dedication to the students, their advancement and the advancement of the District determined that he was uniquely qualified to serve as Superintendent and as a result thereof, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 2507 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board, at its meeting of January 22, 2026, appointed Mr. Wojton Superintendent of Schools for the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls for a term of three (3) years effective and commencing July 1, 2026, and terminating June 30, 2029; and

WHEREAS, The Board wishes to provide Mr. Wojton a Contract containing the terms, conditions and benefits of his employment as Superintendent, and Mr. Wojton has accepted the Board's appointment as Superintendent of Schools and the terms, conditions and benefits of his employment as Superintendent as offered by the Board, all of which are incorporated in the attached Contract; and

WHEREAS, The Board should act on this action item at this time so as to allow for an effective implementation of the Superintendent's term on July 1, 2026; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the attached Contract between the

Board of Education and Stanley L. Wojton, containing the terms, conditions and benefits of his employment as Superintendent of Schools for the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls effective July 1, 2026, the effective date of his appointment, all as provided in Section 2507 of the Education Law of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education be and he hereby is authorized to execute the attached Contract on behalf of the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED that the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board on the attached Contract and to do all acts necessary to implement this Resolution.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was tabled by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Petrozzi.

REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED POLICY

1. NFCSD District Wide Safety Policy – ATTACHED.

Final Resolution: Motion Tabled
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

INFORMATION AND REPORTS
Mr. Stan Wojton, incoming Superintendent of Schools:

Mr. President, members of the Board. Thank you. I am honored by the Board of Education's trust and remain committed to serving our students, families, staff, and community with integrity, transparency, and unwavering dedication.

Mr. Laurrie, you are a changemaker. Thank you for your inspiring leadership, dedication and tireless commitment to not only our school district but our community.

To the central office team, I'm eager and look forward to the opportunity that lies ahead. Specifically, Mr. Carella, thank you for your support, congratulations on the next chapter.

Our district's strength lies in its people—our children, who demonstrate resilience and brilliance every day; our educators and support staff, whose commitment ensures that learning is meaningful and equitable; and our families and community partners, who support our shared mission to prepare every student for success.

To the leadership and membership of our respective unions, thank you. I'm humbled and honored by your support. I appreciate you taking time from you family to support me and my family.

To my in laws, Kathy and Mike. It takes a village, we appreciate your support.

To my parents, words alone don't express my appreciation for everything you've done for me. The opportunities as a child, the support as an adult and most importantly, the guidance as a husband and father.

To my family, I love you. To my wife, Kristyn, simply said this journey wouldn't have been possible without you, you make me a better person. My children, Claire, Stanley and Jane. Within the last week or so, I think you're prouder of me than I am of myself. There are those times as a father and husband, that are snapshots in time that you'll never forget. This is one of them.

As a lifelong resident of the City of Niagara Falls, a proud graduate of the Niagara Falls City School District, teacher, administrator in the District and father of three children in our District, this is my community, but more importantly, this is our community. This appointment is not simply a role—it is a commitment to ensuring that every decision prioritizes student well being, academic achievement, and a safe, supportive learning environment.

In the coming weeks and months, I look forward to listening and learning where together, we will continue building a culture that honors student voice, empowers educators, and celebrates the diversity and potential of all who call Niagara Falls home.

Thank you.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. L. Blaber: Spoke on Mr. Petrozzi's potential run for legislature and sought clarity on the Board's plans regarding this potential run and whether and how he would be replaced on the Board if he were to win a seat.

Mr. M. Barksdale: Spoke on the perception of himself as being negative in his remarks, acknowledged the realities the District faces, and said he was encouraged by high number of GPS students meeting honor roll or high honor roll and the number of parents who came to support them.

Mrs. G. Dolson: Offered her congratulations to Mr. Wojton; it takes a village to raise a child, we all must work together for students to succeed. Mr. Wojton is a "people person." He attends activities at the school like any other parent; Mr. Vilardo also attends activities, even being older than most Board members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Rashayle Rogers, grade 5, Abate School, was chosen as a representative on the City's NF Youth Committee. Congratulations to her on her work to apply and construct her platform.

North Tonawanda and Niagara Wheatfield will be hosted by NFHS on February 4, 2026, for a community service day.

The District's Fiscal Stress Rating of 6.7 with no designation was issued by Comptroller DiNapoli.

The Internal Audit is concluded and will be reported on in March. Congratulations to Mr. Schwertfager, Mr. Granieri, Mr. Edwards, and Mrs. Jacklin: there were no findings and no Corrective Action Plan is required.

Next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Mr. Laurrie will be in Albany to lobby for more Foundation Aid; against school vouchers; and for the restoration of bullet aid for Say Yes. It is hoped that next year's graduating class will be the first to be able to take advantage of $2 million in Say Yes Niagara Falls money to attend trade schools or colleges.

Mr. Laurie commended the Board on their choice of Mr. Wojton to succeed him.
He first met him as a grade 7 student at GPS. Mr. Wojton has two incredible parents, as he himself is. He is a community-minded person, who is capable, proven, competent, level-headed, collaborative, and who cares. I am honored to have him as a successor and the fifteenth Superintendent of Schools. He is an outstanding choice. He is a fine man, a great educator. Congratulations to the Board on a great choice.

On Saturday, January 31, 2026, NFHS will host our first Robotics Tournament. Thank you to our robotics staff who work so hard to make this happen. Teams from around the State will participate.

Our next Say Yes, Niagara Falls Saturday Academy at Gaskill will be postponed until Saturday, January 31, 2026, due to forecasted inclement weather.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT AND COMMENTS
Mr. Bass: Congratulations, Mr. Wojton. You have to rise to the occasion now, make it better, build a team. Rely on others around you to help you achieve your vision. We wish you well.

Mr. Capizzi: Congratulations to Mr. Wojton; the other candidates made decision a difficult one. All were excellent candidates.

Mrs. Dunn: Teachers and administrators in the audience: you do an important job, and we appreciate that you have a hard job. Continue to work for student success. Mrs. Dunn was very impressed by Mr. Wojton and his remarks, in interview, that this isn't a "Stan Wojton job," but a "Wojton Family job." That support will be so important going forward.

Miss Kaur: Congratulations, Mr. Wojton. Knowing you from your work with Trauma- informed care, you have been an inspiration; it is an honor to see you voted on tonight. I wish you the best.

Mr. Vilardo: It is great to see support Mr. Wojton has among staff and administrators. The Board had excellent candidates to choose among. Referring to a comment made by Mrs. Dolson about being an older Board member, Mr. Vilardo quipped that Johnny Colucci follows him around with a tape measurer.

Mr. Petrozzi: Congratulations, Mr. Wojton; your kids will want an increase in their allowance.

Mr. Cancemi: The educational system has changed, there are new difficulties in classroom and additional financial stressors, but seeing the support of staff tonight will help Mr. Wojton succeed.

Mr. Bilson: Appreciates Ms. Huston's and Mr. Blaber's comments – we will respond to you in coming days.
The District isn't perfect, people aren't perfect, but we are proud to be here, building on the great legacy of our outgoing Superintendent. We will continue to improve. Mr. Wojton, we are confident in you and your abilities to do an excellent job.

Mr. Paretto: Mr. Wojton, starting July 1 you will be the shepherd of large flock, but will not be alone. The Board is with you and will give you every tool, every dollar it can find to make your career as Superintendent successful. It is encouraging to see the support of staff for Mr. Wojton, and as a proud union member and BOE member, it is great to stand with them in supporting the new Superintendent.

Future Agenda Items

BRS
Thursday, Feb 12, 2026 ARS/Regular Mtg.
Thursday, Feb 26, 2026
1. Technology Plan
2. 2025-2026 General Fund Budget – Mr. Laurrie/ Mrs. Jacklin/Ms. McCreary2025-2026 General Fund Budget – Mr. Laurrie/ Mrs. Jacklin

3. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – February 26th Regular Board Meeting – Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro 3. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – February 26th Regular Board Meeting – Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT in memory of the following who recently passed away:

Motion by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mrs. Dunn.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Michael Capizzi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser
Judith Glaser, District Clerk

DATE:	February 12, 2026
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. Paretto at 5:30 p.m.

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

Staff: Mr. Laurrie, Mr. Wojton, Mrs. Buchman, Mrs. Tompkins, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser, Mr. Chandler.

Mr. Laurrie virtually greeted Mrs. Macri and welcomed Mrs. Tompkins to the BOE meetings. He also called on Miss Kaur to update the Board on her honor roll status and college search.

Mr. Ieraci, Guest

Mr. Ieraci is a parent of a Lewiston-Porter student. He has a child in special education and shared his observances of the system.

Mr. Jim Ieraci's son is a junior at LPHS. He had good things to say about teachers and administrators, but the system schools are forced to use is not ideal. There is no data supporting the "one size fits all" scheme. Children should learn at their own pace. Extra help is nice but a slower pace is better.

Federal law allows the pace to be slower as needed, but State law does not. Pacing cannot be adjusted for IEP or general education students.

The Regents pace is geared toward STEM students, but most students are not STEM-oriented students. Mr. Ieraci recommends interest branded learning pathways: STEM, the Arts and Humanities, etc.

When a child learns at his/her own pace, each learns better.

The State understands this. Basing pathways on interest, not abilities, is the key. The State is becoming more open to this realization. Pushing a child beyond his/her abilities creates frustration, disengagement, stress, and so on. This teaches helplessness.

He compared it to teaching weight training to different sized students by giving all the kids the same size weight.

Students need to learn at a level of achievement at an A or B level in order for the learning to be meaningful. Yet schools pass them on because they

have "passed" but this system is abusive because it sets them up for future failure since they didn't learn the subject matter fully to begin with. Each must learn at his or her own pace.

High stakes testing is silly and Soviet-style. Kids and educators are all suffering under this system.

Mr. Laurrie commented that he is largely in agreement with Mr. Ieraci.
It is disheartening that districts cannot work on a growth model, not artificial milestones that will not be appropriate to all students and schools.

Mr. Ieraci seeks to affect change in Albany and wants to leverage data to lobby for change. He seeks assistance and support from districts.

Budget Update:
Mr. Laurrie offered that last year's budget had $4.83 million in reserves.
This year we need to use $3.8 million of those reserves. Increase in charter school, child victims case settlement, and other factors require this.
The State budget is expected to be roughly on time, since there isn't a lot of policy being proposed. It is hoped that the final budget from NYS will increase over the Governor's run.

Funding for special education students must increase.

Threats: Tuition tax credits $1700 per.
No increase in federal money, such as Title I or Head Start.

Mrs. Jacklin and Mr. Laurrie shared that the percent change in expenses year to year is 4.95% ($ 211,893,214); in revenues is 2.26% ($203,408,2870.)

Comparing the trends over the previous four years, one can see that expenses are increasing at a faster rate than revenues.

Using a CPI of 2.8% is unrealistic; costs are raising much faster than that.
The gap between income and outgo is growing and concerning.

Mrs. Jacklin reviewed the current look of revenue and expenses.

A discussion took place about BOCES costs and services for 75 students who attend there; additional BOCES costs and services include technology services, special education services, coaches training, software, and so on.

The Summer Extended School Year is a cost when last the Board reviewed the budget; the State is expected to fully that, resulting in freeing up some funds.

It is possible that the Board may need to use a Revenue Anticipation Note to bridge gaps between State payments.

Mr. Laurrie commented that the State reserves are up to $14 billion. The budget today shows a $7.6 million gap. He shared, also, that the NFHS four-year graduation rate is 86%. The graduation rate for Black students is 89; for White students is 84%. Struggling with rate of homeless students. NFCSD has a six percent drop-out rate, one percent higher than the State average.

A review of the agenda was held.

Mr. Laurrie:
A Grade 4 student at Cataract needed a kidney transplant and has received a kidney. Thanks to all who helped Amir Jones.

The NFHS, NTHS, and NWHS group did community service at Community Missions and Heart, Love, and Soul on February 4, 2026.

The boys bowling team competed in the NFL championship, but fell a little short.

Congratulations to Marianna Porter, a grade 4 student, who designed the shirts for the Walk the World Celebration, which will take place April 18.

NFHS Big Picture student Kadejah Manka wrote a Black history poem that will be published in a national magazine.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace donations have been received from:
Alpha Delta Kappa, a retired teachers group
Whirlpool Mothers Club
Intandem
and Grace Lutheran Church, which contributed $3,000

Teacher Ronnie McGrath has organized a wonderful STEM Expo.

Mr. Paretto read a ceremonial resolution acknowledging Mr. Capizzi's service to the Board. Mr. Capizzi resigned effective February 12, 2026.

Mr. Capizzi thanked the Board and commended them for their work.

Mr. Laurrie thanked Mr. Capizzi.

The Board entered executive session at 7:11 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bilson, seconded by Mr. Cancemi, for the purpose of discussing the possible appointment or promotion of a person, three separate matters relating to the possible discipline or dismissal of individuals; and collective bargaining under the Taylor Law
The Board exited executive session and meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Bilson.

DATE: February 26, 2026
KIND OF MEETING: **ARS**
PLACE: Board of Education Board Room
AGENDA REVIEW:
CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paretto at 5:34 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass*, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo
Excused: Miss Kaur
***Remote**

Staff: Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Carella, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. McCreary, Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser, Mr. Chandler.
Attorneys: Mr. Massaro, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Brown

Mr. Laurrie virtually greeted Mrs. Macri, as always. He remarked that he is pleased to observe the Black History presentations at schools this month; Women's History Month is coming up.
The District sends its condolences to the Niagara University family on the loss of a student this week.
Also, to the RoyHart School District, which lost a grade seven student this week.
Birthdays, coming up Mr. Massaro, Mrs. Buchman, Mrs. Glaser celebrating birthdays next week.

Technology Plan Mr. Granieri and Mr. Maynard
Complete Technology Plan attached. See highlights below.
Highlights:

Mr. Granieri had the first Technology Plan submitted and approved in WNY.
He presented his plan.

While no system can fully "futureproof" against rapid technological change, the district is committed to preparing students for an evolving digital landscape. Achieving this requires intentional integration of technology throughout curriculum, instruction, and support services.

Key building blocks for student achievement in the 21st century include:

- **Focusing educational technology investments on clearly defined instructional objectives.**
- **Prioritizing the development of forward-looking technical skills** as a core component of student learning.

- **Aligning student assessments with instructional goals** and incorporating measurements of 21st century competencies.
- **Adopting continuous improvement strategies** to monitor progress, evaluate impact, and adjust practices accordingly.
- **Expanding professional development opportunities** (as outlined in Smart Goal #1), particularly those that strengthen skills needed for remote, hybrid, and technology-enhanced instruction.
- **Ensuring equitable access to technology** for all students, with particular attention to socio-economic factors, enriched learning needs, English language learners, and assistive or accessibility requirements.

Instructional Foundation

One half of the Comprehensive Technology Plan is structured around five domains that align with New York State K-12 Computer Science and Digital Fluency Standards, the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP), and the Instructional Technology Plan. These domains provide a framework for consistent, standards-aligned instruction, collaborative learning, data-driven decision-making, and student support through technology. The 5 Domains are:

Domain 1: Equitable Access to Devices and Digital Learning
Domain 2: Safe and Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence
Domain 3: Data-Driven Instruction, Early Warning, and Interventions Monitoring
Domain 4: Professional Learning and Leadership Capacity
Domain 5: Cybersecurity and Data Privacy

The District emphasizes removing learning barriers through software adoption, assistive technology evaluations, virtual field trips, and parent outreach and communication systems. Two full-time Technology Integrators and part-time BOCES Integrators provide embedded professional development and support for technology implementation, including summer training and curriculum development.

Professional development is offered through embedded sessions, Teacher Resource Center workshops, and district PD days, covering district-adopted software, Schoology, Magic School AI, Microsoft 365, iPads, ClearTouch boards, and accessibility features within devices. Teacher and administrator proficiency in technology is tracked using Tech Targets, Self-Reflection Checklists, and Professional Development Menus.

Mr. Laurrie shared that new laptops will be purchased for grades seven and eight now, and for NFHS in the future. SmartSchools money will be used. New laptops also will be purchased for teachers.

Budget Update

Mr. Laurrie described some bills before the State legislature regarding charter schools, school vouchers, liquidated insurance companies, and electric busses. He reminds the Board that tough times are ahead as expenses are forecast to outpace revenues.

Mrs. Jacklin reviewed the Property Tax Cap data for the upcoming year and projected through 2031 – 2032.

The tax levy remains at $ 25,828,989 and has not been increased in years. A maximum tax increase would garner $577,526, but a tax increase is not recommended.

Projected appropriations are $211,115,337.00. Total projected revenue plus use of reserves is $204,358,952. A gap of $6,756,385.00 remains.

Challenges include expiring of mental health grants; estimated 15% increase in utility costs; an estimated increase of 9% in Charter school costs and, estimating 5% increase private tuitions.

Projected increase in the budget of 4.08%, year-to-year..

About 7 retirees will result in breakage which will add some funds to the budget without losing staff. Removing summer work unrelated to summer programming or camp also helped abate spending. BOCES administrative costs increased by 17%; this trend is untenable. About $800,000 in projected spending has been trimmed. The District must be sure its enrollment numbers are accurate to avoid State aid true up, which this year was $570,000.

A review of the agenda was held.

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

A reflection was offered by Mrs. Dunn.
Roll Call
Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Miss Kaur
Excused:

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA-RELATED ITEMS

Mr. Ken Hamilton spoke on Black History Month and Bloneva Bond. He reflected on his own mother and her spirit.

Mr. Lawrence Blaber, Jr. spoke of 38th Street spoke regarding the hiring of mental health counselors. He would also like to see funds be directed to students with dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - ROUTINE MATTERS

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. McLeod.
MINUTES –JANUARY 2026 MEETINGS
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Brad McLeod, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. McLeod.
APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER - #6

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

APPROVAL OF BIDS - NONE

TREASURER'S REPORT – JANUARY 2026
BUDGET STATUS REPORTS– JANUARY 2026

The following was moved by Mr. McLeod, second by Mr. Cancemi.

PERSONNEL REPORT – CERTIFICATED
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Brad McLeod, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr.McLeod, second by Mr. Vilardo.

PERSONNEL REPORT - CLASSIFIED
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Brad McLeod, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. McLeod.
REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Committee on Special Education met on November 12, 17, 2025; and December 3, 5, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 2025; and January 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 2026; and February 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 2026 to review Annual Reviews, and January 28, 2025; and March 12, 2025; and November 18, 20, 2025; and December 3, 8, 19, 20, 2025; and January 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 2026; and February 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 20, 23, 2026 to review and initiate the placement of students with disabilities.

The Board of Education is required by law to act upon the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education. If no action is taken tonight, the students involved in the recommendations will not begin to receive the services deemed necessary for their education. Furthermore, the parents of the students involved could take legal action against the Board.

This action item was prepared by Cheryl Meteer, Chairperson of the Committee on Special Education. The recommended resolution was approved by Mr. Angelo Massaro, School District Attorney.

Mr. Mark Laurrie, Superintendent of Schools, will answer questions pertaining to this item.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution:
Report from the Committee on Special Education

The Committee on Special Education met on November 12, 17, 2025; and December 3, 5, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 2025; and January 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 2026; and February 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 2026 to review Annual Reviews, and January 28, 2025; and March 12, 2025; and November 18, 20, 2025; and December 3, 8, 19, 20, 2025; and January 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 2026; and February 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 20, 23, 2026 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 2025-2026 school year.

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

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. McLeod.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Committee on Pre-School Special Education met on January 8, 22, 26, and 29, 2025; and February 3, 4, 5, and 13, 2026; to review and initiate the placement of preschool students with disabilities.

The Board of Education is required by law to act upon the recommendations made by the Committee on Pre-school Special Education. If no action is taken tonight, the students involved in the recommendations will not begin to receive the services deemed necessary for their education. Furthermore, the parents of the students involved could take legal action against the Board.

This action item was prepared by Cheryl Meteer, Chairperson of the Special Education Department. The recommended resolution was approved by Mr. Angelo Massaro, School District Attorney.

Mr. Mark Laurrie, School Superintendent, will answer questions pertaining to this item.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following resolution:
Report from the Committee on Pre-School Special Education

The Committee on Pre-School Special Education met on January 8, 22, 26, and 29, 2025; and February 3, 4, 5, and 13, 2026; 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 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

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

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bass.

SHORT-TERM CONTRACTS

1. Vibrant Strings Performance for Black History Month Celebration $300.00 F2110 140 098 0326 February 27, 2026
2. Lift Enrichment Spring 2026 Eric Horwitz Student wellness Culinary Workshops $8,095.00F 2110.400-060-0326 February - May 2026
3. Brian Rosintoski Physical Education Professional Development $750.00 F2110 140 098 0226 March 19, 2026
4. She Drums Teach students rhythm, coordination self expression $150.00 F2110 140 058 0326 February 18, 2026
5. A Gray Area Co. Student led film festival $25,000.00 A 2110.400.045.2280 February – June 2026

6. Fight Night Boxing Student and PE teacher Boxing program $4,000.00 A 2110.400.045.2280 February – June 2026
7. She Drums Black History Month Performance $150.00 F2110 140 058 0326February 27, 2026
8. Kimberly Gingrich Social Emotional Adaptive Assessment $5,000.00 F2250 400-098 0726 Spring 2026
9. Families Aimed Toward Excellence- FATE Saturday Academy: -on STEM learning experiences $300 A 7310.400-056 March 7, 2026
10. Mini Books Saturday Academy: Create personal books $325 A 7310.400-056 March 7, 2026
11. She Drums Saturday Academy: Provides a drum circle and fitness experience $350-Total $175 A 7310.400-056 $175- A 7310.400-57 March 7, and April 18, 2026
12. SPCA Saturday Academy: Educational programming with animals $400 Total $200 A 7310.400-056 $200 A 7310.400-049 March 7, and March 21, 2026
13. Buffalo Zoo Saturday Academy: Animal ambassadors: Pangolins and Rock Python. $326.39 A 7310.400-049 March 21, 2026
14. Thera-Pony LLC Saturday Academy: interaction with miniature horses$250 A 7310.400-049 March 21, 2026
15. Iqra Shehzadi Saturday Academy: Provide henna designs for students and families $150 A 7310.400-049 March 21, 2026
16. Transformation Through Revitalization Bishop Kevin Dobbs Creative site based projects for students $6,000.00 A 2110.400.045.0228 February -June 2026
17. NYS Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance Workshop at NFHS $0 April 30, 2026

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

The following was moved by Mr. McLeod, second by Mr. Bilson.

HEAD START REPORTS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mr. McLeod.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR THE 2025/2026 INDIAN EDUCATION GRANT

WHEREAS, The Niagara Falls City School District submitted an application for the Indian Education Grant to provide a cultural awareness program for the Native American children in its public school grades K-12; and

WHEREAS, To achieve its objectives, the Niagara Falls Board of Education has developed a program which combines activities with the Cayuga language, Iroquois culture and the Home-School Liaison areas; and

WHEREAS, District staff submitted an application for the 2025/2026 Indian Education Grant; and

WHEREAS, The Instructional Program Services Office received official notification of approval of grant award in the amount of $114,116.00; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the Acceptance of Funds for the 2025/2026 Indian Education Grant; and

RESOLVED, That the amount of said award be $114,116.00 credited to Revenue Account F4289.150.26 and

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

Account	Description	Budget
F 2110.120-052-1526	25/26 IND ED - CULTURAL TCHR	$33,749.00
F 2110.140-052-1526	25/26 IND ED - SCHEDULE B	$1,206.00
F 2110.150-052-1526	25/26 IND ED - GRANT ADMIN	$33,749.00
F 2110.400-098-1526	25/26 IND ED - PRCHD SRVCS	$1,500.00
F 2110.409-098-1526	25/26 IND ED - TRAVEL	$3,000.00
F 2110.450-098-1526	25/26 IND ED - SPLS	$500.00
F 2110.803-096-1526	25/26 IND ED - FICA	$5,256.00
F 2110.807-096-1526	25/26 IND ED - HEALTH INS	$35,156.00
		$114,116.00

Revenue Code: F4289.150.26

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mr. McLeod.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR 2025/2026 PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL GRANT

WHEREAS, The New York State Pathways In Technology Early College High School (NYS P-TECH) program is a public-private partnership that will prepare thousands of New York students for high-skill jobs of the future in technology, manufacturing, healthcare and finance; and

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

WHEREAS, Official notification of approval of the application and award in the amount of $436,856.00 has been received; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2025/2026 New York State Pathways in Technology Grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the grant award of $436,856.00 be credited to the following Revenue Account:

1. F3289.940.26 – 2025/2026 P-TECH REVENUE - $436,856.00; and be it further

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

Appropriation Description Amount
Account Description Budget
F 2110.140-098-942625/26 P-TECH - SCHEDULE B / PER DIEM $47,000
F 2110.130-045-942625/26 P-TECH - PROG DIR $43,750
F 2110.152-014-942625/26 P-TECH GRANT ADMIN $30,000
F 2110.164-014-942625/26 P-TECH - CLERICAL $16,250
F 2110.400-098-942625/26 P-TECH - PRCHD SRVCS $289,614
F 2110.409-098-942625/26 P-TECH - TRAVEL $5,500
F 2110.450-098-942625/26 P-TECH - SPLS $4,742
$436,856
Revenue Code: F3289.940.26

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

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mr. McLeod.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS PIPELINE

WHEREAS, Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the Niagara Falls City School District has experienced a dramatic and troubling increase in the number of students demonstrating fragile mental health, and

WHEREAS, more students are receiving diagnosis that may have been influenced by the pandemic, many more are exhibiting behaviors that negatively impact their academic achievement and the school environment, and

WHEREAS, The District has identified the need to hire mental health service providers to reverse this trend, and

WHEREAS, The School-Based Mental Health Providers Pipeline grant would enable the District to increase the number of credentialed mental health service providers providing school-based mental health services to students, and

WHEREAS, District staff have prepared and submitted an application for the 2025/2026 School-Based Mental Health Providers Pipeline grant; and

WHEREAS, official notice of approval of the application and award in the amount of $70,573.00 has been received; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2025/2026 School-Based Mental Health Providers Pipeline; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grant award of $70,573.00 be credited to revenue account code F4289.930.26; and be it further

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

Account Description Budget
F 2110.400-098-9326 24/25 SBMHPP - PRCHD SRVCS $70.573.00
$70,573.00

Revenue Code: F4289.930.26
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Brad McLeod, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. McLeod.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REGARDING THE STATUTORY MEETING

WHEREAS, The Annual School Election/Budget Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, §2610, subdivision 4, of the New York State Education Law requires that the Board of Education shall meet after the canvass of votes on the day of the election or at eight o'clock in the evening of the day following such election to officially examine and announce the results of the election; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Board of Education to comply completely with the provisions of the law; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education will hold the Statutory Meeting, as required by law, on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 8:00 P.M., E.D.S.T., at the usual place of meeting, 630 66th Street, to officially examine and announce the results of the Annual School Election/Budget Vote held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026**.**

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

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. McLeod.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF VOTING MACHINE CUSTODIANS FOR 2026

WHEREAS, An election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, to choose two members for the Niagara Falls Board of Education, to vote on the school budget and any other propositions; and

WHEREAS, The Board at its December 19, 2024 Regular Meeting established the number and location of election polls; and

WHEREAS, Each election poll requires the use of one or more voting machines, which in turn require the services of voting machine custodians for the necessary services; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education appoint as Voting Machine Custodians for 2026 the following four people:

John Sczepczenski, Head Custodian
1369 Caravelle Dr.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Sami Grawe
762 4th St.
Niagara Falls, NY 14301

R. Matt Evans

1070 Military Rd.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Edward Charles "Skip" Metzler
1428 95th Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

RESOLVED, That Head Voting Machine Custodian John Sczepczenski be paid $600.00 for his services, and therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Voting Machine Custodians Edward Charles "Skip" Metzler, Sami Grawe, and R. Matt Evans each be paid $450.00 for their services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Head Voting Machine Custodian John Sczepczenski is authorized, if needed, to assist the District Clerk at workshops to be held for election inspectors on Monday, May 18, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Head Voting Machine Custodian John Sczepczenski be compensated $30.00 for each workshop.

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

The following was moved by Mr. McLeod, second by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND MELINDA A. SCIME, PSYCHOLOGIST, PLLC. FOR PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (FEBRUARY 27, 2026 – MAY 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, The District proposes to hire a mental health services company to render professional services in the area of mental health counseling to fulfill grant objectives for individual student counseling and family counseling; and

WHEREAS, A proposed Contract has been negotiated with Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC, to provide the mental consulting services for the period of February 27, 2026 – May 31, 2026 at a fee not to exceed $65,000 to be billed in four (4) monthly installments of $16,250 on the last day of each month; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC., for professional mental health counseling and consultation services attached hereto, be and is hereby approved; and be it further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING AND CONSULTATION SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT
MELINDA A. SCIME, PSYCHOLOGIST, PLLC

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 26th day of February 2026 by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, the first party, and Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC, 779 Cayuga Street, Suite D, Lewiston, NY 14092, the second party.

WITNESSETH:

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

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

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

a. Mental health counseling services (Tier 2 and Tier 3 social/emotional interventions) provided by a team of four (4) licensed mental health based on school referral and screening by the first party and the second party pursuant to goals and objectives of the School-Based Mental Health Services and Student Mental Health Supports Grants at District-wide schools.

b. Each school will receive direct support services and programming including family and individual student counseling

c. Participation in school-based S.T.A.R.T teams for appropriate individualized behavioral intervention services as needed.

d. Participation in advisory meetings.

e. Family counseling offered at all schools.

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 according 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 second party shall not be an employee of the first party. The second party is engaged by the first party only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement and the relationship to the first party during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services

hereinbefore expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of independent consultant only and in no event as servant or employee. Except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have the power to control the activities and operations of the other and their status at all times will continue to be that of independent contractor.

4. Compensation to Second Party: Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the first party shall pay to the second party for services rendered up to the invoice date, a sum not to exceed $65,000 in four (4) monthly installments of $16,250. Invoices shall be submitted on the last day of each month for weekly counseling at all schools. The second party shall submit invoices for services rendered monthly. The second party shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquaintance.

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

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

8. Term of Contract: This contract shall be effective from February 27, 2026 – May 31, 2026, provided, however, that any party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

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

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

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

CONSULTANT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

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Melinda A. Scime, Ph.D.	Anthony Paretto Board President

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

The following was moved by Mr. McLeod, second by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND TELL CONSULTING (FEBRUARY 27, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, TELL Consulting has extensive knowledge and experience working with English Language Learners; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again provide professional Development on cultural consciousness and to contract with TELL Consulting to continue trainings on culturally responsive practices in classrooms; and

WHEREAS, The Administration negotiated a Contract with TELL Consulting to provide weekly consultation and instructional materials to staff members - not to exceed an agreed upon fee of $8,000, payable in the amount of $4,000 after completion of each full day training; and

WHEREAS, The Contract shall be effective for a term commencing February 27, 2026 – June 30, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and TELL Consulting for February 27, 2026 – June 30, 2026; and further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
TELL CONSULTING

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 26th day of February 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and TELL CONSULTING, 376 Dansworth Road, Youngstown, NY 14174.

WITNESSETH:

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

1. Engagement of TELL Consulting. The District hereby engages TELL Consulting as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation for teaching English Language Learners, and TELL Consulting hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of TELL Consulting:

TELL Consulting shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services:

a) Weekly consultation to schools with English Language Learners

b) Two (2) full day trainings to staff members including all instructional resources

c) Assist school administrators with advisement on student and family needs for English Language Learners

All of the functions will be performed by the party of TELL Consulting or its subcontractor approved by the District and shall be coordinated through the Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction of the District. TELL Consulting and\or its subcontractor shall possess a thorough knowledge of the college planning and application process.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. TELL Consulting shall not be an employee of the District. TELL Consulting 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. TELL Consulting is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns

4. Compensation to TELL Consulting. Upon receipt of a payment invoice,

the District shall pay TELL Consulting for its services hereunder a total sum not to exceed $8,000 for two (2) full day staff trainings, payable in the amount of $4,000 after the completion of each full day training to the order of TELL Consulting and by June 30, 2026. Staff members shall be provided all instructional resources at each professional development and access to any needed digital materials. Invoices shall be submitted by TELL Consulting after completion of each full day training. TELL Consulting shall deem payment checks payable to the order of TELL Consulting full payment to, and acquittance.

Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay TELL Consulting for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $8,000. Payment checks payable to the order of TELL Consulting shall be in two (2) payments of $4,000 after each full day training and by June 30, 2026.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, TELL Consulting 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. TELL Consulting and/or its subcontractor shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. TELL Consulting

and/or its subcontractor are 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.

6. Term of Contract. This contract shall be effective from February 27, 2026 – June 30, 2026, 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.

7. Assignment: The services to be rendered by TELL Consulting under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, TELL Consulting party 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.

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

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

TELL CONSULTING
CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE

Deena Anthony
Founder, TELL Consulting

Anthony Paretto
President, Board of Education

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

The following was moved by Mr. McLeod, second by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN SAY YES BUFFALO AND THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

WHEREAS, The District wishes to engage Say Yes Buffalo to effective plan and strategically roll out four collaborative programs; Saturday Academy, the Breaking Barriers Youth Leadership Development Program, the Modern Youth Apprenticeship program, and a tuition-free college promise for Niagara Falls public school students; and

WHEREAS, The opportunities will allow for not only academic growth, but personal and social growth through these expanded opportunities.

WHEREAS, The attached contract has been negotiated by the administration with Say Yes Buffalo to provide such services at a cost not to exceed $250,000 for period effective February 26th through June 30th, 2026. therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the attached Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Say Yes Buffalo to strategically plan the rollout of

identified programs for students and families not to exceed $250,000 for the period of February 26th, 2026 through June 30th, 2026. Attached hereto be and is hereby approved; and further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP AND STRATEGIC PLANNING BETWEEN SAY YES BUFFALO AND THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 26th February 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and SAY YES BUFFALO, 1166 Jefferson Ave Ste A, Buffalo, NY 14208

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties do hereby MUTUALLY AGREE that Say Yes Buffalo agrees to undertake the following responsibilities during the planning year; as follows:

1. Lead the strategic process for the rollout of Saturday Academy within the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls. This includes assessing community needs, identifying resources, and developing implementation plans.

2. Facilitate the planning for the establishment and implementation of the Breaking Barriers Youth Leadership Development Program in collaboration with the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls. This program aims to empower young men of color through leadership development initiatives.

3. Plan and collaborate with the School District to make available and expand the Say Yes Modern Youth Apprenticeship program and workforce portfolio, providing students with hands-on learning experiences and pathways to career readiness.

4. Collaboratively fundraise with the goal of an endowed post-secondary scholarship promise program for Niagara Falls students and graduates, ensuring access to postsecondary opportunities.

5. Advise and support the establishment of an Operating Committee of key stakeholders.

6. Develop marketing materials and collateral to support fundraising and start-up efforts.

7. Provide necessary data, information, and resources to support the planning efforts.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. SAY YES Buffalo is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement. All information shared between the Parties during the course of this Agreement shall be treated as confidential and shall not be disclosed to any third party without the prior written consent of the disclosing Party.
4. Compensation to Say Yes Buffalo. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to SAY Yes Buffalo for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $250,000 to be paid in two installments as follows: April 15th, 2026 and July 15th, 2026
5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Say Yes Buffalo 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.
6. Taxes and Insurances. Say Yes Buffalo shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured.

-Commercial General Liability insurance in limits of:

a) $4,000,000 General Aggregate
$4,000,000 Completed Operations Aggregate
$2,000,000 Personal Injury
$2,000,000 Each Occurrence

-Sexual Abuse/Molestation Coverage-$1,000,000 per occurrence.
-Hired and Non-owned Auto-$1,000,000
-Umbreall Liability insurance in limits of

a) $5,000,000 Each occurrence
$5,000,000 Completed Operations Aggregate
$5,000,000 General Aggregate

-Workers Compensation-subject to the laws of the state in which the work is performed and Employer's Liability coverage with a limit of $1,000,000 Bodily injury by accident/$1,000,000 Bodily injury by disease policy limit/$1,000,000 Bodily injury by disease each employee.

Niagara Falls School District, Inc. will be added as additional insured on a primary and non-contributing basis. A copy of the endorsement or endorsement request will be sent to the City School District of the ity of Niagara Falls prior to services being performed.

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.
6. Term of Contract. This contract shall be effective from February 26th, 2026 through June 30th, 2026 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.
7. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by the parties.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

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

ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED POLICY

1. NFCSD District Wide Safety Policy – ATTACHED.

Motion to take policy off table.

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Russell Petrozzi.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Brad McLeod, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Action: 7.01 NFCSD District Wide Safety Policy
Motion to adopt.
Motion by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Bilson..

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

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

INFORMATION AND REPORTS
Non Agenda Related Speakers:
Mr. Lawrence Blaber, Jr. spoke on Mr. Petrozzi's legislative run and Mr. Capizzi's resignation. Also, he spoke regarding declining enrollment.

Mr. Michael Barksdale spoke on Bloneva Bond and reflected on obtaining the autograph of Mr. Jesse Jackson. He spoke on student achievement and his desire to see the Board respond directly to his concerns. He would like to see the District partner with more entities.

Dr. Tina Schultz spoke on Niagara County Information Group – spoke on the Board's choice of superintendent. She would have preferred an outsider.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Thank you for the commentary on Bloneva Bond; she is with us in the spirit of work and civil discourse. Mrs. Dunn and Mr. Bass stand on her shoulders.

The number of students celebrating Ramadan is a strength of our District, as well. Say Yes Saturday academy will take place at CES. To date, 1,296 students and parents have participated in these academies.
Through Sleep in Heavenly Peace, 101 beds have been delivered to District families; thanks to Feedmore and the Buffalo Bills Foundation for their support.

Our rescheduled $500,000 gift announcement from Key Bank for our Niagara Falls , Say Yes endowment is set for Tuesday, March 3rd at NFHS. To date we have secured $1.2 million in the scholarship endowment with eight additional donations to come. We are optimistic about concluding this school year with $3 million in our foundation account for last dollar scholarships for NFHS students. Our goal is to begin giving partial scholarships to the graduating class of 2027.

Girls basketball playing team is playing now, the boys team is playing tonight.

We also have two wrestlers at the State Championship.

Academically speaking:
79th Street School has moved off the Schools in Need of Improvement List
GPS attendance has improved by almost 5% year over year. Black students have an attendance rate of 88%, White students have an attendance rate of 85%.
Academically, targeted school every group but one made AYP academic progress.
NFHS: graduation rate for those who attend is 86% up from 67% over 8 years.
Black students graduate at a rate of 89%, White students at 83%
The dropout rate is 6%: Black students 4%, White students 8%, homeless students 12%.

Students: keep it up. Dispel the notion of those who do not believe in you.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT AND COMMENTS
Mr. Bass: Happy Black History Month; thank you, Mr. Hamilton, for your remarks.

Mrs. Dunn: Children wonder why people say negative things about their schools. Black history is about excellence every day.

Mr. Vilardo: Success and attendance correlate. Thank you to Mr. Hamilton for his remarks. Students and parents at Bond School should receive a biographical sketch of her life.
Mr. Petrozzi: Agrees with Mr. Vilardo.
Mr. Cancemi: Thank you Mr. Granieri for your work.

Mr. Bilson: Thanks to Mr. Hamilton, who is quite an eloquent speaker.

Mr. McLeod: Thanks to Mr. Hamilton. Thanks to all speakers. Passion is not a bad thing. Bringing people in from outside the community wouldn't guarantee change. Let's work together.

Mr. Paretto: Local administrators and staff members: Mr. Wojton is a local man, with a detailed plan. He knows our community and strengths and weaknesses. We are proud to employ and promote local people and to see them succeed and be examples.

Mr. Wojton: The support received by the community has been motivating. Plans are being formed, the community will be invited.
Congratulations to the students who recently appeared on the on honor roll.

Future Agenda Items

BRS

The Board entered executive session at 8:15p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Dunn. seconded by Mr. Vilardo for the purpose of discussing
5 cases of contract negotiation under the Taylor Law
3 cases which may result in the discipline or dismissal of individuals
4 cases promotion may result in the promotion of individuals.
All in favor**.**

The Board exited executive session and adjourned at 9:19 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mr. Bilson. All in favor.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT in memory of the following who recently passed away:
Lawrence Bailey, uncle of Rebecca Tantillo.
Bill Leardini.
Barbara Marcolini, mother of Susan Marcolini (Speech Language Pathologist – Bond Elementary) and mother-in-law of Chad Sydorowicz (District Maintenance).
Nancy M. Plumeri, mother of Janine Bellonte.
Terri Ryan, retired art teacher.

Motion by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mrs. Dunn.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser
Judith Glaser, District Clerk

DATE: March 12, 2026
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. Paretto at 5:30 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod*, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo
Remote: Mr. Bass, Mr. McLeod

Staff: Mr. Laurrie, Mr. Wojton, Mrs. Buchman, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser, Mr. Chandler.

Mr. Laurrie virtually greeted Mrs. Macri and sent well wishes to Mrs. McLeod, who is recovering from illness. Condolences on the passing of Candace Corsaro, a member of Kiwanis and many other community groups. DIL works for us. Harjyot is in Albany in her capacity as Secretary General of Kiwanis. Next week she will receive an award from the NYS Senate as a youth leader. Congratulate Mrs. Buchman, CES and Hyde Park for a clean Pre K audit.
Zero Eyes is a great security tool which is highly sensitive and picks up anything that looks like a weapon.

Regarding the recent incident involving a teacher at GPS: a highly inappropriate comment was made earlier this week. The Superintendent offered apologies to the students, community, and District. Administration took swift action to remove the teacher involved and is reporting the incident to the State. We continue to educate ourselves and strengthen each other.

CATARACT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATION
Ms. Manella, Mr. Corsaro, and Mr. M. Laurrie reviewed Cataract Elementary School's progress as a School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP), which is the tool developed by the NY State Education Department to support schools in planning ways to strengthen and establish systems and structures. Schools that are supported through the CSI, ATSI, or TSI support model are required to develop an SCEP based on the School Needs Assessment conducted each Spring.

Academically, students are showing growth in reading and mathematics.

The current attendance rate is 3% higher than the NFCSD average. Data points include: Black Subgroup: increase 1.5%; Multiracial Subgroup: Increase 4.4%; Hispanic Subgroup: Increase 2.6%.

The current chronic absenteeism rate is 7% lower than the NFCSD average, and includes the following data points: Black Subgroup: decreased 10.1%; Multiracial Subgroup: Decrease 4.9%; Hispanic Subgroup: Decrease 33.4%.

The 3-year discipline referral trend shows a significant decrease, and includes the following data points:
Black Subgroup: 46% Decrease
Multiracial Subgroup: 34% Decrease

Hispanic Subgroup: 85% Decrease

The 3-year suspension trend for minority subgroup shows a 59% decrease; the non-minority subgroup shows a 72% decrease.

Of students at Cataract, 86% of students have no disciplinary referrals or incidents. Students also are showing improvement in social emotional learning. Twenty-seven percent of the students are receiving special education services.

TUTORING PROGRAM
Ms. Hicks, through Community Development grants, has provided tutoring services to students. Emilio Nicks, a grade seven student, spoke about how much Ms. Hicks has helped him. Mr. Nix is now a high-honors student. Ms. Hicks is now helping 29 students. Mr. Laurrie thanked her for her efforts and work and Mr. Schwertfager, who works to secure the grants that finance her work.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
Mrs. Vilardo and Mrs. Meteer shared the following information regarding the plan for twenty percent of District students who use special education services. They reviewed the 2025–2027 District plan for students with disabilities; data trends and program capacity; District goals aligned to State Performance Plan indicators, and outline budget and accountability measures.

NYSED disability classifications include autism, deafness, deafness-blindness, emotional disability, hearing impairment, learning disability, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment.

NFCSD provides a full continuum of services, including consultant teachers (ct), resource rooms, integrated co-teaching (ict)
special class (15:1, 12:1:1, 8:1:3, etc.) related services, declassification supports, out-of-district placements, home instruction, and preschool (CPSE).

The District budget for special education is approximately $38,725,708 and includes instructional staff, related services, BOCES placements, private placements, charter costs, and supplies and contracted services.

Program evaluation and state performance plan indicators include graduation rate, drop-out rate, State assessment results, suspension rate,
least restrictive environment, Child Find, transition planning, preschool outcomes, post-secondary outcomes, disproportionality, Parental involvement, due process, compliance with Federal and State special education requirements, and data collection and reporting.

Program goals include
Transition in the IEP: 100% of transition-age IEPs include age-appropriate assessments;100% of transition-age students have post-secondary goals aligned to assessment data

Functional Behavior Assessments (FBAs) and Behavior Intervention Plans (BIPs)
Increase district capacity to implement FBAs and BIPs

Explicit Instruction
Special education teachers will meet rubric benchmarks for explicit instruction; Students with disabilities in grades 5 and 6 will show significant growth on i-Ready ELA diagnostics (Spring 2026).

Special Class Curriculum
Fully implement a new curriculum for students in the 8:1:3 and 12:1:1 classes grades K – 12.

Paraprofessional Training
Increase the number of trainings offered to Special Education paraprofessionals by 80%.

The 2025–2027 District Plan reflects:
compliance, fiscal responsibility, data-driven improvement, student-centered programming, and commitment to excellence.

A discussion took place regarding the number of students with autism; the cost of education children with exceptional needs; the decreasing reimbursement available to districts to provide the education these children deserve. Mr. Laurrie recognized Stanley Falk School which has shown great success with District students.

Mr. Laurrie reported that:
One resolution will be added to the agenda; these are recommendations resulting from our internal audit; a CAP will be presented. However, there were no findings.

An audit committee meeting will take place next week.
Buffalo has been working to close schools this week; Ken-Ton Schools are looking at reconfiguring schools, due to predicted financing trends. This is a State-wide phenomena. Funding is becoming a problem.

NYS is using a 2.7% CPI; healthcare alone is raising 10%.
BOCES rates are raising by 17%.

This week the District wrote two checks totaling $500,000 to settle Child Victims Act cases from decades ago.

2026-2027 General Fund Budget Mrs. Jacklin gave an update on planning for the 2026 – 2027 recommended budget.
Projected revenue for 2026 – 2027 is $ 201,923,008. 00. (Percent change year-to year of 1.83%)
Projected expenses for 2026 – 2027 are $ 210,301,941.00. (Percent change year-to year of 4.05%.)

Expenses continue to outpace revenue.

Total projected revenue plus use of debt service reserves in the amount of $850,000 totals $202,773,008.

Other possible use of reserves include:

Reserves / Other Sources	Available
Use of Fund Balance	$8,113,605
Use of ERS Reserve	$12,288,298
Use of TRS Reserve	$5,838,135
Use of EBLAR Reserve	$13,864,937
Use of Debt Service Reserve	$2,265,032
Use of Worker's Comp Reserve	$7,342,826
Increase the Tax Levy	$577,529
Greenway Funds	$320,619
Cafeteria Fund Balance	$868,751

The gap at present totals $7,528,933.00
Were the District to also purchase laptops for grades 7 and 8 and NFT, the gap would be $9,673,118.00.

STAR Program History was also presented, below:

	Estimated 2026-2027	Actual 2025-2026	Actual 2024-2025	Actual 2023-2024	Actual 2022-2023
Basic STAR Exemption - NYS State	$ 13,500	$ 15,000	$ 16,550	$ 18,600	$ 20,100
Assessed Value*Equalization	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
BASIC STAR	(13,500)	(15,000)	(16,550)	(18,600)	(20,100)
	86,500	85,000	83,450	81,400	79,900
School Tax	$ 1,685	$ 1,656	$ 1,627	$ 1,589	$ 1,565

Enhanced STAR Exemption - NYS State	$ 38,745	$ 43,050	$ 45,360	$ 50,470	$ 50,180
Assessed Value*Equalization	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
ENHANCED STAR	(38,745)	(43,050)	(45,360)	(50,470)	(50,180)
	61,255	56,950	54,640	49,530	49,820
Tax	$ 1,194	$ 1,110	$ 1,065	$ 967	$ 976

Mr. Laurrie is committed to not recommending a tax increase; not losing any program; not losing any FTE.

A review of the agenda was held.

Mr. Laurrie provided the following updates:
Congratulations to Mrs. Dunn, Ms. Crumpton, and Mr. Allen who will be honored at the annual Black Achievers Awards Dinner this week. NFCSD had three of the 12 honorees. Previously, Mr. Bass, Miss McCreary, and Mrs. Brundidge have been so honored.

Pi Day is being celebrated tomorrow at NFHS.

"All Shook Up" is being performed at NFHS.

Congratulations to NFHS student Tori Franke, a diver who qualified for States and has been accepted by the U.S. Naval Academy.

Congratulations to three robotics students – all female – who will compete in St. Louis.

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DATE: March 26, 2026
KIND OF MEETING: **ARS**
PLACE: Board of Education Board Room
AGENDA REVIEW:
CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paretto at 5:30 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi (Mr. Petrozzi stepped out at 5:47 he returned at 7 p.m), Mr. Vilardo
Excused: Mr. Bilson, Mr. McLeod
***Remote Miss Kaur**

Staff: Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. McCreary, Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser, Mr. Chandler.
Attorneys: Mr. Massaro, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Brown

Three updates:
Mr. Laurrie virtually greeted Mrs. Macri, as always, as well as Miss Kaur. He offered congratulations to Miss Kaur on her award from State Senator Ortt. She is the only student who received it from his Legislative District, and is one of only 63 students State-wide to be so honored. The Small Cities consortium, of which the District is a part, also awarded Miss Kaur received its scholarship.
Regarding the Gaskill incident from a week or so ago: under the direction of school leadership, a week of restorative circles took place. Mr. Laurrie congratulated the students for the honesty and uncomfortable conversations they participated in to address that issue.
Buffalo Niagara Waterkeepers: Mr. Laurrie introduced Ms. Smith. The following program is one of the pathways in which high school students can participate; 34 students participate with Buffalo Waterkeepers.
Ms. Smith, director of community engagement, explained the Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper's Young Environmental Leaders Program (YELP) at Niagara Falls High School, highlighting its goals, activities, impact, and future plans to engage students in environmental education and stewardship.

Connecting Students to Water, Place, and Opportunity

An environmental education program aims to engage Niagara Falls High School students in local water and environmental justice issues through experiential learning and mentorship. Students can earn college credit. Teachers K Maynard and R Yots are lead teachers at NFHS. Students also study wastewater systems.

YELP Program Overview and Purpose

Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper's Young Environmental Leaders Program (YELP) provides immersive, place-based environmental education for high school students, especially in environmental justice communities.

- Designed for high school students at NFHS
- Focuses on local waterways, watershed systems, and environmental justice
- Offers real-world STEM experiences and mentorship
- Aims to develop future environmental stewards and leaders
- Provides early college exposure and credit opportunities
- Highlights importance of local environmental challenges and careers

Benefits and Impact of YELP for Students

YELP helps students explore environmental issues, gain practical skills, and prepare for careers, fostering community connection and leadership.

- Addresses daily environmental challenges in Niagara Falls
- Offers experiential learning like kayaking, watershed tours, and water quality lessons
- Provides opportunities to observe wastewater treatment, stormwater pollution, and human impacts
- Builds critical thinking, observation, and confidence in STEM
- Connects students with environmental careers and college campuses
- More than 115 students served since 2019, with 81 completing the program
- More than 75 students earned college credit; total including current cohort exceeds 100
- Program supported through various funding sources, with recent years lacking full funding

Importance of Consistency in Program Delivery

Consistent program implementation ensures students access ongoing opportunities, strengthens outcomes, and builds future leaders.

- Real-time experiences are crucial for student engagement
- Gaps in program delivery lead to missed opportunities
- Consistency enhances partnerships and student development
- Builds a pipeline of future environmental stewards and leaders

Future Goals and Partnership Expansion

BNW aims to serve more students, expand leadership pipelines, connect students to internships, deepen partnerships, and increase college credit access.

- Intends to serve more Niagara Falls students annually
- Plans to build a multi-year leadership pipeline starting in middle school
- Seeks to connect students to internships and career pathways
- Aims to strengthen partnership with NFHS
- Focuses on expanding access to college credit for more students

Budget Update

Mrs. Jacklin and Miss. McCreary reviewed the status of the proposed budget.

Projected Revenue: $202,133,075 Percent Change 1.94
Projected Expenses: $210,994,223 Percent Change 4.05
A gap remains of $8,011,148

FICA, Medicaid, and transportation costs have increased; more students are needing Occupational Therapy (OT)and/or Physical Therapy (PT), and additionally, NFMMC OT/PT rates have increased by 30%.

These are just some factors causing increased costs. Additionally, budget carryover will not be there as it was in years past.

The State will be late passing the budget. The Board will vote on the Superintendent's recommended budget on April 23.

The budget to date reflects rolling all programs and staff forward, including staff who had been paid out of grants, which have expired or are expiring.

Utility costs have skyrocketed. One BOCES cost increased by about $25,000. One service increased by 50% on its own. ERS, TRS, and healthcare costs have all increased by 12% for active employees.

Staff will come back on April 16 with another look at the budget. The Superintendent's goal is not to reduce people or programs for students.

Mr. Vilardo commented that the State should have to have its budget in place before school districts are required to pass their budgets.

A review of the agenda was held.

The Audit Committee met at 4 p.m. On advice from the auditors, they recommend:

- Change to electronic-only payroll – currently 20% of payroll is still paper-and-pen;
- Beginning next month, the Board will see the grants, and cafeteria and capital project and trust and agency budgets in addition to the general fund budget.

Two minor discrepancies were found during the internal audit.

The Board entered executive session at 6:32 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Cancemi seconded Mr. Vilardo by for the purpose of discussing a personnel contract and a contract regarding host communities, and two contracts with vendors. All in favor.

The Board exited executive session at 7:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded Mr. Bass. All in favor.

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER at 7:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

A reflection was offered by Mrs. Dunn.
Roll Call
Mr. Bass, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo,
Excused: Mr. Bilson, Mr. McLeod
Remote:, Miss Kaur

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA-RELATED ITEMS
- None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS –
Public Statement for Community Record
This statement is offered for the public record in response to comments made by Vice-President Robert Bilson during the most recent Board of Education meeting of the Niagara Falls City School District.

During the meeting, it was suggested that my prior remarks implied that parents and families in our District are incapable of understanding the school budget. That assertion is inaccurate and misrepresents both my words and my intent.

My concern has never been about the intelligence or capability of our families. It has always been about transparency and clarity. The District continues to face persistent literacy and math challenges that significantly impact students' futures. At the same time, the structure and presentation of budget documents are so complex that only the most hyper-engaged or financially experienced stakeholders can easily interpret them. Public education funding should not require professional-level expertise to understand.
With more than 35 years of experience managing contracts and budgets in government, corporate, and nonprofit environments, I am able to analyze these documents. However, most parents should not have to become financial analysts to track how public dollars are allocated on behalf of their children. There is a difference between legal compliance and true transparency. Information can be technically available yet functionally inaccessible.

Throughout the school year, I regularly engage in discussions about District finances with church leaders, nonprofit professionals, current and retired educators, mentors, and business leaders. Many of these individuals—despite their professional backgrounds—find it difficult to clearly summarize what is presented in Board budget sessions. That reality should prompt reflection, not defensiveness.

The larger issue is trust. When budget reallocations occur—even for legitimate, mission-critical purposes—they must be presented in a way that is clear, traceable, and directly connected to measurable academic outcomes. The community deserves to see how every

dollar aligns with improved literacy rates, stronger math performance, and better long-term opportunities for students.

My advocacy is not personal, nor is it political. It is rooted in civic responsibility and a deep commitment to the success of our children and our city. Accountability, clarity, and measurable results should never be viewed as hostility—they are the foundation of effective governance.

Respectfully, Michael V. Barksdale In His service, serving His people

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - ROUTINE MATTERS

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo.
MINUTES –FEBRUARY 2026 MEETINGS
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo.
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APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER - #6
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo
The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo.
APPROVAL OF BIDS

1. Bid No 111 Supplemental Classroom Books
2. Bid No 112 Plumbing & HVAC Supplies
3. Bid No 113 School Apparel
4. Bid No 114 Facility Paint Supplies

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

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, public bidding procedures were observed for Bid No. 111 – Supplemental Classroom Books; and

WHEREAS, Legal notice was published February 12, 2026 and bid documents were mailed to or secured by nine potential bidders; and

WHEREAS, Bid was publicly opened and read on February 26, 2026 and three properly executed bids were received; and

WHEREAS, Bid was analyzed by Ms. Julie Jacklin, Administrator for School Business Services, Ms. Ann Schiro, Purchasing Agent; therefore, be it

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

Award No.	Vendor	Discount Percentage
111B	Book Corner	21%

112. WHEREAS, Funds were appropriated for Plumbing Supplies in the General

Fund; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, public bidding procedures were observed for Bid No. 102– Plumbing And HVAC Supplies; and

WHEREAS, Legal notice was published February 12, 2026 and bid documents were mailed to or secured by seven potential bidders; and

WHEREAS, Bid was publicly opened and read on February 26, 2026 and one properly executed bid was received; and

WHEREAS, Bid was analyzed by Ms. Julie Jacklin, Administrator for School Business Services, and Ms. Ann Schiro, Purchasing Agent; therefore, be it

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

Award No.	Contractor	Items	Amount
112A	ERB Co	35	Amount in Excess of $20,000

113. WHEREAS, Funds were appropriated for School Apparel in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, public bidding procedures were observed for Bid No. 113 – School Apparel; and

WHEREAS, Legal notice was published February 12, 2026 and bid documents were mailed to or secured by six potential bidders; and

WHEREAS, Bids were publicly opened and read on February 26, 2026 and one properly executed bid was received; and

WHEREAS, Bid was analyzed by Ms. Julie Jacklin, Administrator for School Business Services, and Ms. Ann Schiro, Purchasing Agent; therefore, be it

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

Award No.	Vendor	Amount
113A	Stuart Sports, Inc.	Estimate in excess of $20,000

114. WHEREAS, Funds were appropriated for Facility Paint Supplies in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, public bidding procedures were observed for Bid No. 114 – Facility Paint Supplies; and

WHEREAS, Legal notice was published February 14, 2026 and bid documents were mailed to or secured by six potential bidders; and

WHEREAS, Bids were publicly opened and read on February 26, 2026 and one properly executed bid was received; and

WHEREAS, Bids were analyzed by Ms. Julie Jacklin, Administrator for School Business Services, and Ms. Ann Schiro, Purchasing Agent; therefore, be it

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

Award No.	Vendor	Discount Percentage
114 A	Sherwin Williams	66%

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following were received and filed.
TREASURER'S REPORT – JANUARY 2026
BUDGET STATUS REPORTS– JANUARY 2026

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo.
PERSONNEL REPORT – CERTIFICATED
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Bass, second by Mr. Vilardo.
PERSONNEL REPORT - CLASSIFIED
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Addendum To The Personnel Reports –
Motion to add to agenda moved by Mr. Cancemi seconded by Mr. Petrozzi; all in favor.
Motion to approve the addendum to the personnel reports moved by seconded by Mr. Bass seconded by Mr. Cancemi. All in favor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mrs. Dunn.
REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION
The Committee on Special Education met on December 3, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 2025; and January 7, 12, 13, 14, 21, 28, 29, 2026; and February 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 2026; and March 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 2026 to review Annual Reviews, and October 3, 7, 2025; and November 7, 2025; and January 14, 16, 23, 2026; and February 6, 11, 13, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 2026; and March 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 2026 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 2025-2026 school year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mrs. Dunn.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Committee on Pre-School Special Education met on February 3, 5, 10, 12, 19, 20, 23, 24, and 26, 2025; and March 3, 5, 9, and 10, 2026; 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 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.
ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

None.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Petrozzi.

SHORT-TERM CONTRACTS

1. A Gray Area Co. Nicholas & Justin Gilmore Student Media Fellowship Program $25,000.00 A 2110.400.045.2280 February – June 2026
2. Engineering for Kids Buffalo Lisa Hicks STEM educational activities. $1600 (Split Funding) $400- A 7310.400-057 $400- A 7310.400-061 $400- A 7310.400-056 $400- A 7310.400-049 April 18, 2026 May 2, 2026 May 16, 2026 May 30, 2026
3. Buffalo Zoo Animal biofacts and animal ambassadors $324.65- A 7310.400-057 April 18, 2026
4. Aquarium of Niagara Animal biofacts for hands on learning. $375.00 A 7310.400-057 April 18, 2026
5. Wahi Studio Art Jess Tomaino Mobile visual art experience $175.00 A 7310.400-057 April 18, 2026
6. Erie-Niagara Conservatory of Music Tune-the-Tale early childhood music program $0.00 April 18, 2026

7. Sources of Strength Sources of Strength Adult advisor and Peer leader training $6,000.00 F2110 400 098 2025 Spring 2026
8. Lumber City Combat Sports Workshop with Assistant Trainer $1,800.00 A2250 140 098 March 2026
9. Over the Falls Tours, Inc. Transport student to VEX Robotics Championship $2,695.00 A2330 400 007 March 4, 2026
10. Hilton Garden Inn BWI Airport Linthicum Heights, MD 21090 8th Grade Fieldtrip to Washington, D.C. NTE $7,000.00 April 22-24, 2026
11. D&F Travel 8th Grade Fieldtrip to Washington, D.C. $15,400.00 April 22-24, 2026
12. Cold Narly Generation, LLC Student music production workshop $12,000.00 Feb 20, 2026 March 4 2026 April 4, 2026 May 4, 2026
13. She Drums Walk the World Celebration $175.00 A.2060.400.006 April 18, 2026
14. Checkers the Inventor/Charlie and Checkers Joey Hamilton 380 Stony Road Lancaster, NY 14086 Partnership with NF Public Library and Niagara County Dept. of Health to promote reading; three, 45-minute presentations at HFA $750.00 A2210.400.045.2280 March 24, 2026

2. Final Resolution: Motion Carries
3. Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mrs. Dunn.

HEAD START REPORTS

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo

APPROVAL OF AMENDED CALENDAR OF BOARD ACTIVITIES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET—2026-2027

WHEREAS, The adoption of the Superintendent's recommended General Fund Budget is one of the most important annual activities of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Board adoption of the General Fund Budget is the final step in a series of preceding steps and activities that must be accomplished according to a schedule; and

WHEREAS, The development of a General Fund Budget is dependent upon a clear understanding of responsibilities that are both Board and staff related; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt the attached Amended Calendar of Board Activities for the preparation of the General Fund Budget.

Niagara Falls Board of Education
2026 - 2027 Key Budget Dates

- Board Review of Budget – January – April
- Submit Tax Levy Limit Calculation – March 1, 2026
- Superintendent's Budget Recommendation to Board – April 23, 2026 (Amended)

- Board to Adopt Budget and Contingent Budget – April 23, 2026 (Amended)
- Present Property Tax Report Card – April 23, 2026 (Amended)
- Submit Property Tax Report Card to SED – April 24, 2026 (Amended)
- Budget Available – April 30, 2026
- Public Hearing – May 7, 2026
- Mail Budget Notice – May 8, 2026
- Budget Vote – May 19, 2026
- Finalize Revenue Estimates – June 18, 2026
- Set Tax Levy and Tax Rate – July 2, 2026

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo
Mr. Laurrie commended Ms. Glaser for being the only District utilizing students as election inspectors and for continuing to do so.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED 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

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 19, 2026; 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 fewer 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 2026 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 7, 2026, 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 19, 2026, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. to 8 o'clock p.m. (E.D.S.T.) for the following purpose:

1. To elect three members to the Board of Education, two of whom each will serve a full five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2026, the other of whom will serve a term commencing May 20, 2026 and terminating June 30, 2028.

2. To adopt the annual budget of the school district for the fiscal year 2026/27 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 19, 2026.

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:

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 2026-27 budget and expenditure of funds vote will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, 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, 2026-27, 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 8th through May 19th 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 8th through May 19th.

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 19, 2026, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. (E.D.S.T.) to 8:00 p.m. for the following purposes:
1. To elect three members to the Board of Education, two of whom each will serve a full five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2026, the other of whom will serve a term commencing May 20, 2026 and terminating June 30, 2028. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the board of education must be filed in the office of the clerk of the district between the hours

of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., not later than April 29, 2026. 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 2026/27 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 19, 2026. Applications for military voters may be made to the District Clerk no later than May 5, 2026.

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 19, 2026, 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 2026/27 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 2026-2027 budget submitted to the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2026, 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 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 19, 2026. A list of all persons to whom early vote by mail 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 4, 2026. 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 27, 2026 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 28, 2026 until the day of election, May 19, 2026.

2026 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 – 66th 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 – 95th Street
5		8	79th Street School	551 – 79th Street
6	4th	*1st	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	5th	*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	6th	1	City Hall	745 Main Street
16		2, 3	Cristoforo Columbo Society	2223 Pine Ave.
17		4	Bloneva Bond School	2513 Niagara Street

18	5	Packard Court Center	4p
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 4, 18, & May 11 & 15 2026

Judith Glaser
Clerk of the Niagara Falls
Board of Education

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo
The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR 2026

WHEREAS, The annual school election/budget vote of the Niagara Falls City School District will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, This Board at its February 26, 2026, Regular Meeting established the number and location of election polls; and

WHEREAS, Education Law 2607 states that "...the Board of Education shall appoint for each election district at least three qualified voters residing therein to act as inspectors at such election in such election district at such election" and may appoint additional inspectors for one or more districts when in its opinion special circumstances exist requiring the services of such additional inspectors, and

WHEREAS, The District has canvassed persons for appointment to these positions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education determines that special circumstances exist requiring the services of additional inspectors in certain districts; and

RESOLVED, That the following list of qualified voters are hereby appointed to serve as Inspectors, and/or poll monitors, as indicated, to perform all duties in connection with canvassing of the ballots at said school election/budget vote pursuant to 2610 of the Education Law; and

RESOLVED, That each inspector appointed be compensated in the amount of $187.50 for the day's work, and

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Education is hereby directed to give written notification of such appointment to each appointee, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That inspectors elected as Chairpersons who will be responsible for the handling of absentee ballots, keys, and supplies at their respective polling sites and the returning of same will be compensated an additional $30.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each election inspector who attends one of the workshops held on Monday, May 18, 2026, be compensated $25.00.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. McLeod.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR 2026

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo
The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF STUDENTS AS ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR MAY 2026 ELECTION

WHEREAS, An election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, to choose two members for the Niagara Falls Board of Education, to vote on the school budget and any other propositions; and

WHEREAS, The Board at its March 26, 2026 Regular Meeting established the number and location of election polls; and

WHEREAS, Education Law 2607 states that "...the Board of Education shall appoint for each election district at least three qualified voters residing therein to act as inspectors at such election in such election district at such election" and may appoint additional inspectors for one or more districts when in its opinion special circumstances exist requiring the services of such additional inspectors, and

WHEREAS, Election Law 3-400 states that “A person seventeen (17) years of age who is enrolled in a school district and fulfilling the requirements of section thirty-two hundred seven-a of the education law shall be eligible to be appointed as, and to perform the duties of, an election inspector or poll clerk as provided in this chapter”; and

WHEREAS, Education Law 3207-a allows school districts to permit students enrolled in the district to serve as election inspectors or poll clerks with the “consent of the student’s parent, guardian or other person in parental relation”; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education wishes to grant permission to students who are eligible, to serve as election inspectors or poll works at its annual elections held in May of each year; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby permits and appoints the students named on the attached list to serve as inspectors, to perform all duties in connection with canvassing of the ballots at said school election/budget vote scheduled for May 19, 2026, subject to the provisions of law including but not limited to section 3-400 of the Election Law and sections 2610 and 3207-a of the Education Law; and

RESOLVED, That each student appointed to serve as an election inspector be compensated in the amount of $187.50 for the day's work, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each election student serving as an inspector who attends a training workshops conducted by the District Clerk be compensated $25.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Education is hereby directed to give written notification of such appointment to each appointee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF LIAISON TO STUDENTS SERVING AS ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR MAY 2026

WHEREAS, An election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, to choose two members for the Niagara Falls Board of Education, to vote on the school budget and any other propositions; and

WHEREAS, The Board at its March 26, 2026 Regular Meeting authorized the appointment of students to serve as election inspectors; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to assist students serving as election inspectors by appointing a knowledgeable person to act as a liaison; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the following individual be appointed as liaison to students serving as election inspectors.:

Ann Marie Hauptner
815 Vanderbilt Ave.
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

RESOLVED, That said liaison be compensated in the amount of $450.00 for the day's work, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Education is hereby directed to give written notification of such appointment to the appointee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF USE OF PESTICIDE ON THE GROUNDS OF NIAGARA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL AND LASALLE PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR THE CONTROL OF TICKS

WHEREAS, the District considers the health and safety of students and staff of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, NYS Chapter 85 of the Laws of 2010 require the Board of Education to approve the application of pesticides on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, under NYS Education Law, Section 409-H, requires the District

to provide 48-hour prior notification to all persons on the district's prior notification list as well as to post signage around the affected grounds warning of the use of pesticide; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of pesticide for the control of ticks on school grounds at Niagara Falls High School and LaSalle Preparatory School; and

RESOLVED that the Board directs the Administrator for School Business Services provide at least 48-hour prior notification to all required and appropriate parties; and further

RESOLVED the Director of Facilities prepare the appropriate notifications and signage and he is hereby directed to post such signage around the affected grounds warning of the use of pesticide.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Vilardo

APPROVAL OF HEAD START NON-COMPETITIVE BASELINE APPLICATION FOR THE 2026/2027 HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START GRANT

WHEREAS, On January 2nd 2021, the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls (hereafter known as "The District") submitted an application to become the provider of Head Start/Early Head Start services in Niagara Falls, NY; and

WHEREAS, The District was awarded the Head Start/Early Head Start Grant on September 8th, 2021, the District received the official grant award notice, called Notice of Award, for the Head Start/Early Head Start Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls City School District received the official grant award notice, called Notice of Award, for the Head Start/Early Head Start Grant; and

WHEREAS, The Head Start/Early Head Start Grant is funded from 07/01/2026 through 06/30/2031; and

WHEREAS, The Notice of Award indicates that the project period for Year 6 of the Head Start/Early Head Start Grant is 07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027, with a combined funding of $1,875,753.00; and

WHEREAS, The Board needs to approve the attached non-competitive baseline application, budget and narrative for the Head Start/Early Head Start project period of 07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Human Services, which is the department of the Federal Government that oversees the Head Start/Early Head Start Grant, has requested that the Governing Board, which has been designated as the Niagara Falls City School District Board of Education, approve the non-competitive baseline application, budget and narrative for the 2026/2027 Head Start/Early Head Start project period, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the attached non-competitive baseline application, budget and narrative for the Head

Start/Early Head Start Grant project period of 07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, The District Clerk has the authority to secure the signature of the President of the Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, The President of the Board of Education is designated as authorized to sign the attached Non-Competitive Baseline Application.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2027 SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT PLAN

WHEREAS Regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education 8 NYCRR Section 200.2 (c) (2), require that each board of education receiving state apportionment funds for students with disabilities under Education Law §§ 3602 or 4410 must use those funds to provide special education programs and services; and

WHEREAS Pursuant to regulations, and New York State Education Law § 3602(8)(b),each board of education must also develop, maintain, and approve a SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT PLAN that is available for public inspection and review by the Commissioner of Education; and

WHEREAS The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls Central Office Committee on Special Education Department Team has developed the attached 2025 -2027 Special Education District Plan; and

WHEREAS, This Plan provides a snapshot of the delivery of Special Education services to qualifying District students; and

WHEREAS, The Plan meets all the requirements of the Commissioner's Regulations and Board of Education policy 7610; and

WHEREAS, This Plan will serve as a guide for future actions related to Special Education; and

WHEREAS, The District's Special Education Team will review the Special Education District Plan on a bi-annual basis; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the 2025 - 2027 Special Education District Plan is hereby approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent is directed and empowered to implement The Special Education District Plan, as approved, as a guide for the delivery of future Special Education services; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of the Plan shall be placed on file in the Human Resource Office and be posted on BoardDocs and the District's Committee on Special Education website.

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Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mr. Bass.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND ARIES TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC., FOR 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, The District is obligated to provide appropriate transportation services to students with special needs; and

WHEREAS, The District has provided transportation supports for special needs students upon request, on an as needed basis in the past and will continue to provide transportation services through a contract with Aries Transportation Services, Inc. who will provide qualified specialized professionals to the District; and

WHEREAS, The agreed upon fee for the services rendered pursuant to the terms of the agreement is standard rates of per day of $393.37; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement shall be effective for a term commencing February 23, 2026 and ending June 30, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the Agreement attached hereto with Aries Transportation Services, Inc. to provide transport by qualified professionals for special needs students upon request, on an as needed basis, at the rates as provided therein, a copy of which is attached for a period commencing February 23, 2026 and ending June 30, 2026; and

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

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

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

Transportation Agreement between Aries Transportation Services and Niagara Falls School District

Requirements

The following agreement is made between Aries Transportation Services, Inc. 85 River Rock Dr. Suite 302 Buffalo, NY 14207 and The Niagara Falls School District, Niagara Falls, NY.

Aries Transportation Services agrees to provide door-to-door AM and PM transportation services for one student with or without a monitor.

Student 1-

08:00-08:20 Pick up: 557 75th Street Niagara Falls, NY 14305

03:15-15:24 Pick up Harry F Abate School - 1625 Lockport Street Niagara Falls, NY 14305

1. Transportation will be required each day that the Niagara Falls School district is in session for the 2026-2027 school year based on the school calendar.

2. All Aries drivers shall be capable, skilled and hold all necessary licenses and permits as may be required by applicable Federal, State and Local laws — including, but not limited to, NYS DOT 19A Certification. All Aries' drivers are subject to pre-employment drug screens, criminal background checks, and random drug and alcohol testing per DOT guidelines.

3. Aries shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law indemnify and hold harmless the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls School 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 Transportation Agreement excepting, however, the negligent acts or omissions of the Niagara Falls School District, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

4. Aries shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the Niagara Falls School District. All policies shall name the Niagara Falls School District as an additional part insured. A Certificate of Insurance shall be filed with the Niagara Falls School District prior to the commencement of services and after each renewal date of the policies listed on the certificate. The certificate shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be cancelled until at least thirty days' prior written notice is given to the Niagara Falls School District.

Cost

Aries Transportation will charge a fee of $397.37 per day for the transportation. Aries will invoice weekly for days students are transported to and from school.

Terms

This agreement will remain in effect until June 30, 2026. This agreement can be terminated by either party for any reason by providing a 30-day written notice of termination. The terms of this agreement can be modified at any time with the written agreement of both parties.

_____ Joseph A. Ieraci, Director of Operations

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Date

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mr. Bass.

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. (MARCH 27, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2026)

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 weekly consultation to schools and four (4) 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 $10,000 for period effective 3-27-2026 and to terminate 6-30-2026; 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 weekly consultation to schools and four (4) full day trainings at a sum not to exceed $10,000 for the period March 27, 2026 through June 30, 2026, 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 27th day of March 2026, 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 Restorative Practices. 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

staff development on Restorative Practices (March 27, 2026 to June 30, 2026), including:

- Four (4) full day trainings to staff members on Restorative Practices
- Weekly consultations to all schools
- All instructional materials needed for Restorative Practices
- 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 according 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 $10,000 for weekly consultation to schools and four (4) 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 $10,000 by June 30, 2026. 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, it's 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 March 27, 2026 to June 30, 2026, 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. CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE
CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Bonnie Kane, Ph.D.
Co-Founder
Anthony Paretto
President, Board of Education
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mr. Cancemi.
APPROVAL OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (CAP) IN RESPONSE TO THE DISTRICT INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

WHEREAS, The District is subject to an annual independent internal audit, and

WHEREAS, The District is required to respond to any findings and / or recommendations

in such audits in the form of a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to acknowledge the results of the audit and present actions to be taken in response to the noted findings and / or recommendations; and

WHEREAS, The CAP requires the approval of the governing body of the District, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education affirm and approve the CAP attached hereto, and

RESOLVED, that said CAP be forwarded to the NYSED.

City School District of the City of Niagara Falls
March 26, 2026
Tronconi Segarra & Associates as TSA Advisors
Review of Food Service Operations Payroll, and Financial Reporting
Independent Internal Audit Report
Corrective Action Plan
Review of the Payroll Process:

Finding: The District's time keeping processes are highly manual and paper-based, which could lead to errors in payroll processing.

Recommendation: We recommend that the District research options and work towards developing and adopting a more automated, electronic timekeeping system.

Implementation of Corrective Actions for Recommendation #1:

The majority of the District's payroll is processed through an electronic timekeeping system (nVision). The District will explore software options available in order to significantly reduce the number of time sheets.

Persons Responsible for Implementation Plan:

Administrator for School Business Services, Administrator for Human Resources

Targeted Start Date:

July 2026

Review of Financial Reporting:

Finding: Budget status reports and revenue status reports for funds other than the General Fund are not being formally provided to the Board on a monthly basis.

Recommendation: We recommend that monthly budget and revenue status reports for all District funds are provided to the Board at each meeting as best practice.

Implementation of Corrective Actions for Recommendation #2:

Beginning in April 2026, the Board will receive budget and revenue status reports for all funds which includes the General Fund, the Cafeteria Fund, the Special Aid Fund, and the Capital Fund.

Persons Responsible for Implementation Plan:

Administrator for School Business Services and Budget Manager

Targeted Start Date:

April 2026

These plans were approved by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls at their meeting on March 26, 2026

Signed:

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Julie Jacklin – Administrator for School Business Services Date

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF NIAGARA HYDROELECTRIC POWER AND ENERGY TO THE NIAGARA PROJECT HOST COMMUNITIES SERVICE TARIFF NO.H-1 1 FIRM HYDROELECT

POWER AND ENERGY (SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK) APRIL 2026

A motion is recommended for the approval of the following Resolution: Approval of the "Agreement For The Sale Of Niagara Hydroelectric Power and Energy to The Niagara Project Host Communities Service Tariff No. H-1 – Firm Hydroelectric Power and Energy (School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls, New York) April 2026"

WHEREAS, The original fifty (50) year license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to the Power Authority of the State of New York, (Power Authority) to operate the Niagara Falls, Power Project (Project) which was due to expire on August 31, 2007, was renewed, resulting in permitting the Power Authority to continue to operate the Project for an additional fifty (50) years commencing September 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The District, a charter member of the Niagara Power Coalition together with the remaining six members negotiated and secured ongoing benefits from
the Power Authority under the Renewed License; and

WHEREAS, The benefits secured were in part incorporated in the 'Sale of Niagara Project Hydroelectric Power and Energy to the Hosts Communities Service
Tariff No HC-1 Firm Hydroelectric Power and Energy Agreement 2007 (School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls, New York) August 2007) Agreement (August 2007), approved by the Board on August 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Since the approval of the August 2007 Agreement, certain modifications and actions were required so as to insure full compliance of the Agreement with maximum benefits to the Communities; and

WHEREAS, The parties now wish to formalize the modifications so as to continue such full compliance and benefits and have negotiated an updated "Sale of Niagara Project Hydroelectric Power and Energy to the Hosts Communities Service Tariff No HC-1 Firm Hydroelectric Power and Energy Agreement (School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York) April 2026 (April 2026 Agreement), which is attached for Board review and action, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board does hereby approve the "Agreement For The Sale Of Niagara Hydroelectric Power And Energy To The Niagara Project Host Communities Service Tariff No. H-1 – Firm Hydroelectric Power and Energy (School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls, New York) April 2026", attached hereto, effective upon the execution of like April 2026 Agreement by each of the Host Communities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute, upon execution to deliver the "Agreement For The Sale Of Niagara Hydroelectric Power And Energy To The Niagara Project Host Communities Service Tariff No. H-1 – Firm Hydroelectric Power and Energy (School District Of The City Of Niagara Falls, New York) April 2026" to the appropriate parties.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Nicholas Vilardo
Abstain: Russell Petrozzi,
POLICY - None

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

Non Agenda Related Speakers:
Dr. T. Schultz spoke as a community member – Spoke on her feelings that the incident at Gaskill is not isolated incident; she feels there is a culture of racism in the District. She cited data related to disproportionality, most recently published in 2016.

Ken Hamilton – Spoke on diversity within the school district. He researched the addresses of school board members and didn't like where they lived. (Data attached.)

Gloria Dolson – Spoke on her appreciation of the Board's service; she recognized Principal Mrs. Manella for attending a Black church during Black history month. She encourages more leaders to do similar things.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Mr. Laurrie
The Board will recognize Mr. Capizzi's service on the Board at a future meeting.

Tomorrow at the NF Convention Center, from 10 a.m. to the end of the school day, NFHS will partner with the NF Housing Authority led by Samika Sullivan 200 NFHS and prep school students will participate in a Let's Talk seminar.

The TriCities collaboration with Niagara Wheatfield and North Tonawanda on April 15 will be guests at the Native American Tuscarora School at NW campus.

Spring recess for students begins next Monday, March 30th. Students and 10-month employees return on Monday, April 13th, 2026. Staff will be in schools to serve the community during break, except for Friday, April 3rd, 2026.

BOCES students competed at Alfred State in the Skills USA Area 1 Regional competition in the following areas: cosmetology, culinary, advertising, collision repair, restaurant services, and employment applications, part of computer science.

Happy and restful spring break to all.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT AND COMMENTS

Mr. Vilardo: Congratulated the NFHS drama students on their most recent production, which he attended.

Mr. Cancemi: The Board is doing a great job. The Board has instituted many programs to reach out to parents; parents also must reach in.

Mr. Bass: Spoke at length regarding the GPS situation, which was not taken lightly by the District, the Board or himself. The comments made which caused, and in response to, the incident were inappropriate, words have consequences; the individual who started this situation has caused a lot of hurt. Mr. Bass has offered to go to GPS to assist. Congratulations to Miss Kaur on her awards and honors.

Mrs. Dunn: Also spoke at length regarding the GPS situation, it is not overlooked; it is an ongoing process to resolve this issue and racism in general. The situation affects the whole community, not only GPS. It is not just one school, it is the whole city. It is not new, nor is it confined to schools. Residents might also start to address racism by attending City Council meetings, not always and only turning to the Board of Education. Racism is real and present, but Mrs. Dunn will not feel badly for living in a nice neighborhood. Board members are voted in; if there is a desire for more diversity of income among Board members, people should vote in members from other socio-economic classes.

Mr. Wojton: Congratulations to Miss Kaur. Last night at the District Parent Committee meeting, students presented on biliteracy and Walk the World. The students were impressive.

Mr. Paretto: Congratulations, to Miss Kaur and thank you to the staff working so hard on the budget. At the invitation of Mr. D. Bass, Mr. Paretto spoke to students about the trades. Students were surprised to learn skilled trades workers can earn a nice living. He will continue to spread that word.

The Board adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT in memory of the following who recently passed away:
Eleanor Hohmann, mother-in-law of Linda Hohmann.
Jane Pullano, grandmother of Miquel Pullano.

Motion by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mrs. Dunn.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl Bass, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser, District Clerk

DATE: April 16, 2026
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. Paretto at 5:30 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Miss Kaur
Excused: Mr. Cancemi

Staff: Mr. Laurrie, Mr. Wojton, Mrs. Buchman, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Miss McCreary, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser, Mr. Chandler.
Attorneys: Mr. Massaro, Mr. Brown

Mr. Laurrie virtually greeted Mrs. Macri.
Congratulations to Mrs. McLeod, on her improved health.

The Skating Association for the Blind and Handicapped (SABAH)
Kalfas students participated in SABAH's program. A video was shared depicting students skating.

The State passed its fourth extension on the NYS budget, causing school districts to use the best thinking rather than hard numbers to create a budget. Mr. Laurrie shared that economic times are hard and the outlook for the future is less bright than hoped. There are not many options for balancing budgets, to include increase taxes , increase revenue, cut expenses- programs and people- use of reserves, or a combination thereof.

This budget is balanced by the use of reserve monies and staff reduction through attrition.

Moving forward, the federal budget shows no increase in Title I, again.

Only about $350,000 in carry-over will be rolled into the next academic year.
The percent increase in revenue is 1.94%
The percent increase in expenditure is 4.19%

Mrs. Jacklin and Miss McCreary:
2026-2027 General Fund Budget Mrs. Jacklin gave an update on planning for the 2026 – 2027 recommended budget.
Projected revenue for 2026 – 2027 is $202,133,075
Projected expenses for 2026 – 2027 are $211,260,990
Recommended use of reserves: $9,127,915

The Foundation aid increase (2.75%) is countered by the increase in health insurance costs.

Salaries and wages increased; Universal Pre-Kindergarten funding currently proposed by the Governor is not ideal for the District, which has fully funded UPK since 1992. More flexibility of funding would be beneficial. About $2 million is saved through attrition. Overtime will have to be trimmed. Transportation is reduced for after school programming funded by the general fund.

Reserves / Other Sources - Est 6/30/26	Available		Description
Unassigned Fund Balance	$ 8,113,605	4.00%	Total Available Less Anticipated Use
Appropriated Fund Balance	$ 349,335		Total Available Less Anticipated Use (25-26)
Use of ERS Reserve	$ 12,288,298		Total Available Less Anticipated Use (25-26)
Use of TRS Reserve	$ 5,838,135		Total Available Less Anticipated Use (25-26)
Use of EBLAR Reserve	$ 13,864,937		Total Available Less Anticipated Use (25-26)
Use of Debt Service Reserve	$ 2,265,032		Total Available Less Anticipated Use (25-26)
Use of Worker's Comp Reserve	$ 7,342,826		Total Available Less Anticipated Use (25-26)
Increase the Tax Levy	$ 577,529		Can increase the levy 2.2% for a total levy of $26,406,518
Greenway Funds	$ 320,619		Available as of 2/28/26
Cafeteria Fund Balance	$ 1,068,751		Cafeteria Fund Use Only - Opening at the beginning of the year

Reserves / Other Sources - After Allocation	Available		Description
Unassigned Fund Balance	$ 6,700,025	3.17%	Total Available Less Anticipated Use
Appropriated Fund Balance	$ 1,762,915		Total Available Less Anticipated Use (25-26) and Reserve Allocated (26-27)
Use of ERS Reserve	$ 10,288,298		Total Available Less Anticipated Use (25-26) and Reserve Allocated (26-27)
Use of TRS Reserve	$ 3,838,135		Total Available Less Anticipated Use (25-26) and Reserve Allocated (26-27)
Use of EBLAR Reserve	$ 12,199,937		Total Available Less Anticipated Use (25-26) and Reserve Allocated (26-27)
Use of Debt Service Reserve	$ 1,415,032		Total Available Less Anticipated Use (25-26) and Reserve Allocated (26-27)
Use of Worker's Comp Reserve	$ 6,492,826		Total Available Less Anticipated Use (25-26) and Reserve Allocated (26-27)
Increase the Tax Levy	$ 577,529		Can increase the levy 2.2% for a total levy of $26,406,518
Greenway Funds	$ 320,619		Available as of 2/28/26
Cafeteria Fund Balance	$ 668,751		Cafeteria Fund Use Only - Estimating a loss of $400k

The unions have been very understanding of the situation.

Property Tax Report Card: will be submitted to the State on time. It was presented to the Board.

A review of the agenda was held.

Item 6.04: The District was audited on three years of American Rescue Funds and had just four findings:

1. How employees signed sign-in sheets ie, CARES vs. Coronavirus Aid
2. As Leading Educational Authority, the NFCSD distributes funds to non-public schools 1851.00. The NFCSD did not get three quotes on hand sanitizer and soaps after spending $1500.00; there was non available on State contract.
3. The NFCSD has an inventory of physical assets. The finding was that the assets were catalogued in three lists instead of one.
4. The NFCSD sent non-public schools a heck based on enrollment rather than purchasing all their items for them.

The District finds these findings pedantic, but will comply.

Mr. Laurrie provided the following updates:

The “Walk the World” celebration will be held at NFHS Saturday, April 18th. It celebrates world cultures through food, fashion, and art.

There will be a Say Yes Saturday Academy Saturday, April 18th at Cataract Elementary School from 9 a.m. - noon.

This week, NW, NT NFHS went to Tuscarora School on the NW campus.

On Sunday, April 26th at 3p.m. in the Niagara Falls High School Performing Arts Center the Buffalo Philharmonic will present a free community concert titled the "Rhythm of the Falls". This free concert is open to the public and does not require a ticket.

Our annual Walk Against Child Abuse will take place at 4:30p.m. at the Hyde Park Pavilion Stonehouse on Tuesday, April 28th, 2026. Many thanks to Judy Martin for her coordination.

The District is sending three LaSalle Prep students, Dakota Dixon, Essie James and Nora Guarino, to compete April 26 through May 1 in the World Robotics Championships

Artemis II: one of the four astronauts aboard the recently landed spacecraft, one, Jeremy Hansen, had previously spoken to our students at NFHS.

The Board entered executive session at 6:47 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded Mr. Bilson by for the purpose of discussing litigation. for the purpose of discussing nine remaining cases of pending litigation regarding CVA; and, potential litigation regarding CVA. All in favor.

The Board exited executive session at 8:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo seconded by Mr. Petrozzi. All in favor.

DATE: April 23, 2026
KIND OF MEETING: **ARS**
PLACE: Board of Education Board Room
AGENDA REVIEW:
CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paretto at 5:30 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi*, Mr. Vilardo
Excused: Mr. Bass, Mr. McLeod, Miss Kaur
***Remote**

The third annual Walk The World event was held April 18, 2026.
Committee: Marcia Capone, Ron Capone, Mallory Leo, Marissa Rogers, Rebecca Tantillo, Tammy Capatosto, Cheree Copelin, Meredith

Anthony, Ruben Puchecko, Kyle LynnTuttle, Andrea Modicamore, Simone Beckford, Terese Loiacano, Colleen Pascuzzi.

Mr. Laurrie read a letter he received from a parent who praised the event and the planning that went into it. The writer thanked the District for valuing all cultures and heritages and the diversity of our community. Mr. Laurrie thanked instructional staff, Information Services staff, and CSEA for all the hard work putting on an amazing event. More than 1,000 people attended.

Simone Beckford offered that many attendees did not realize how diverse the community is. More than 100 students volunteered at the event, belonging to the NFHS Culture Club.

Budget Update:
Mrs. Jacklin, Miss McCreary:

Regarding the proposed budget, Mr. Laurrie made the following remarks:
There is no State budget yet; this is unfortunate.
This is the seventh time the Board has seen the budget. It was incorrectly reported in a newspaper article that the Board had seen the budget for the first time last month. Additionally, Mr. Laurrie clarified that since 2014, the District has not used reserves nor raised taxes.

It was incorrectly reported in the media by a freelance writer that the District should have seen four years ago that expenses would outpace revenue. This is untrue. This is a new problem.

Reasons for the budget gap that existed in forming the proposed: 2026-2027 budget include:
Huge CVA payouts totalling $450,000
Generator at LPS $511,000
Charter School Tuition, which increased by $500,000 after the budget was passed
Governor Hochul changed the CPI from 2.9 to 2.7
The addition of two special education classrooms, which cost $140,000
Federal funds being withheld from grants
The Districted granted more than 100 busing special requests
Mid-year utility increases
Out of District tuitions increase mid-year
Lower aid due to enrollment
This adds up to $4 million.

The Superintendent would not have recommended tax increases now or in the past; it would have been irresponsible to raise taxes while reserves were growing, as they had been since 2013. Interest rates also were lower, due to a better bond rating.

It is time to use reserves. The District still has $40 million in reserves.

Regarding reducing schools, as suggested by said freelancer, this is not under discussion in any way.

Our students need and deserve everything we can provide. Thanks to the stewardship of the Board over several years, we have reserves available which have grown over time. Safety and security have been maximized, with no reimbursement.
At NFHS, multiple alternative programs have been funded, including a financial literacy pathway which has been added to graduation recognitions. The District has expanded mental health initiatives due to increased need. The District never wants to lay people off; smaller class sizes benefit students.

Niagara Falls is not alone in seeing lower enrollments. Liverpool, Kenmore, and Cortland have similar enrollments and budgets, but have laid people off, cut programs, and raised taxes while also using reserves.

We are closing the budget gap through attrition, reducing regular subs while finding places for all the regular subs. We are using the reserves while leaving $40 million. Many schools and municipalities would like to be in this position. We have kept programs on track.

We are watching reserves and every budget line.

The recommended budget is $211,260,990.

The contingency budget would reduce spending by $344,600.00. It would remove equipment purchases and the purchasing of student supplies and also limit transportation. Also, it limits, by law, community use of District buildings.

Th property tax report card was again reviewed and will be submitted to the State.

A reminder: the STAR exemption is designed to phase out and is decreasing.

Mr. Laurrie thanked our unions for their understanding and cooperation: CSEA, NFT, NIAS, TAUL ,and ASC.

Mr. Paretto pointed out Small City districts are still not properly funded under the Campaign for Fiscal Equity.

The State's Regional Poverty Index has not changed since 2007.

Mr. Petrozzi added that the District closed two elementary schools and a middle school in 2007 as well as moving Central Office, which saved millions. Additionally, the District lowered its health insurance costs dramatically.

Mr. Bilson added that the community and Board are kept informed to prepare for the future. Again, contrary to rumor, there is no plan to close any school.

A review of the agenda was held.

Staff: Mrs. Buchman, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. McCreary, Ms. Massaro, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Wojton, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser, Mr. Chandler.
Attorneys: Mr. Massaro, Mr. Brown
Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Reflection
Roll Call

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 moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo

Minutes – March 2026
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Vilardo

Approval of Budget Transfer - # 9
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo , second by Mr. Cancemi.
Approval of the following Bids –

Bid No. 115 Printing and Distribution of "Your Public Schools" Newsletter
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following were received and filed.
Treasurer's Report – March
Budget Status Report – April

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi , second by Mr. Vilardo
Motion to add addendum to Certificated Report.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo
The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi , second by Mr. Vilardo

Personnel Report - Certificated
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mrs. Dunn.

Personnel Report - Classified
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Report from Committee on Special Education - none

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mrs. Dunn.
Report from Committee on Preschool Special Education – None.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mrs. Dunn.

Short-Term Contracts

1. Fuji Grill NF Walk the World Celebration $700.00 F2110.400-098-2826 April 18, 2026
2. Ghada Have It LLC Walk The World Celebration $750.00 F2110.400-098-2826 April 18, 2026
3. Ty's Hyde Park Café Walk The World Celebration $800.00F 2110.400-098-2826 April 18, 2026
4. Anchai LaCarte Walk The World Celebration $700.00 F2110.400-098-2826 April 18, 2026
5. New Punjabi Halah-Mirch Masala Walk The World Celebration $700.00

F2110.400-098-2826 April 18, 2026
6. The Mami House, LLC Walk The World Celebration $700.00
F2110.400-098-2826 April 18, 2026
7. Amanda Poreda House of Hips Walk The World Celebration $150.00
F2110.400-098-2826 April 18, 2026
8. Wahi Studio Art Jess Tomaino Mobile visual art experience $260.00
A 7310.400-056 $260.00 A 7310.400-049 May 16, 2026, May 20, 2026
9. Niagara Downunder, Inc. Traveling petting zoo $550.00
A7310.400-049 May 30, 2026
10. UB Center for Literacy and Reading Instruction Reading Tutoring $480.00
F2250 404-098-0726 March 17 – May 2, 2026
11. She Drums Drum circle/fitness drumming $350.00
A 7310.400-061 - $175.00 A 7310.400-049 - $175.00 May 2, 2026 May 30, 2026
12. Buffalo Zoo Animal biofacts and animal ambassadors $325.51
A 7310.400-061 May 2, 2026
13. Chair Massage Pit Stop Chair Massages for mothers attending the Say Yes Saturday Academy $360.00 A 7310.400-061 May 2, 2026
14. Peaceful Schools Social Emotional Learning through STEM activities $450.00
A 7310.400-061 May 2, 2026
15. Autumn's Gate Hands on animal experience $500.00 A 7310.400-056 May 16, 2026
16. CM Learning Group Teacher Professional Development $15,000
F2110.400-098-0326 April – June 2026
17. CM Learning Group Administrator Professional Development $15,000
F2110.400-098-0326 April – June 2026

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mr. Cancemi.
Head Start/Early Head Start Reports

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None
NEW BUSINESS

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027
WHEREAS, To assist the Board of Education in the preparation of its proposed budget, the Superintendent has met with the staff/schools and reviewed budget requirements of various departments/schools for the 2026-2027 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Based on information received, the Superintendent prepared his recommendation for the 2026-2027 budget in the amount of $ 211,260,990 which are herewith submitted to the Board for its action; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent's recommendation for the proposed General Fund Budget for school year 2026-2027 in the amount of $ 211,260,990, herewith submitted is received and filed by this Board.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD FOR 2026-2027

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts and approves the real property tax report card (attached) prepared from the budget approved for 2026-2027 in the total amount of $ 211,260,990 and directs the Administrator for School Business Services to submit this report card to SED by the close of business tomorrow, April 24, 2026.

Property Tax Report Card
Form Due - April 25, 2026

	Budgeted 2025-26 (A)	Proposed Budget 2026-27 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	202,840,136	211,260,990	4.15%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount[1]	25,828,989	25,828,989	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	-	-	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable[2]	-	-	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if applicable	-	-	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C-D)	25,828,989	25,828,989	0.00%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	825,864	480,323	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions[3]	26,424,894	25,926,195	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E-B-F+D)	25,003,125	25,348,666	
I. Difference: (G-H);(negative value requires 60.0% voter approval)[2]	1,421,769	577,529	

Public School Enrollment	6,830	6,761	-1.01%
Consumer Price Index			2.63%

[1] Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.
[2] Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

[3] For 2026-27, includes any carryover from 2025-26 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2025-26 (D)	Estimated 2026-27 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	44,664,783	41,599,228
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	1,764,241	1,762,915
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	8,113,605	6,700,025
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	3.17%

Schedule of Reserve Funds

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description *	3/31/26 Actual Balance	6/30/26 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2026-27 School Year (Limit 200 Characters)**
Capital		For the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.			
Repair		For the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.			
Workers Compensation	Reserve for Workers Compensation	For self-insured Workers Compensation and benefits.	7,592,826	7,342,826	$850,000 of the reserve will be utilized in the 2026-27 school year.
Unemployment Insurance		For reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.			
Reserve for Tax Reduction		For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property.			
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service	Reserve for Debt	For proceeds from the sale of district capital assets or improvement, restricted to debt service.	3,180,587	2,265,032	$850,000 of the reserve will be utilized in the 2026-27 school year.

Insurance		For liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.			
Property Loss		To cover property loss.			
Liability		To cover incurred liability claims.			
Tax Certiorari		For tax certiorari settlements.			
Reserve for Insurance Recoveries		For unexpended proceeds of insurance recoveries at fiscal year end.			
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	Reserve for EBLARS	For accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	14,464,937	13,864,937	$1,665,000 of the reserve will be utilized in the 2026-27 school year.
Retirement Contribution	Reserve for Retirement (ERS)	For employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System.	12,738,298	12,288,298	$2,000,000 of the reserve will be utilized in the 2026-27 school year.
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		For unpaid taxes due certain city school districts not reimbursed by their city/county until the following fiscal year.			
Single Other Reserve	Reserve for Retirement (TRS)	For employer retirement contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System.	6,688,135	5,838,135	$2,000,000 of the reserve will be utilized in the 2026-27 school year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

APPROVAL OF 2025-2026 HEALTH SERVICE FEES FOR NON-RESIDENT PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOL STUDENTS

WHEREAS, Health service fees are annually established by the school district so that proper charges may be made to districts of residence for non-resident private and parochial school students requiring the provision of these services by this school district pursuant to Section 912 of the New York State Education Law; and

WHEREAS, Based upon expenses of $ 6,748,603 for 2025-2026 and public school enrollment of 6,585 and a parochial school enrollment of 179 as of October 1, 2025, the per pupil cost amounts to $ 997.72 therefore, be it.

RESOLVED, That the 2025-2026 health service fee for non-resident private and parochial school students be established at the rate of $ 997.72 therefore, be it.

RESOLVED, That the attached contract be approved to be used when billing each school district.

CONTRACT FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT made in duplicate_____day of _____, 20____by and between the Board of Education of _____as trustee(s) of _____, Country of _____ of _____,N.Y., party of the first part, and the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls as trustee of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, County of Niagara, N.Y., party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That whereas party of the first part has been duly empowered by the provisions of Section 912 of the Education Law to enter into a contract for the purpose of providing health and welfare services for children residing in said school district and attending non-public schools in the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, County of the Niagara, N.Y., to begin September 1, 2025 and to end June 30th, 2026.

Now, therefore, the said party of the first part hereby agrees to pay the party of the second part the sum of $_____for health and welfare services to be provided under Section 912 of the Education Law for approximately_____children residing in the District of _____County Of_____N.Y., and attending non-public schools in the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, County of Niagara, N.Y.

And the party of the second part agrees with the part of the first part as follows:

1. That the Health and Welfare Services provided under Section 912 shall consist of the following:

Physician Services
Nurse Services
School Psychologist Services
School Social Work Services
School Speech and Hearing Services

Such services may include, but not limited to all services performed by a physician, nurse, nurse practitioner, school psychologist, school social worker or school speech therapist, and may also include vision and hearing test, taking of medical histories, and the administration of health screening test, and maintenance of cumulative health records and the administration of emergency care programs for all or included pupils.

2. The party of the second part will also furnish the following equipment to be used in providing such services if requested by the authorities in charge of the non-public school:

Supplies and equipment for use by physician, school nurse, psychologist, social worker and speech therapist (i.e. scales, vision and hearing testing devices, health record forms, first aid supplies, an all other readily transportable equipment and supplies pertaining to delivery of services).

It is expressly agreed by and between the parties hereto that the services agreed under this contract shall not include any teaching service.

It is mutually agreed that this contract shall not become valid and binding upon either party thereto until the same shall be approved by the (District) Superintendent of Schools

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT
I have examined the above contract and hereby approve the same.

_____ _____
Date Superintendent of Schools

Party of the Second Part:

_____ _____
Date Superintendent of Schools
City School District of the City of Niagara Falls

City School District of the City of Niagara Falls
Niagara Falls, New York
Health and Welfare - 2025/2026

A2815	**HEALTH SERVICES**			
	Nurse Practitioner	$	106,909.00	
	Health Associates		305,707.29	
	Nursing Salaries		800,976.24	
	Fringe Benefits		498,463.13	
	Outside Services		335,278.00	
	Materials and Supplies		16,615.00	
	Intra-Dist. Travel Mileage		1,000.00	
	Total Health			**$ 2,064,948.66**

A2820	**PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES**			
	Psychological Salaries	$ 1,164,057.00		
	Fringe Benefits	356,604.43		
	Supplies	8,322.00		
	Total Psychologist		**$**	**1,528,983.43**
A2825	**SOCIAL WORKERS**			
	Social Worker Salaries	$ 731,611.78		
	Fringe Benefits	502,137.55		
	Total Social Workers		**$**	**1,233,749.33**
A2250	**SPEECH SERVICES**			
	Speech Teachers Salaries	$ 1,312,549.00		
	Fringe Benefits	608,373.02		
	Total Speech Services		**$**	**1,920,922.02**
	TOTAL SERVICES		**$**	**6,748,603.44**

Fringe Benefits est average *44%*

ENROLLMENT as of 10/01/2025	
Public School Enrollment	6,585
Non-Public School Enrollment	179
Enrollment Total	**6,764**

TOTAL COST	$	6,748,603.44
TOTAL ENROLL		6,764
COST PER PUPIL	**$**	**997.72**

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Vilardo.

APPROVAL OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (CAP) IN RESPONSE TO THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND AUDIT (ESF-0923-02)

WHEREAS, The District was subject to an audit by the New York State Department of Education

WHEREAS, The District is required to respond to any findings and / or recommendations in such audits in the form of a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to acknowledge the results of the audit and present actions to be taken in response to the noted findings and / or recommendations; and

WHEREAS, The CAP requires the approval of the governing body of the District, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education affirm and approve the CAP attached hereto, and

RESOLVED, that said CAP be forwarded to the NYSED.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi , seconded by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF FILING OF SUMMARY OF BUILDING-LEVEL SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS AS AMENDED, FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING (MAY 7, 2026)

WHEREAS, the State of New York enacted a Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act (SAVE), a component of which requires Boards of Education within the State to adopt and annually amend, if necessary, Building-Level School Safety Plans that address crisis intervention and prevention, emergency response and management; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education in compliance with the laws and regulation adopted and filed Building-Level Safety Plans for District Schools annually as required; and

WHEREAS, Building-Level School Safety Teams appointed pursuant to the law and regulations for each school within the District, reviewed and amended the Building-Level School Safety Plan for their respective school; and

WHEREAS, a summary of each Building-Level School Safety Plan as amended, is to be made available for public comment for a period of at least 30 days prior to formal adoption by the Board; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Building-Level School Safety Plans, as amended, is required for the participation of personnel, parents, students and other interested parties prior to its adoption; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the Building-Level School Safety Plans, as amended, and submitted by the Building-Level School Safety Teams for the respective schools, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a summary of the Building-Level School Safety Plans, as amended, be filed in the District Clerk's office for public comment on April 24, 2026, and remain on file for at least 30 days prior to approval by the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on May 7, 2026 at the District Administration Building, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, immediately prior to the regular scheduled Board meeting for participation of school personnel, parents, students, and other interested parties; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board and the District Clerk are hereby directed to prepare such notice(s) as required and necessary to advise the public of the availability of the Summary of the Building-Level School Safety Plans, as amended, in the District Clerk's office as of April 24, 2026, for public comment for a period of at least 30 days prior to its adoption and the public hearing as required by law scheduled for May 7, 2026, all as provided in this Resolution; and to do any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi , second by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF FILING OF PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE DISTRICT- WIDE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN, AS AMENDED, FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING (MAY 7, 2026)

WHEREAS, the State of New York enacted a Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act (SAVE), a component of which requires Boards of Education within the State to adopt and annually amend, if necessary, a Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan that addresses crisis intervention and prevention, emergency response and management; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education in compliance with the laws and regulations did formulate, adopt and file a Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, a District-Wide School Safety Team appointed by the District, reviewed and amended the Comprehensive District-Wide School safety Plan for the Niagara Falls City School District in accordance with the laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan as amended, is to be made available for public comment for a period of at least 30 days prior to formal adoption by the Board; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan, as amended, is required for the participation of personnel, parents, students and other interested parties prior to its adoption; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education receive the Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan, as amended, anticipated to be filed by the District-Wide School Safety team, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan, as amended, be filed in the District Clerk's office for public comment on April 24, 2026, and remain on file for at least 30 days prior to approval by the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on May 7, 2026 at the District Administration Building, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, immediately prior to the regular scheduled Board meeting for participation of school personnel, parents, students, and other interested parties; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board and the District Clerk are hereby directed to prepare such notice(s) as required and necessary to advise the public of the availability of the proposed Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan, as amended, in the District Clerk's office as of April 24, 2026, for public comment for a period of at least 30 days prior to its adoption and the public hearing as required by law scheduled for May 7, 2026, all as provided in this Resolution; and to do any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi , second by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF FILING OF PROPOSED DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT, AS AMENDED, FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING (MAY 7, 2026)

WHEREAS, the State of New York enacted a Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act (SAVE), a component of which requires Boards of Education within the State to adopt and annually amend as appropriate Code of Conduct for the maintenance of order on school property, including school functions, which Code of Conduct is to govern the conduct of students, teachers and other school personnel as well as visitors, and provide for the enforcement thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education in compliance with the laws and regulations did formulate, adopt and file a Code of Conduct for the District; and

WHEREAS, a Committee appointed by the District reviewed and amended the Code of Conduct in accordance with the laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Conduct, as amended, is to be made available for public comment for a period of at least 30 days prior to formal adoption by the Board; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed Code of Conduct, as amended, is required for the participation of personnel, parents, students and other interested parties prior to its adoption; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education receive the Code of Conduct, as amended, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Code of Conduct, as amended, be filed in the District Clerk's office for public comment on April 24, 2026, and remain on file for at least 30 days prior to approval by the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on May 7, 2026 at the District Administration Building, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York, immediately prior to the regular scheduled Board meeting for participation of school personnel, parents, students, and other interested parties, provided such public hearing could be held in accordance with all the Emergency Declarations of the President of the United States and/or the Governor of New York, otherwise such public hearing will be dispensed with to the extent permitted by the law and/or Emergency Declarations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board and the District Clerk are hereby directed to prepare such notice(s) as required and necessary to advise the public of the availability of the proposed Code of Conduct in the District Clerk's office as of April 24, 2026, for public comment for a period of at least 30 days prior to its adoption and the public hearing as required by law scheduled for May 7, 2026, all as provided in this Resolution; and to do any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo , second by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND PROJECT L.E.E. INC. FOR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (APRIL 1, 2026 – MAY 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to increase academic achievement and provide mental, social, and emotional support services for students; and

WHEREAS, In past school years, the District contracted with Project L.E.E. Inc. at LaSalle and Gaskill Preparatory Schools to provide student mentorship; and

WHEREAS, Project L.E.E. Inc. has extensive experience in mentoring youth and using motivational workshops to reach many students who face difficult life challenges; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with Project L.E.E. Inc., to provide youth mentoring and social-emotional support services for students at Abate Elementary, Cataract Elementary, Maple Avenue Elementary, LaSalle Preparatory, and Gaskill Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Project L.E.E. Inc., to provide such services for five (5) schools at a cost not to exceed $35,000 for the period 4-1-2026 -5-31-2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Project L.E.E. Inc for weekly social-emotional student support services at a sum not to exceed $35,000 for the period April 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026, 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
PROJECT L.E.E., INC

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 23rd day of April 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Project L.E.E. Inc., PO Box 392, Buffalo, New York 14205.

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 Project L.E.E. Inc. as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of a student mentor program and Project L.E.E. Inc. hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Project L.E.E. Inc shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the student mentor program objectives for April 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026 including:

- Student mentoring at five (5) schools: Abate Elementary, Cataract Elementary, Maple Avenue Elementary, Gaskill Preparatory, and LaSalle Preparatory schools
- Motivational workshops for at-risk students
- The program will run weekly with program implementation at one school each day for a total of five schools each week.
- Social emotional learning (SEL) support to students

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 according 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 Project L.E.E. Inc. shall not be an employee of the District. Project L.E.E. 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. Project L.E.E. 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 Project L.E.E. Inc. for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $35,000 to be paid in two (2) monthly installments of $17,500 on the last date of each month for April and May 2026 for five (5) schools per week of student support services. Payment checks payable to the order of Project L.E.E. Inc. shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Project L.E.E. Inc.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Project L.E.E. 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Project L.E.E. Inc. shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Project L.E.E. 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 April 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026, 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 Project L.E.E. Inc. under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Project L.E.E. 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.

PROJECT L.E.E., INC. CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Rev. Gene Copelin
Executive Director

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo , second by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND VIA EVALUATION, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL GRANT EVALUATION SERVICES FOR SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANT (APRIL 24, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again hire an independent evaluation company to render professional services associated with the mandatory independent evaluation required of the School-Based Mental Health Services Grant; and

WHEREAS, The District previously hired Via Evaluation, Inc. as an independent consultant to render the professional evaluation services required; and

WHEREAS, A new Contract has been negotiated with Via Evaluation, Inc. for April 24, 2026 – June 30, 2026, at a fee not to exceed $25,000 payable upon completion of work on June 30, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Via Evaluation, Inc., for independent grant evaluation services at a cost not to exceed $25,000 for the period April 24, 2026 – June 30, 2026 attached hereto, be and the same is hereby approved; and be it further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR INDEPENDENT GRANT EVALUATION SERVICES BY
BY INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT
VIA EVALUATION, INC.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 23rd day of April, 2026 by and between the CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, the first party, and Via Evaluation, Inc., 505 Ellicott Street, Suite A8, Buffalo, NY 14203, the second party.

WITNESSETH:

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

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

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

a. In-person and phone-based meetings and consultation

b. Analysis of all data necessary to meet requirements of the evaluation portion of the School-Based Mental Health Services Grant

c. Customary Document Preparation and reporting of required data to appropriate parties provide copies of completed data reports to the District

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

4. Compensation to Second Party: Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the first party shall pay to the second party for services rendered in sum to exceed $25,000 payable in full upon completion of work on June 30, 2026. The Second Party shall submit invoice on the date herein stated. The second party shall deem payment check payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquittance.

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

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

negligent acts or omissions of the first party its agents servants and/or employees.

7. Term of Contract: This Contract shall commence April 24, 2026 – June 30, 2026, provided, however, that any party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

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

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo , second by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND BECAUSE I TRIED ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (APRIL 24, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to increase academic achievement and provide mental and social emotional support services for students; and

WHEREAS, In previous school years, the District has contracted with Maurice Cox's company, "Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc.", to provide youth mentoring services at the elementary, prep, and high school level; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox has extensive experience in mentoring and teaching youth and he is a captivating motivational speaker who is able to reach many students who face difficult life challenges; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with Mr. Cox's company, Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc., to provide mentoring, social, and emotional support services for students participating in the "Winning Because I Tried" Mentoring Program; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc., to provide weekly mentoring services at four (4) schools: Gaskill Preparatory, Niagara Falls High School, Maple Avenue, and Harry F. Abate Elementary for a cost not to exceed $26,000 to be paid upon completion of mentoring classes and by 6-30-2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. for Student Support Services at a sum not to exceed $26,000 for the period April 24, 2026 – June 30, 2026, 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
BECAUSE I TRIED ENTERPRISES, INC

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 23rd day of April 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc., PO Box 1278, Buffalo, NY, 14214.

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 Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of youth mentoring classes and Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the weekly mentoring sessions for April 24, 2026 – June 30, 2026, including:

- Maximum of 10-15 students per class
- Spring mentoring class at four (4) schools: Gaskill Preparatory, Niagara Falls High School, Maple Avenue, and Harry F. Abate Elementary
- Programs may be offered both before and after school
- Program dates to run from April 2026 through June 2026
- Program graduation including party, certificates, awards and gifts

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 according 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. Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. shall not be an employee of the District. Because I Tried Enterprises, 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. Because I Tried Enterprises, 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 to Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $26,000 to be paid upon completion of the weekly mentoring classes and by June 30, 2026. Payment checks payable to the order of

Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Because I Tried Enterprises, 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Because I Tried Enterprises, 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 April 24, 2026 – June 30, 2026, 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 Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Because I Tried Enterprises, 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Vilardo , second by Mrs. Dunn.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR TRUANCY PREVENTI0N PROGRAMS – R. CUNNINGHAM CONSULTANTS, INC. 5/1/26 –4/30/27

WHEREAS, The District desires to enter into agreement with R. Cunningham Consultants, Inc. as a consultant in the area of Truancy Prevention programs for grades Prek-12; and

WHEREAS, It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Education approve the agreement with R. Cunningham Consultants, Inc. for consulting services for the period May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, The fee for services to be rendered shall be an amount not to exceed the sum of $170,000, payable in equal monthly installments of $14,166.66, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract for Professional Consultant Services by an Independent Contractor for Truancy Prevention Programs between the Niagara Falls City School District and R. Cunningham Consultants, Inc. attached hereto, be approved; and

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

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute such contract; and

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
CONSULTANT SERVICES
BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

This agreement, MADE THIS 23rd DAY OF April, 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 Sixty Sixth Street, Niagara Falls, New York, 14304 (hereinafter called the "First Party"), and R. Cunningham Consultants, Inc., P.O. Box 432, Niagara Falls, New York 14302 hereinafter called the "Second Party");

WITNESSETH:

IN CONSIDERATION OF the provisions and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the Parties do hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. Engagement of Second Party. The First Party hereby engages the Second Party as an independent contractor to render to the First Party the professional consulting services in the area of truancy prevention, hereinafter described, and the Second Party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
2. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party. The Second Party shall provide and render to the First Party the usual and customary services of a consultant as they relate to interpreting services and shall include without limitation, the following:
a. Provide truancy prevention intervention services Grades PreK-12;
b. The Second Party will maintain the strictest standards of ethical behavior and confidentiality;

All of these functions shall be performed under the direction of the Superintendent. This consultant should possess a thorough knowledge of truancy prevention initiatives.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. The Second Party shall not be an employee of the First Party. The Second Party is engaged by the First Party only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement, and the relationship to the First Party during the term of this Agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services hereinbefore expressly set forth, in the exclusive capacity of independent contractor only, and in no event as servant or employee except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have the power to control the activities and operations of the other and their status at all times will continue to be that of independent contractor.
4. Compensation to the Second Party. Upon receipt of due monthly invoice indicating the days worked and duties performed, the First Party shall pay to the

Second Party, for services rendered hereunder, a sum not to exceed $170,000, to be paid monthly by checks made payable to the order of the Second Party in equal monthly installments of $14,166.66 provided the invoices are received and approved by the District and receipt of a monthly report by the Superintendent. Payment checks payable to the order of the Second Party shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by the Second Party.

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

The Second Party shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the First Party. All policies shall name the First Party as an additional part insured. The Second Party is responsible for all withholding taxes, insurance, unemployment, and Workers' Compensation insurance as required by law.

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

6. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027, provided, however, that any Party may, at any given time, terminate this Contract in all respects by giving to the other Party ten days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

7. Assignments\Assistants. The Independent Contractor agrees to hire to assist in performing the services required to be performed herein, and shall as an Independent Contractor be responsible and pay all wages, benefits, and taxes for such Assistants, and any additional assistants it may determine to hire.

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi , seconded by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF STATE AID FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW GENERATOR – AMENDED

WHEREAS, At its meeting on November 20, 2025, the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls Board of Education approved a resolution accepting state aid for the purchase of a new emergency backup generator; and

WHEREAS, This resolution amends the resolution approved on November 20, 2025 to include the Source of Funds of the new emergency backup generator as per request of the New York State Department of Education Office of Facilities Planning; and

WHEREAS, On or about October 30, 2025, the emergency backup generator at LaSalle Preparatory School suffered a catastrophic failure; and

WHEREAS, The generator powers emergency lighting and emergency circuits so that the building would be able to function in the event of a power outage; and

WHEREAS, The failure of the emergency generator and the conditions resulting therefrom created a public emergency affecting the LaSalle Preparatory School building; and which could affect the health and/or safety of the occupants of the building and other persons; and

WHEREAS, The failure of the emergency generator and the resulting conditions was not an action item that the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls (hereafter known as The District) could have anticipated, as annual routine maintenance was performed on the emergency generator; and

WHEREAS, The District Interim Director of Facilities; Michael Macri; the Superintendent; Mark Laurrie; and outside architect Clark, Patterson, Lee; the corrective action plan is to replace the emergency generator and associated transfer switches; and

WHEREAS, The District will submit the required emergency plans to NYSED for capital improvement project approval; and

WHEREAS, The District will fund the emergency project from the General Fund and then will submit the required documentation and paperwork after completion of the project so as to be reimbursed by State Aid using the State Aid Formula; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The above-described occurrences and the condition thereby created constituted an immediate public emergency within the meaning of General Municipal Law §103(4) arising out of an accident or other unforeseen occurrence or condition whereby circumstances affecting public building, public property or the life, health, safety or property of the inhabitants of the District and other persons did and does require immediate remedial and corrective action which cannot await public competitive bidding procedures and the delay attendant thereon; and be it further

RESOLVED, All contracts and engagements heretofore made by or on behalf of the District for the remediation of the conditions created by said public emergency are hereby in all aspects confirmed, ratified and approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to secure informal quotations from qualified contractors to perform such work and furnish such labor and materials as shall be necessary to fully secure the building from the damage resulting from the emergency occurrences as described above; and be it further

RESOLVED, By reason of such emergency any and all contracts heretofore or hereafter made for the above-mentioned purposes shall not require prior public competitive bidding and may be made and awarded by the Superintendent of Schools and/or the Administrator for School Business Services subject to the ratification and approval of this Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board of Education and/or the Superintendent be and they are hereby authorized to execute any contract hereinbefore or hereinafter made for the remediation of the emergency generator at LaSalle Preparatory School and the remediation of the condition created by the public emergency at the LaSalle Preparatory School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk is authorized to obtain the signature of the President of the Board of Education and/or the Superintendent as may be required on any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi , seconded by Mr. Bilson.

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi , seconded by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF FILING NOTICE OF CLAIM WITH THE NEW YORK LIQUADATION BUREAU (NYLB) AGAINST THE UNITED COMMUNITY INSURANCE COMPANY (UCIC) LIQUIDATION ESTATE AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMENCEMENT AND/OR PROCUTION OF SUCH CLAIM, INCLUDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND/OR JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls (District) has been named as party defendant in a number of legal actions brought pursuant the Child Victims Act of the State of New York. and

WHEREAS, In all but two of such actions the District has been successful in securing defense counsel and indemnification with reservations from the insurance carriers that provided insurance to the District over the past sixty plus years and partial indemnity with reservations in three other actions; and

WHEREAS, The five actions involved the period when the District was insured by the United Community Insurance Company, (UCIC) which coverage, upon verification would be sufficient to protect the District against the actions had the UCIC not been placed in liquidation in the mid 1900s; and

WHEREAS, The District did all that was legally required of it in securing the insurance during that period and, the liquidation occurred through no fault of the District; and

WHEREAS, The District had no claim to file at the time of the liquidation, which occurred some twenty-rive (25) +/- years thereafter when the New York State Legislature enacted and the Governor signed the Child Victims Act; and

WHEREAS, The Act permitted alleged victims of child abuse a window period to revive their claim, without affording municipalities, including school districts, that complied with the law and did no wrong, to protect itself and its taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, The Superintendent in consultation with the School District Attorneys have reviewed this inequity and he and they recommend the District approve the filing of a Notice of Claim with the NYLB for damages it sustained resulting from the Liquidation of the UCIC and to prosecute such claim in the manner as may be required; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education does herby approve of filing of a Notice of Claim with the New York Liquidation Bureau (NYLB) against the United Community Insurance Company (UCIC) Liquidation Estate, a copy of which is attached, and authorizes the commencement and/or prosecution of such claim, including Administrative and/or Judicial Proceedings that may be required; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, That the School District Attorney be authorized to sign, and directed to obtain the signature(s) of any and all persons required to sign and file such Notice of Claim and other documents to commence any Administrative and/or Judicial proceeding required to prosecute such Claim.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT AB501

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, (District) does herby approve the Confidential Settlement of action AB 501 against the District, No:E170278/2019, discussed during previous Executive Session, and does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Settlement on behalf of the District.

Dated: April 23,2026 AB 501

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi , seconded by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT LG 101

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, (District) does herby approve the Confidential Settlement of action LG 101 against the District, No: E175685/2021, discussed during previous Executive Session, and does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Settlement on behalf of the District.

Dated: April 23, 2026

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi , seconded by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT TH

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, (District) does herby approve the Confidential Settlement of action TH against the District, No: E170466/2019, discussed during previous Executive Session, and does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Settlement on behalf of the District, and to issue any payment required to be made by the District pursuant to the Confidential Settlement.

Dated: April 23, 2026

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi , seconded by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT PB 67

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, (District) does herby approve the Confidential Settlement of action PB 67 against the District, No:E174607/2021, discussed during previous Executive Session, and does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Settlement on behalf of the District, and to issue any payment required to be made by the District pursuant to the Confidential Settlement.

Dated: April 23, 2026

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi , seconded by Mr. Bilson.

APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT PB 66

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, (District) does herby approve the Confidential Settlement of action PB 66 against the District, No:E174550/2021 discussed during previous Executive Session, and does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Settlement on behalf of the District, and to issue any payment required to be made by the District pursuant to the Confidential Settlement.

Dated: April 23, 2026

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

7. Review of the Proposed Policy(ies)

REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED POLICY(IES) none

INFORMATION AND REPORTS
Oral Communications - Public Comment on Non-Agenda-related Items
Superintendent's Report
Board Members Report and Comments

ADVANCED PLANNING

Future Agenda Items

Review Mtg. **Thursday, May 7, 2026** **Public Hearing Budget, Safety Plans**	**ARS/Regular Mtg.** **Thursday, May 14, 2026** **Regular Meetings 7 p.m.**
1.	1.
2. Review of the May 20 Statutory, Regular Board Meetings – *Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro*	2.
3. Public Hearing on Safety , 6:30 p.m Public Hearing on Budget, 7 p.m.	3. Review of the May 20h Statutory, Regular Board Meeting – *Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro*

Statutory **Wednesday, May 20, 2026** **8 p.m.**

The following was moved by Mr. Cancemi , seconded by Mr. Bilson.

ADJOURNMENT

In memory of:

Dominic Strangio, beloved son of Sarah and Frank Strangio.

Rose LaGatta, mother of Chiara Durkin, aunt of Megan Strassburg.

Father of Joe Contento, father-in-law of Cathie Contento.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser, District Clerk

DATE:	May 7, 2026
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. Paretto at 5:34 p.m.

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

Staff: Mr. Wojton, Mrs. Buchman, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Miss McCreary, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser, Mr. Chandler.
Attorneys: Mr. Massaro, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Brown

Mr. Bilson called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Mr. Wojton greeted Mrs. Macri and previewed the meeting.

Celebration of Robotics Team Mr. Wojton, Ms. Buchman, Ms. Tompkins

Ms. Joyce, Mr. Clark reported that LPS had six robotics teams all of which made the State Championships, and now mentors DeSalles in Lockport. GPS has eight teams. Niagara County has the most robotics teams in the State.

The teams participates in World Robotics Championships as well.

High school also has teams. Next Year, Abate will bring two teams on board as well.

Student Essie assisted with the presentation, and demonstrated two robots she built. Team Blitzbots went to St. Louis, Missouri this past weekend. Weather interrupted their experience, but they did compete. Competitions are one minute in duration. Other students who participated took part in the presentation via Teams from a baseball game in which they were competing.

A parent event also was held to give parents or other adults a chance to drive the robots and compete, while students coached.

Mr. Wojton also discussed the soft skills students are learning through the program. The skills acquired are already valuable for graduates entering the workforce.

Update on Summer 2026 Programs Mr. Wojton

The following programs will be held this summer (attached).
Summer programs have expanded over the last 10 to 15 years so all students have access to programming, from Pre-Kindergarten Four through to high school. Mr. Wojton reviewed each opportunity, especially highlighting project-based learning and the new State Portrait of a Graduate requirements. NFHS already is providing dynamic classes and is well-prepared for these new requirements. Younger level students will begin to have these pathway programs, too.

A review of upcoming Agenda was held.

A review of the agenda was held.

DATE:	May 7, 2026
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. Bilson at 6:30 p.m.

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

Staff: Mr. Wojton, Mrs. Buchman, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Miss McCreary, Mrs. Jacklin, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser, Mr. Chandler.
Attorneys: Mr. Massaro, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Brown

Ms. Nearhood, assistant principal at Hyde Park School, presented the changes to the Safety Plans.
Recommended Changes to the District Comprehensive Safety Plan include: the addition of cardiac emergency response plan (CERP) - (Desha's law required by NYSED); the addition of behavioral threat assessment language; the addition of 'Rise Up" program at NFHS; simplified document by eliminating parts not required to be in Code of Conduct (ex: Public Employer Emergency Plan was moved to District Safety Plan); under "Prohibited Student Conduct", offenses were reordered and grouped by Local Offenses (ex: insubordination) and State Reportable Offenses (ex: weapon possession).

The Code of Conduct was reduced to be more user friendly; duplicative information was left in the Safety Plan document and removed from the Code of Conduct. It also was realigned to comport with State reporting requirements.

The hearing was concluded at 6:45 p.m. There were no speakers making comment from the public.
Hearing adjourned at 7:14 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, seconded by Mrs. Dunn. All in favor.

A review of the agenda was held.

DATE:	May 7, 2026
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. Bilson at 7 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mrs. Dunn , Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mr. Cancemi, Mr. Paretto
A thorough review was presented by Mrs. Jacklin and Ms. McCreary. The budget calls for no reduction in staff and no increase in the tax levy, which has remained stable since 2014.

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

Highlights:

2025 - 2026 Budget	$ 202,840,136
Proposed 2026 - 2027	$ 211,260,990
Increase of:	$ 8,420,854

Percent change:	4.15%
Consumer price index:	2.63%

The proposed budget maintains all existing academic programs without an increase to the tax levy. The proposed budget also includes the addition of four new special education classrooms.

The proposed budget for 26-27 includes many cost increases in areas such as health insurance, tuition, utilities, and outside services. These increases were able to be absorbed by the use of reserves and fund balance. State aid accounts for nearly 83% of revenues. State Aid: Increase in State Aid of $4,432,148 – this includes an increase in foundation aid of 2.75%

Local and Miscellaneous Revenues: Decrease of $309,413 as a result of decreased interest income earned on investments and reduction in Greenway funds usage

Use of Reserves: $7,365,000 of reserves plan to be utilized as follows
$850,000 – Debt Service Reserve
$850,000 – Worker's Compensation Reserve
$2,000,000 – Employee Retirement System Reserve
$2,000,000 – Teacher Retirement System Reserve
$1,665,000 – Employee Benefit Reserve

Use of Fund Balance: $1,762,915 of fund balance will be appropriated to close the budget gap.

Program accounts for 71% of expenditures. Highlights: Estimated Salary and Wages: $3.3M, this amount is net of attrition and breakage for retirements. There is the addition of 4 new special education classrooms (24 full time employees)
Increase to UPK Funding: The Governor's proposed budget includes an increase to PreK funding in the amount of $1.9M
Outside Services/Insurance/Utilities: Increases of $906k as a result of increased contracts rates, new Evolv machines, and rising utility costs
Transportation Contracts: Expected increase of $349k to transportation costs based upon anticipated CPI of 3.5%

Tuitions: Increase of $1.2M includes tuitions for charter schools and out of district special needs placements
BOCES Services: Increase of $955k relating to increased services costs and administrative costs
Health Care – Active & Retiree: $3.7M increase based upon rate increases

Public Comment: None.

Mr. Bilson presented Miss Kaur with a monetary gift donated by the Board and staff who attend Board meetings.

Comments from Mr. Wojton:
Two NFHS students athletes won the Hewitt Awards; for the first time since 1989, both female and male winners were from NFHS.

Big Picture students work

NFEF Dinner last night recognized Mr. Laurrie, Mr. Kazeangin, and Dr. Mustafa as Outstanding Alumni and awarded 30 scholarships.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace has provided 123 beds to families to date.

NFHS Niagara USA honoring Young Environmental Leaders.

This year, an alumni lip dub will be filmed on May 24 Sunday.

At the last meeting, a parent from Hyde Park requested that Eid be added to the District calendar as a day off; the District is accommodating this request.

Special permission requests continue to come in; 415 have been submitted already.

Forthcoming is a document for the Board with information on Senior Class activities, such as graduation and prom.

Mr. Macri is working with the water board so it can address the needed repairs on 66th Street.

Niagara Beautification Commission is sponsoring a community cleanup May 9; thanks to staff who are participating.

LaSalle alumni will meet on May 12 at LaSalle Prep School to see the alumni hall.

Teacher Appreciation Week, Nurses Appreciation Week, and Principal Appreciation Week are all upon us. Thanks to all.

Happy Mothers Day.

Hearing adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Vilardo , seconded by Mr. Petrozzi. All in favor.

The Board entered executive session at 7:36 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Bass seconded by Mr. Petrozzi for the purpose of discussing the possible appointment, promotion, or employment of an individual or the demotion, disciple, or dismissal of an employee . All in favor.

The Board exited executive session at 8:23 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bilson, seconded by Mr. Bass. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Happy Mother's Day to all celebrating.

DATE: May 14, 2026
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. Paretto at 5:30 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT: , Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn , Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, **Mr. Vilardo**
Members excised: Mr. Bass
Mr. Laurrie welcomed Mrs. Macri. He also recognized the anniversary of the Tops Massacre in Buffalo in 2016.

Superintendent's Report

2026 2027 Budget Update Mrs. Jacklin and Ms. McCreary reported that:
1.96% revenues coming in
4% expenditures going out. This is the first year expenditures are outpacing revenues. Diesel fuel prices, out of District students, sub pay, 60-day conversions have contributed to these expenses.

Workers' compensation is under-utilized.

Reserves: it is inappropriate to raise taxes while the District has reserves. The goal of reserves is to have them available when they ae needed.

Expenses: The District no control over health care costs. The resolution tonight on transportation helps protect the District. The NYS budget still is not passed. Potential inclusions in the budget may be helpful, but are to be seen. The Superintendent reviewed what he has heard about the State budget.

Were the budget not to pass, a contingency budget would be $344,000 less. Transportation limits would be enforced and no supplies would be provided. Community use would be impacted.

Unassigned fund balance is at 3.3%. Four precent is maximum.

Governor: Student Great Organizations – some existed entities could qualify and the Superintendent recommends following this closely.

Superintendent's Report:
Upcoming dates of importance were shared.
April 23: Eid will be added the next year's calendar.

State testing: On April 30, during NYS testing, technology shut down Statewide; this was unfortunate.
May 3: For only the sixth time since 1978, both prestigious Thomas E. Hewitt Scholar/Athlete Awards were awarded to students from Niagara Falls High School. Congratulations to our student-athletes: Torianne Franke and Adam McNab
May 4: Kate Johnson Jacobs Buffalo School Medical Research and two students were recognized for their work on disease.
May 6: The NF Education Foundation awarded 30 scholarships and recognized Mr. Kazeangin, Mr. Laurrie, and Dr. Mustafa as Outstanding Alumni.
May 11: The Niagara Falls City School District students and staff proudly presented Roswell Park Cancer Institute with a donation of more than $25,000 in memory of Dominic Strangio.
Auditors reviewed $56,175,00 and left early; not one dollar needs to be returned.
Thanked Mrs. Buchman, Mrs. Tompkins, and Mrs. Dotts for their work on Title I, as well as Mr. Carella, who came in to assist with audit.
On Saturday, a Say Yes Academy will take place at Abate; the last one will be held at GPS.
Saturday 2p.m. Joe Contento, Bob Augustino, and Coach Rizzo Orchard Park at 2 pm. throwback uniforms.
The District-wide Art Show at NFHS is on display until May 28th.
On May 30, Saturday, a Job Fair will be held at NFHS from10a.m. to 1 p.m.
June 4 is Senior Awards Night 6 p.m.

Reviews of Agenda for the May 14th Regular and May 20th Statutory meetings were held.

At the June 11th Board of Education meeting at 5:30 p.m. we will honor groups/individuals with Golden Apples for their unselfish contributions to our district.

Board Members:
Mr. Cancemi: Thanked Superintendent for work on budget.
Miss Kaur: Expressed that she is grateful to have served and for the support of the Board members and staff.
Mr. Wojton: Thanked those who handled the audit of Tile I.
Mr. Bass: Soap Box Derby will be held June 10, 2026, a Wednesday.

DATE: May 14, 2026
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. Paretto at 7 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn , Mr. Paretto, Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo

Letters and Communications
Oral Communications - Public Comment on Agenda-related Items
Ms. Jockline Pryor: spoke on her desire to be paid for her work. She is a candidate for office.

Written Communications

Recommended Actions from the Superintendent of Schools - Routine Matters
The following was approved on a motion by Mr. seconded by Mr.

On a motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Russell Petrozzi.

Minutes – April 2026 Meetings
Approval of Budget Transfer - #10
Approval of the following Bids

1. Athletic Apparel In-Game Uniforms Bid Award Extension
   WHEREAS, Funds were appropriated for Athletic Apparel In-game Uniforms Rebid in the General Fund; and

   WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, public bidding procedures were observed for Bid No. 107 – Athletic Apparel In-game Uniforms Rebid; and

   WHEREAS, Legal notice was published May 1, 2025 and bid documents were mailed to or secured by nine potential bidders; and

   WHEREAS, Bid was publicly opened and read on May 12, 2025 and one properly executed bid was received; and

   WHEREAS, Bid was analyzed by Ms. Ann Schiro, Purchasing Agent; therefore, be it

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

Award No.	Vendor	Discount Percentage
107A	Ad Pro	45%

2. Musical Instrument Repair & Supplies - Bid No. 116
   WHEREAS, Funds were appropriated for Musical Instrument Repair & Supplies in the General Fund; and

   WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, public bidding procedures were observed for Bid No 116 – Musical Instrument Repair & Supplies; and

   WHEREAS, Legal notice was published March 31, 2026 and bid documents were mailed to or secured by 4 potential bidders; and

WHEREAS, Bids were publicly opened and read on April 14, 2026 and one properly executed bid was received; and

WHEREAS, Bids were analyzed by Ms. Julie Jacklin, Administrator of School Business Services and Ms. Ann Schiro, Purchasing Agent; therefore, be it

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

Award No.	Vendor	Items	Total Price
116A	Tony's Niagara Music	Instrument Repair & Supplies	In excess of $20,000

3. On-Call Plumbing Services - Bid Award Extension

WHEREAS, Funds were appropriated for On-Call Plumbing Services in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, public bidding procedures were observed for Bid No 8 – On-Call Plumbing Services; and

WHEREAS, Legal notice was published July 30, 2024 and bid documents were mailed to or secured by 3 potential bidders; and

WHEREAS, Bids were publicly opened and read on August 20, 2024 and one properly executed bid was received; and

WHEREAS, Bids were analyzed by Ms. Ann Schiro, Purchasing Agent; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, award these contracts to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with specifications, as follows:

Award No.	Vendor	Items	Total Price
8A	J.R. Swanson Plumbing Co. Inc.	On-Call Plumbing Services	In excess of $20,000

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

The following were received and filed.
Treasurer's Report – April 2026
Budget Status Reports – May 2026

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Russell Petrozzi.
Personnel Report – Certificated
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Russell Petrozzi.
Personnel Report - Classified
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Russell Petrozzi.
Report from Committee on Special Education
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Russell Petrozzi.
Report from Committee on Preschool Special Education
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Clara Dunn.
Short-Term Contracts

1. Surdej Web Solutions Jeff Surdej NFCSD 2026-2027 Calendar $3,400.00 A 1480 400-007 May 2026
2. Kenneth Badger Saturday Academy DJ $300.00 A7310.400-049 May 30, 2026
3. Just Maximize Effort Saturday Academy Basketball Tournament $400.00 A7310.400-049 May 30, 2026
4. Dan Capellazzo Photography for District Art Show $1,300.00 A7310.400.001 May 14, 2026 June 4, 2026
5. Surdej Web Solutions NFCSD 2026-2027 Your Public Schools Newsletter $7,200.00 A 1480 400-007

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Russell Petrozzi.
Head Start/Early Head Start Reports (attached)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

5. Unfinished Business

5.01 None

6. New Business

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR THE 2025/2026 ESEA TITLE III - ELL, PART A GRANT

WHEREAS, the proposed use of Title III funds is to expand on and supplement the existing program for ELL students; 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 $16,603.00 has been received; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Acceptance of Funds for the 2025/2026 ESEA Title III – ELL, Part A Grant; and

RESOLVED, that the grant award of $16,603.00 be credited to revenue account code F4289.290.26 ESEA Title III – ELL, Part A Grant; and

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

Account	Description	Budget
F 2259.132-098-2926	25/26 TITLE III ELL - PER DIEM	$2,150
F 2259.140-098-2926	25/26 TITLE III ELL - SCH B	$6,671
F 2259.151-059-2926	25/26 TITLE III ELL - DEPT CHAIR STIPEND	$4,343
F 2259.167-098-2926	25/26 TITLE III ELL - HRLY CLSFD	$524
F 2259.400-098-2926	25/26 TITLE III ELL - PRCHD SRVCS	$2,550
F 2259.450-098-2926	25/26 TITLE III ELL – SPLS	$365
Total		$16,603

Revenue Code: F4289.290.26

ABTRACT

1. School District – Niagara Falls City School District
2. Title of Project – Title III - ELL
3. Funding Source – The State Education Department
4. Total Budget - $16,603.00
5. Total Staff – 0.00
6. Number of Clients Served: 210 ELL Students
7. Major Objectives / Activities / Evaluation

- Parents, administration and teachers will be informed of any changes made in assessment, accountability and new testing requirements for LEP students. Information will be relayed both by letter and at parent information meetings. Letters will be translated into target languages – Spanish, Punjabi, Urdu, Arabic, Vietnamese, Wolof, and Tamil – as needed.
- Support core content area through after-school tutoring

- Practice and review for ELA and EMA

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR THE 2025/2026 ESEA TITLE III - IMMIGRANT, PART A GRANT

WHEREAS, The Title III State Formula Grant Program, administered by the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, is designed to improve the education of English language learners; and

WHEREAS, Title III funds may be used to provide supplemental services that improve the English language proficiency and academic achievement of English Language Learners; and

WHEREAS, All services provided to English Language Learners using Title III funding must supplement the services that must be provided under Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974, and other state and local laws; and

WHEREAS, The State Educational Agency (NYSED) receives funds for Title III Immigrant children and youth based on the number of English Language Learners and immigrant children and youth in the state; and

WHEREAS, The Lead Educational Agency (NFCSD) receives a small percentage of this grant to carry out state-level activities and implement programs designed to help English Language Learner students to achieve both English language proficiency and academics standards in reading/language arts, math and science; 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 $14,157.00 has been received; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Acceptance of Funds for the 2025/2026 ESEA Title III – Immigrant, Part A Grant; and

RESOLVED, that the grant award of $14,157.00 be credited to revenue account code F4289.280.26 ESEA Title III – Immigrant, Part A Grant; and

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

Account	Description	Budget	
F 2110.140-098-2826	25/26 TITLE III IMMIGRANT - SCH B		$5,744
F 2110.177-098-2826	25/26 TITLE III IMMIGRANT – CLASS ASSOC		$630
F 2110.400-098-2826	25/26 TITLE III IMMIGRANT – PRCHD SRVCS		$6,283
F 2110.450-098-2826	25/26 TITLE III IMMIGRANT - SPLS		$1,500
	Total	$23,149	

Revenue Code: F4289.280.25

ABTRACT

1. School District – Niagara Falls City School District
2. Title of Project – Title III - Immigrant
3. Funding Source – The State Education Department
4. Total Budget - $14,157.00
5. Total Staff – 0.00
6. Number of Clients Served: 210 ELL Students
7. Major Objectives / Activities / Evaluation

- Parents, administration and teachers will be informed of any changes made in assessment, accountability and new testing requirements for LEP students. Information will be relayed both by letter and at parent information meetings. Letters will be translated into target languages – Spanish, Punjabi, Urdu, Arabic, Vietnamese, Wolof, and Tamil – as needed.
- Support core content area through after-school tutoring
- Practice and review for ELA and EMA

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR THE 2025/2026 STATEWIDE UNIVERSAL FULL-DAY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (SUFDPK) GRANT

WHEREAS, The New York State Governors Office has allocated $289,131.00 to the Niagara Falls City School District to implement the Statewide Universal Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten (SUFDPK) program; and

WHEREAS, Through the funding of the SUFDPK Grant, the Niagara Falls City School District is slated to service at least 30 children; and

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

WHEREAS, Official notification of approval of the application and award in the amount of $289,131.00 has been received, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Acceptance of Funds for the 2025/2026 Statewide Universal Pre-K (SUPK) Grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grant award in the amount of $289,131.00 be credited to revenue code F3289.320.26, and be it further

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

Account	Description	Budget
F 2510.133-058-3226	25/26 SUPK - TCHR - H/P	$158,002
F 2510.177-058-3226	25/26 SUPK - CLASS ASSOC - H/P	$74,350
F 2510.450-058-3226	25/26 SUPK - SPLS - H/P	$5,068
F 2510.803-096-3226	25/26 SUPK - FICA	$17,775
F 2510.807-096-3226	25/26 SUPK - HEALTH INS	$33,936
	Total	$289,131

Revenue Code: F3289.320.25

ABSTRACT

1. School District – Niagara Falls City School District
2. Title of Project –Statewide Universal Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten (SUFDPK)
3. Funding Source – New York State Legislature
4. Total Budget - $289,131.00
5. Total Staff – 4.5
6. Number of Clients Served: 30
7. Major Objectives / Activities / Evaluation

- Four-year old students will develop a positive self-concept and attitude toward learning and life.
- They will understand and respect social and cultural diversity, develop relationships of mutual trust and respect with adults and peers.
- Demonstrate increasing independence.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Nicholas Vilardo.**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS PIPELINE**

WHEREAS, Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the Niagara Falls City School District has experienced a dramatic and troubling increase in the number of students demonstrating fragile mental health, and

WHEREAS, more students are receiving diagnosis that may have been influenced by the pandemic, many more are exhibiting behaviors that negatively impact their academic achievement and the school environment, and

WHEREAS, The District has identified the need to hire mental health service providers to reverse this trend, and

WHEREAS, The School-Based Mental Health Providers Pipeline grant would enable the District to increase the number of credentialed mental health service providers providing school-based mental health services to students, and

WHEREAS, District staff have prepared and submitted an application for the 2025/2026 School-Based Mental Health Providers Pipeline grant; and

WHEREAS, At its meeting on February 26, 2026 the Board of Education approved an initial award amount of $70,573.00; and

WHEREAS, The District received official notice of approval of an additional award in the amount of $296,408.00; and

WHEREAS, official notice of approval of the application and award in the amount of $296,408.00 has been received; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the funds for the 2025/2026 School-Based Mental Health Providers Pipeline; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grant award of $296,408.00 be credited to revenue account code F4289.930.26; and be it further

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

Account	Description	Budget
F 2110.140-098-9326	25/26 SBMHPP - SCH B/PER DIEM	$21,908
F 2110.400-098-9326	25/26 SBMHPP - PRCHD SRVCS	$150,000

F 2810.151-045-9326 25/26 SBMHPP - COUS STIP - NFHS $18,000
F 2810.151-056-9326 25/26 SBMHPP - COUS STIP - ABATE $16,500
F 2810.151-059-9326 25/26 SBMHPP - COUS STIP - KALFAS $4,500
F 2810.151-061-9326 25/26 SBMHPP - COUS STIP - BBPS $4,500
F 2820.151-056-9326 2026 SBMHPP - PYSCH STIP - ABATE $15,000
F 2820.151-057-9326 25/26 SBMHPP - PSYCH STIP - CATARACT $30,000
F 2820.151-061-9326 2026 SBMHPP - PYSCH STIP - BBPS $21,000
F 2825.151-050-9326 25/26 SBMHPP - SW STIPENDS - LPS $3,000
F 2825.151-056-9326 25/26 SBMHPP - SW STIP - ABATE $3,000
F 2825.151-059-9326 25/26 SBMHPP - SW STIP - KALFAS $3,000
F 2825.151-060-9326 25/26 SBMHPP - SW STIP - MAPLE $3,000
F 2825.151-061-9326 25/26 SBMHPP - SW STIP - BBPS $3,000
$296,408

Revenue Code: F4289.930.26
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Earl F Bass.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED 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

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 19, 2026; 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 fewer 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 2026 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 7, 2026, 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 19, 2026, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. to 8 o'clock p.m. (E.D.S.T.) for the following purpose:

1. To elect four members to the Board of Education, two of whom each will serve a full five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2026; one of whom will serve a term commencing May 20, 2026 and terminating June 30, 2029; and one of whom will serve a term commencing May 20, 2026 and terminating June 30, 2028.
2. To adopt the annual budget of the school district for the fiscal year 2026/27 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 19, 2026.

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:

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 2026-27 budget and expenditure of funds vote will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, 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, 2026-27, 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 8th through May 19th 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 8th through May 19th.

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 19, 2026, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. (E.D.S.T.) to 8:00 p.m. for the following purposes:
1. To elect four members to the Board of Education, two of whom each will serve a full five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2026; one of whom will serve a term commencing May 20, 2026 and terminating June 30, 2029; and one of whom will serve a term commencing May 20, 2026 and terminating June 30, 2028.
Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the board of education must be filed in the office of the clerk of the district between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., not later than April 29, 2026. 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 2026/27 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 19, 2026. Applications for military voters may be made to the District Clerk no later than May 5, 2026.

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 19, 2026, 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 2026/27 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 2026-2027 budget submitted to the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2026, 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 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 19, 2026. A list of all persons to whom early vote by mail 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 4, 2026. 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 27, 2026 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 28, 2026 until the day of election, May 19, 2026.

2026 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 – 66th 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 – 95th Street
5		8	79th Street School 551 – 79th Street
6	4th	*1st	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	5th	*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	6th	1	City Hall 745 Main Street
16		2, 3	Cristoforo Columbo Society 2223 Pine Ave.
17		4	Bloneva Bond School 2513 Niagara Street
18		5	Packard Court Center 4p
0 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 4, 18, & May 11/12 & 15 2026
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Motion by Nicholas Vilardo, second by Earl F Bass.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED APPOINTMENT OF VOTING MACHINE CUSTODIANS FOR 2026

WHEREAS, An election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, to choose two members for the Niagara Falls Board of Education, to vote on the school budget and any other propositions; and

WHEREAS, The Board at its December 19, 2024 Regular Meeting established the number and location of election polls; and

WHEREAS, Each election poll requires the use of one or more voting machines, which in turn require the services of voting machine custodians for the necessary services; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education appoint as Voting Machine Custodians for 2026 the following four people:

John Sczepczenski, Head Custodian
1369 Caravelle Dr.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Andrea Zaccarella
668 69th Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

R. Matt Evans
1070 Military Rd.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Edward Charles "Skip" Metzler
1428 95th Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

RESOLVED, That Head Voting Machine Custodian John Sczepczenski be paid $600.00 for his services, and therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Voting Machine Custodians Edward Charles "Skip" Metzler, Sami Grawe, and R. Matt Evans each be paid $450.00 for their services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Head Voting Machine Custodian John Sczepczenski is authorized, if needed, to assist the District Clerk at workshops to be held for election inspectors on Monday, May 18, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Head Voting Machine Custodian John Sczepczenski be compensated $30.00 for each workshop.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo

Motion by Russell Petrozzi, second by Vincent Cancemi.

APPROVAL OF EXTENSIONS OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS AND CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND NIAGARA FALLS COACH LINES, INC. FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 – AUGUST 31, 2031

WHEREAS, According to §305, subdivision 14 of the State Education Law, extensions of existing Transportation Contracts are permitted for a maximum of five (5) years, subject to the power of the Commissioner of Education to approve or disapprove; and

WHEREAS, The price increase in any annual extension is limited to an amount, which does not exceed the preceding year's Contract price by more than the increase, in the appropriate Consumer Price Index (CPI) provided in the law; and

WHEREAS, The District has eleven (11) Transportation Contracts with Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc., scheduled to terminate August 31, 2026, which it wishes to extend for a five (5) year period to commence on September 1, 2026 and terminate on August 31, 2031, subject to the approval of the Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, The District also wishes to execute a Contract providing for terms and conditions of performance required of Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc., during the extension period of the Transportation Contracts, and compliance with all laws, rules and regulations pertaining to transportation of students; therefore; be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the extensions of the Transportation Contracts listed below, with the District's current Contractor, Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc. for transportation services, for a period of five (5) years commencing September 1, 2026 and terminating August 31, 2031, at a cost not to exceed the 2024-2026 contract costs together with an increase in an amount not to exceed the Consumer Price Index, as provided in the law, for the year 2024 – 2026:

E005596E	90/10 In Dist Reg Ed
E005248E	Kindergarten In Dist
E005245E	Integration In Dist Racial Imbalance
E005247E	Trainable Special Needs In Dist
E005591E	Specials In Dist Special Needs
E005592E	Special Needs In Dist Special
E005594E	Field Trips
E611356D	Summer School Regular
E611357D	Summer School Special
C575919E	Aides and Monitors
C575920D	Summer Aides and Monitors

and further

RESOLVED, That such action is subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education as provided by applicable provisions of New York State Education Law; and further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the Contract between the District and Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc. providing for terms and conditions of performance required of Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc.; and further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board be authorized and directed to execute the extensions of the Transportation Contracts hereto attached and the Contract, subject to other terms and conditions as may be required by the School District Attorney; and

RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board on the Transportation Contracts and the Contract.

TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS and NIAGARA FALLS COACH LINES, INC.

This Agreement made the 14th day of May 2026 by and between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York ("District") and Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc. ("NFCL").

WHEREAS, Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc. has been providing services for transportation of District's students pursuant to Contracts for the Regular and Summer School Year; and

WHEREAS, the District and NFCL desires to extend the Contracts for a period of five (5) years.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and conditions herein contained the District and NFCL agree as follows:

(1) The District agrees to extend contracts E611357D, E611356D, and C575920D to commence September 1, 2026 and terminate August 31, 2031.

(2) The District agrees to extend contracts E005245E, E005247E, E005248E, E005591E, E005592E, E005594E, E005596E, and C575919E for transportation of students during the Regular School Year 2026-2031, to commence September 1, 2026 and to terminate August 31, 2031.

(3) Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc. agrees to provide all services required to be performed by it pursuant to Contracts to commence September 1, 2026 and to terminate August 31, 2031; and to indemnify the District for any damages resulting from the performance of such services and provide liability insurance naming the District as an additional party acceptable to the District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their signatures and seals on the date first written above.

City School District of the
City of Niagara Falls, New York

Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc.

By _____ By _____

Mark Laurrie Name

Superintendent of Schools

City School District of the
City of Niagara Falls, New York

By _____

Anthony Paretto

President of Board

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

8. Information and Reports

8.01 Public Comment on non-agenda related items

8.02 Superintendent's Report
8.03 Board Members Report and Comments

BRS **Thursday, June 11, 2026**	**ARS/Regular Mtg.** **Thursday, June 18, 2026**
1. Golden Apples	1. Graduation Update
2. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – June 18 Regular Board Meeting – *Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro*	2. Review of July 2 Re-Organization Resolutions
3.	3. Review of Board Meeting Agenda Items – June 18 Regular Board Meeting –*Mr. Laurrie, Mrs. Glaser, Ms. Massaro*
4.	4. 7 p.m. and NFT/NFBOE Minority Future Teacher Scholarship

9. Advanced Planning

9.01 Future Agenda Items
9.02 Future Meeting Dates

10. Adjournment

10.01 Meeting Adjourned

Motion by Vincent Cancemi, second by Russell Petrozzi.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser
Judith Glaser, District Clerk

DATE: June 11, 2026
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. Paretto at 5:34 p.m.

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

Staff: Mr. Wojton, Mrs. Buchman, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Miss McCreary, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser, Mr. Chandler.
Attorneys: Mr. Massaro, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Brown

Mr. Paretto called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Celebration of Seal of BiLiteracy Students

Mr. Laurrie presented Golden Apples to the following:
Mrs. Mercedes Catherine, who has graciously provided gifts at holiday time to our students.
The LaSalle High School Alumni Association, which has worked tirelessly to keep the spirit of LaSalle Senior High School alive with their Alumni wall inside LaSalle Preparatory School and many scholarships for graduating NFHS students from the LaSalle area.
Little Grandma's Gifts, Nicole Mombrea and Anne LeGasse, who provided 500 holiday gifts for our youngest children.

Mrs. Capone presented the students in attendance. The biliteracy program has grown and flourished since its inception. The District was among the first in the State to introduce this program. The following students have earned Seals of BiLiteracy, as noted:

Saram Hassan Spanish, English, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu
Haryjot Kaur – Spanish, English, Urdu
Hajira Iman – English, Urdu
Alivia Burnstone, Camryn Brandon, Samara Kochan, Guiliana Slepian, Zoe Waikel Corral, Amayah Cowart, Tori Franke, Leo Nadrowski, Danielle Syruws, Matt Brydges, Jonnexy Sanchez Rivera, Dario Silva, Ava Daniels, Mikya Starns, Lucas Mazur, Gabby Finnlea- Spanish, English
Ain Quart, Meerab Shazad – English, Urdu
Adam McNab - English, Spanish, Slavak, Esperanto

A review of upcoming Agenda was held.

Mr. Laurrie shared that:
Huge kudos and thanks to everyone involved in the annual Craig Nadrowski Soap Box Derby on Thursday. The district team putting this event together was outstanding . Our faculty participation grows and our

students get better every year. On a steamy hot evening we had more than 600 people lined up in the streets. Awesome to remember a good man and to see students having fun and learning. This brought the community together once again. Hyde Park School is a juggernaut at the Soap Box Derby, wining again. Mrs. Ostertag is an incredible team owner!

Best of luck to our fantastic baseball team. We will play for the State championship Saturday in Binghamton.

We also have a number of Track Section VI champions. These include men's and women's Triple Jump Champions Bishop Palmer and Niya Hamilton. Also, our incredible 4 x 100 relay team of Timaya Jenkins, Kamari Simmons, Niya Hamilton and Jnaysa Cary go for the State title this weekend.

Friday, June 12, 2026 at 6p.m. at NFHS Angela Manella, Lauren Falsetti and Mickey Dumas (retired) are being honored this year by the LaSalle Educational Club along with many NFHS student scholarship recipients. The event will be held in the main arena of NFHS.

A review of the agenda was held.

DATE: June 18, 2026

KIND OF MEETING: **ARS**
PLACE: Board of Education Board Room
CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paretto at 5:30 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass (entered 5:36 p.m.),Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn , Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Zona, Mr. Paretto
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson

Staff: Mr. Wojton, Mrs. Buchman, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser, Mr. Chandler.
Attorneys: Mr. Massaro, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Brown

Mr. Laurrie welcomed Mrs. Macri.

Graduation Update - Mr. Rotella presented this report.

To date, 408 seniors will graduate, with 19 seniors' graduation still pending completion of requirements. Forty-eight students will not graduate in June. Eight special education students are remaining as students until age 22. Total cohort is 545 (entering as freshmen in September 2022).

The projected graduation rate today is between 81% - 84%, with the possibility of attaining 88% depending on pending students.

There are no Covid exemptions.

The graduation rate is consistent with recent years.

The ceremony takes place June 25.

A review of the June 18 agenda was held.
A review of the July 2 Reorganization and Regular Meeting Agenda was held.

Superintendent's Remarks:
Congratulations to student Jacob Jeffords, who scored 100% on the Algebra II/ Trigonometry Regents exam.
Happy Juneteenth. Remember the purpose behind the observation.
Happy Fathers Day.
Prayers for all seniors attending prom.

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Vilardo, for the purpose of discussing three personnel matters relating to the possible dismissal or demotion of three individuals and the possible promotion of seven individuals. All in favor.

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bass, seconded by Mr. Petrozzi. All in favor,

DATE: June 18, 2026
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. Paretto at 7 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilson, Mr. Cancemi, Mrs. Dunn , Mr. Petrozzi, Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Zona, Mr. Paretto
MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Staff: Mr. Wojton, Mrs. Buchman, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Vilardo, Mr. Macri, Mr. Schwertfager, Miss McCreary, Mrs. Jacklin, Ms. Massaro, Mr. Granieri, Ms. Glaser, Mr. Chandler.
Attorneys: Mr. Massaro, Mr. Roscetti, Mr. Brown

CALL TO ORDER
Pledge of Allegiance
Reflection
Roll Call

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS
Special Presentations: NFT/NFBOE Minority Future Teacher Scholarship

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. Cancemi second by Mr. Bilson.

MINUTES – MAY 2026

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER - #11

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Bilson second by Mr. Zona.

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING BIDS –

1. Bid No. 117 Recycling and Trash Removal Services

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

The following two items were received and followed.

TREASURER'S REPORTS – MAY 2026

BUDGET STATUS REPORT – JUNE 2026

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Petrozzi.

PERSONNEL REPORT – CERTIFICATED

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

PERSONNEL REPORT – CLASSIFIED

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Zona, second by Mr. Bass.

SHORT-TERM CONTRACTS:

1. Elizabeth Bell IEP A -Z Workshop $2,925.00 F2070.400.045.8127 July 6 – August 7, 2026
2. Jonathan Erwin The Classroom of Choice Workshop $975.00 F2070.400.045.8127 July 6 – August 7, 2026
3. Anne Kent-Kwasniewski 5 Summer Book Studies $2,000.00 F2070.400.045.8127 July 6 – August 7, 2026
4. Joseph Hamilton Checkers the Inventor $3,000.00 A7300.400.001 May 19 – 22,2026 Maple/Kalfas/GJ Mann/79th St./Hyde Park
5. Father & Son Center Mentoring with NFHS Students $20,000.00 A2110.400.045.2280 Feb – April 2026
6. Krista Hammer, MS, CCC-SLP $485.00 (plus mileage) F2250 404-098-0726TBD
7. Niagara Falls Convention Center NFHS Prom 2027 $12,000.00 A2110.400.045.2280 June 18, 2027
8. Project Mona's House Inc. Seven students on a Cultural Experience to Tanzania, Africa $15,000 A2110.400.045.0228 July 10th -19th

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

5. Unfinished Business

5.01 None

6. New Business

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Zona.

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT AS AMENDED, AND FILING WITH THE NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the State of New York enacted a Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act (SAVE), a component of which requires Boards of Education within the State to adopt and annually review and amend, if necessary, a Code of Conduct for the maintenance of order on school property, including school functions, which Code of Conduct is to govern the conduct of students, teachers and other school personnel as well as visitors, and provide for the enforcement thereof; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education in compliance with the law and regulations did formulate, adopt and file a Code of Conduct; and
WHEREAS, a Committee appointed by the District reviewed and amended the Code of Conduct in accordance with the laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Conduct as amended, was made available for public comment for a period of at least 30 days prior to formal adoption by the Board; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed Code of Conduct as amended, as required for the participation of personnel, parents, students and other interested parties was held on May 7, 2026; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve and adopt the Code of Conduct as amended, after review by the Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Code of Conduct as amended and hereby adopted be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Education as required by law and regulations; and be it further

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Zona.

APPROVAL OF COMPREHENSIVE DISTRICT-WIDE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN AS AMENDED AND FILING WITH THE NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the State of New York enacted a Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act (SAVE), a component of which requires Boards of Education within the State to adopt and annually review and amend, if necessary, a Comprehensive District-Wife Safety Plan that address crisis intervention and prevention, emergency response and management; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education in compliance with the law and regulations did formulate, adopt and file a Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan; and

WHEREAS, a District-Wide School Safety Team approved by the District, reviewed and amended the Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan for Niagara Falls City School District in accordance with the laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan as amended was made available for public comment for a period of at least 30 days prior to formal adoption by the Board; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan as amended, as required for the participation of personnel, parents, students and other interested parties was held on May 7, 2026; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby approve and adopt the Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan as amended, after review by the District-Wide School Safety Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comprehensive District-Wide School Safety Plan as amended and hereby adopted be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Education as required by law and regulations; and be it further

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Cancemi, second by Mr. Zona.

APPROVAL OF BUILDING-LEVEL SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS AS AMENDED, AND FILING WITH THE NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the State of New York enacted a Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act (SAVE), a component of which requires Boards of Education within the State to adopt and annually amend, if necessary, Building-Level School Safety Plans that address crisis intervention and prevention, emergency response and management; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education in compliance with the laws and regulation adopted and filed Building-Level Safety Plans for District Schools annually as required; and

WHEREAS, Building-Level School Safety Teams appointed pursuant to the law and regulations for each school within the District, reviewed and amended the Building-Level School Safety Plan for their respective school; and

WHEREAS, a summary of each Building-Level School Safety Plan as amended, was made available for public comment for a period of at least 30 days prior to formal adoption by the Board; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Building-Level School Safety Plans, as amended, is required for the participation of personnel, parents, students and other interested parties prior to its adoption and was held on May 7, 2026; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve and adopt the Building-Level School Safety Plans, as amended, and submitted by the Building-Level School Safety Teams for the respective schools, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Building-Level School Safety Plans as amended and hereby adopted be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Education as required by law and regulations; and be it further

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND BECAUSE I TRIED ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR SUMMER PROGRAMMING (JULY 1, 2026 – AUGUST 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to increase academic achievement and provide mental, social, and emotional support services for students; and
WHEREAS, For the past four summers, the District has contracted with Maurice Cox's company, "Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc.", to provide youth mentoring services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox has extensive experience in teaching youth and he is a captivating motivational speaker who is able to reach many students who face difficult life challenges; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with Mr. Cox's company, Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc., to provide mentoring, social, and emotional support services for students as part of the 2026 Summer Sports and Enrichment Program; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc., to provide such services four (4) days per week for five (5) weeks at a cost not to exceed $17,000 for period effective 7-1-2026 and to terminate 8-31-2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc for student support services for Summer Program at a sum not to exceed $17,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026, 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
BECAUSE I TRIED ENTERPRISES, INC

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of June 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street,

Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc., PO Box 1278, Buffalo, NY, 14214.

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 Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of a youth mentoring program and Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the 2026 Summer Sports and Enrichment Program, including:

- Basketball camp and student mentoring
- "No Workshop, No Jumpshot" program
- Participation max of 40 students for mentoring
- Program graduation including party, certificates, and awards

All of the functions will be performed by Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. and shall be coordinated with the Summer Program Director and/or District Administration. Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. possesses a thorough knowledge of social support services as they relate to the implementation of a youth mentoring program.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. shall not be an employee of the District. Because I Tried Enterprises, 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. Because I Tried Enterprises, 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 to Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $17,000 to be paid upon completion of four (4) days per week for five (5) weeks of summer programming and by August 31, 2026. Payment checks payable to the order of Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Because I Tried Enterprises, 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc. shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Because I Tried Enterprises, 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 July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026, 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 Because I Tried Enterprises, Inc under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Because I Tried Enterprises, 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.

BECAUSE I TRIED ENTERPRISES, INC CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Maurice Cox
President
Anthony Paretto
President, Board of Education

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR COLLEGE PLANNING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA

FALLS, NEW YORK AND BOOKER COLLEGE PLANNING FOR SUMMER PROGRAMMING (JULY 1, 2026 – AUGUST 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, Booker College Planning has assisted high school students enrolled in the Early College Program in past summers with college planning and advisement services; and
WHEREAS, The District wishes to again provide an Early College Summer Program, and to contract with Booker College Planning to provide engaging activities during the summer program on higher education; and
WHEREAS, The Administration negotiated a Contract with Booker College Planning to provide college readiness seminars and assistance with the college admissions process to Early College students at Niagara Falls High School – not to exceed an agreed upon fee of $4,000 payable in two monthly installments of $2,000 on the last date of July and August 2026; and
WHEREAS, The Contract shall be effective for a term commencing July 1, 2026 and ending August 31, 2026; therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Boker College Planning for the summer of 2026; and further
RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further
RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract; and
RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
BOOKER COLLEGE PLANNING

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of June 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and BOOKER COLLEGE PLANNING 151 Buffalo Avenue, Unit 1001, NF, NY 14303, Niagara Falls, New York.

WITNESSETH:

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

1. Engagement of Booker College Planning. The District hereby engages Booker College Planning as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the Early College Summer 2026 Program and Booker College Planning hereby

accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Booker College Planning: Booker College Planning shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services including:

a) Presentations to students enrolled in the Early College program on the college admissions process

b) Assist students and families with college applications

c) Facilitate college readiness seminars for high school students in the Early College High School program

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 according 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. Booker College Planning shall not be an employee of the District. Booker College Planning 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. Booker College Planning is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns

4. Compensation to Booker College Planning. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay Booker College Planning for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $4,000 payable in two monthly installments of $2,000 on the last date of July and August 2026 to the order of Booker College Planning. Invoices shall be submitted by Booker College Planning on the dates herein stated. Booker College Planning shall deem payment checks payable to the order of Booker College Planning full payment to, and acquittance.

Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to Booker College Planning for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $4,000 payable to the order of Booker College Planning on July 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Booker College Planning 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Booker College Planning and/or its subcontractor shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional

party insured. Booker College Planning and/or its subcontractor are 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 July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026, 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 Booker College Planning under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Booker College Planning party shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the District and any attempted such transfer, assignment delegation and/or subcontracting without such written consent shall be void.
9. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by the parties.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

BOOKER COLLEGE PLANNING CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

Allen Booker Anthony Paretto President, Board of Education
Founder

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH NIAGARA FALLS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB TO PROVIDE STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE SUMMER ELEMENTARY EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM (ELP) (July 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, The District hired independent contractor Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club in previous summers to provide mental health support and mentor activities for the afternoon portion of the Elementary Summer Extended Learning Program; and

WHEREAS, These services are aligned with the Elementary Summer Extended Learning Program objectives; and

WHEREAS, The Superintendent recommends retaining Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club to provide these services for the Summer 2026 Extended Learning Program; and

WHEREAS, The Superintendent negotiated a Contract with the Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club to provide said services for the period of July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026 at a cost not to exceed $45,000 payable in two (2) installments of $22,500 on July 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Services will be performed in the afternoon of the Summer Extended Learning Program; and

WHEREAS, Board action is requested at this time so that programming could immediately commence on July 1, 2026 or as soon thereafter as is appropriate; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract with Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club to provide services for the Elementary Summer Extended Learning Program at a cost not to exceed $45,000 attached hereto, be approved; and be it further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR INDEPENDENT SERVICES WITH
THE NIAGARA FALLS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of June, 2026 by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, the first party, and NIAGARA FALLS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, 725-17th Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14301, the second party.

WITNESSETH:

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

5. Engagement of Second Party: The first party hereby engages the second party as an independent consultant to render to the first party professional independent engaging afterschool and summer activities hereinafter described, and the second party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

5. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party: The second party shall provide and render to the first party the usual and customary services of a consultant as they relate to

fulfilling the summer program objectives which services shall include but not be limited to the following:

5. Daily mentor activities and mental health support for students in the Elementary Summer Extended Learning Program

b. Supervision and instruction for the ELP program between the hours of Noon and 3:00pm, including extended time for dismissal of students, as needed.

c. Appropriate record keeping and tracking of student attendance while participating in the ELP program.

d. Ongoing communication and collaboration with Niagara Falls City School District administration and staff, including District ELP Director and Site Coordinators

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

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

4. Compensation to Second Party: Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the first party shall pay to the second party for services rendered a sum not to exceed $45,000 payable in two (2) installments of $22,500 on July 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026 after completion of the summer program. Invoices shall be submitted by the Second Party. The second party shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquittance.

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

evidencing such insurance with the District prior to commencing services under this Agreement.

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

8. Term of Contract: This Contract shall be effective from July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026, provided, however, that any party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

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

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

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

NIAGARA FALLS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

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Rebecca Vincheski — Executive Director

Anthony Paretto — Board President

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF

NIAGARA FALLS AND HOGHOL (FORMERLY F-BITES) FOR THE SUMMER PROGRAM (JULY 1, 2026 – AUGUST 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, HOGHOL (formerly known as F-BITES and an acronym for "Heart of Gold, Head of Lettuce") has designed a program to give students the chance to learn important life skills and break the cycle of poverty; and

WHEREAS, The program does this by utilizing culinary education and cooking instruction as a vehicle to develop leadership, professional skills and career readiness; and

WHEREAS, The program is a hands-on solution to the problems facing at-risk youth as "Chef Bobby" helps prepare participants for the many obstacles they will face in life; and

WHEREAS, The District contracted with Chef Bobby's organization HOGHOL to provide programming in the past at LaSalle and Gaskill Preparatory Schools as well as Niagara Falls High School; and

WHEREAS, The program was a tremendous success; and

WHEREAS, District administration has negotiated a Contract with HOGHOL to provide services for four (4) days per week for five (5) weeks as part of the 2026 Summer Sports and Enrichment Program at a cost not to exceed $14,500 for the period effective 7-1-2026 and to terminate 8-31-2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and HOGHOL for services as part of the 2026 Summer Sports and Enrichment Program at a sum not to exceed $14,500 for the period July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026, 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
HOGHOL

THIS CONTRACT, made this 18th day of June, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and HOGHOL, 1 Symphony Circle, Buffalo, NY, 14213.

WITNESSETH:

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

1. Engagement of Independent Contractor. The District hereby engages HOGHOL as an independent contractor to render to the District professional social and emotional student support services and HOGHOL hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: HOGHOL shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services for the Summer of 2026 as part of the Sports and Enrichment Program, including:

a) Culinary and life skills programming;
b) Working with up to 20 students per session;
c) Ongoing communication with Summer Program Leadership Team;

3. Relationship Between the Parties. HOGHOL shall not be an employee of the District. HOGHOL is engaged by the District only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Contract and the relationship to the District during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services herein before expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of an independent contractor only and in no event as servant or employee. HOGHOL is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns.

4. Compensation to Independent Contractor. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to HOGHOL for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $14,500 to be paid after completion of four (4) days a week for five (5) weeks of summer programming and by August 31, 2026. Payment checks payable to the order of HOGHOL shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by HOGHOL.

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

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

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

7. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective from July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026, provided however, that either party may, at any given time, terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

8. Assignment: The services to be rendered by HOGHOL under this Contract are unique and personal. Accordingly, HOGHOL shall not transfer or assign and/or subcontract any of the rights or delegate any of the duties or obligations under this Contract 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 Agreement on the date and year first above written.

HOGHOL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS
Jamie Anderson
Coordinator
Anthony Paretto
President, Board of Education
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND NATIVE LANGUAGE SERVICES, LLC FOR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SUMMER PROGRAMMING (JULY 1, 2026 – AUGUST 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls continuously seeks new and innovative ways to increase academic achievement and provide, social emotional, advocacy and bilingual communications support services for students; and
WHEREAS, For the last school year, the District has contracted with Jose Garcia's company, "Native Language Services, LLC", to provide mentoring, advocacy, and bilingual communications support services; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia has extensive experience in mentoring and bilingual interpersonal communications and who is able to reach many students who face difficult life challenges as native language speakers both in school and in the community; and
WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with Mr. Garcia's company, Native Language Services, LLC., to provide mentoring, advocacy and bilingual communications support services for students living and attending school in the Niagara Falls City School District community; and
WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with Native Language Services, to provide mentoring, advocacy and bilingual communications services during the summer programming in the Niagara

Falls City School District at a cost not to exceed $10,000 for period effective July 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Native Language Services, LLC for Student Support Services for the school year at a sum not to exceed $10,000, attached hereto, be and hereby is 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
NATIVE LANGUAGE SERVICES, LLC

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of June 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Native Language Services, LLC, 1858 East River Road, Grand Island, NY 14072.

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 Native Language Services, LLC as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of English Language Learner support to students and Native Language Services, LLC hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Native Language Services, LLC shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services in the summer, (July 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026), including:

- Mentor English Language Learner students
- Assist students and families with summer program registration
- Attend summer programs to assist staff with ELL student and family needs including:
  - Elementary Extended Learning Program
  - ENL Summer Program
  - Prep and High School Summer Sports & Enrichment Program
- Identify learner needs and develop resolution strategies with teachers, counselors or administration – to include real or perceived bullying or

other factors that impact the child's academic or social emotional well being

- Establish relationships with students and families through open conversation in the preferred language
- Support open conversation with a focus on social engagement to address the isolation that a language barrier can present
- Engage families through home visitation, in-person and virtual sessions as required to connect the parent with their child's education and the development of home-school partnerships
- Conduct home visits to address issues related to school attendance or other purposes as indicated by Niagara Falls City School District Staff

All of the functions will be performed by Native Language Services, LLC and shall be coordinated with School Administration and/or District Administration Native Language Services, LLC. Possesses a thorough knowledge of social support services in the area of support for English Language Learners.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. Native Language Services, LLC shall not be an employee of the District. Native Language Services, LLC 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. Native Language Services, LLC 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 Native Language Services, LLC for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $10,000 to be paid in two equal installments of $5,000 on July 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026 for a total of eight (8) weeks of service. Payment checks payable to the order of Native Language Services, LLC shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance Native Language Services, LLC.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Native Language Services, LLC 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Native Language Services, LLC shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Native Language Services, LLC 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 July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026, 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 Native Language Services, LLC under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Native Language Services, LLC 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.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

NATIVE LANGUAGE SERVICES, LLC

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of June 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and Native Language Services, LLC, 1858 East River Road, Grand Island, NY 14072.

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 Native Language Services, LLC as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of English Language Learner support to students and Native Language Services, LLC hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: Native Language Services, LLC shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services in the summer, (July 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026), including:

- Mentor English Language Learner students
- Assist students and families with summer program registration

- Attend summer programs to assist staff with ELL student and family needs including:
  - Elementary Extended Learning Program
  - ENL Summer Program
  - Prep and High School Summer Sports & Enrichment Program
- Identify learner needs and develop resolution strategies with teachers, counselors or administration – to include real or perceived bullying or other factors that impact the child's academic or social emotional well being
- Establish relationships with students and families through open conversation in the preferred language
- Support open conversation with a focus on social engagement to address the isolation that a language barrier can present
- Engage families through home visitation, in-person and virtual sessions as required to connect the parent with their child's education and the development of home-school partnerships
- Conduct home visits to address issues related to school attendance or other purposes as indicated by Niagara Falls City School District Staff

All of the functions will be performed by Native Language Services, LLC and shall be coordinated with School Administration and/or District Administration Native Language Services, LLC. Possesses a thorough knowledge of social support services in the area of support for English Language Learners.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. Native Language Services, LLC shall not be an employee of the District. Native Language Services, LLC 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. Native Language Services, LLC 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 Native Language Services, LLC for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $10,000 to be paid in two equal installments of $5,000 on July 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026 for a total of eight (8) weeks of service. Payment checks payable to the order of Native Language Services, LLC shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance Native Language Services, LLC.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Native Language Services, LLC 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Native Language Services, LLC shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Native Language Services, LLC 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 July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026, 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 Native Language Services, LLC under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Native Language Services, LLC 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND THE NIAGARA FALLS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR SUMMER PROGRAMMING (JULY 1, 2026 – AUGUST 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls seeks to provide First AID and CPR training to all summer program staff and athletic services to all students in the summer program; and

WHEREAS, For the past four summers, the District has contracted with the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center to provide staff training and athletic services to students for summer programming; and

WHEREAS, The Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center has a Sports Medicine Department and an athletic trainer to service summer program staff and students; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center to provide staff training and athletic services to students enrolled in the Summer Sports and Enrichment Summer Program; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center to provide such services four (4) days per week for five (5) weeks at a cost not to exceed $6,000 for a period effective 7-1-2026 and to terminate 8-31-2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for Professional Services for the Summer Program at a sum not to exceed $6,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026, 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
NIAGARA FALLS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of June 2026, 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 Falls Memorial Medical Center, 621 Tenth Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14302.

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 Falls Memorial Medical Center as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the Summer Sports and Enrichment Program and the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center 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 Falls Memorial Medical Center shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding First AID and CPR staff training and athletic services to students for the Sports and Enrichment Summer Program, including:

- First AID and CPR training to summer program staff

• One (1) Athletic trainer to provide on-site injury management, First Aid, and hydration to students during the duration of the summer program All of the functions will be performed by the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center and shall be coordinated with the Summer Program Director and/or District Administration. The Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center possesses a thorough knowledge of athletic training services as they relate to the summer sports and enrichment program.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. The Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center shall not be an employee of the District. The Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center 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 Falls Memorial Medical Center is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns.

4. Compensation to Independent Contractor. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay to the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $6,000 to be paid after completion of four (4) days per week for five (5) weeks of summer programming and by August 31, 2026. Payment checks payable to the order of the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center 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 July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026, 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 Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND VIA EVALUATION, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL GRANT EVALUATION SERVICES FOR 21ST CENTURY PREPARATORY GRANT(JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027)

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again hire an independent evaluation company to render professional services associated with the mandatory independent evaluation required of the 21st Century Preparatory Grant; and
WHEREAS, The District previously hired Via Evaluation, Inc. as an independent consultant to render the professional evaluation services required; and
WHEREAS, A new Contract has been negotiated with Via Evaluation, Inc. for a period of one (1) year from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at a fee not to exceed $80,000 payable in four (4) quarterly installments of $20,000; therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the Contract between City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Via Evaluation, Inc., for independent grant evaluation services at a cost not to exceed $80,000 for period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 attached hereto, be and the same is hereby approved; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Contract is subject to such modifications as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and be it further
RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said contract; and
RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board.

CONTRACT FOR INDEPENDENT GRANT EVALUATION SERVICES BY
BY INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT

VIA EVALUATION, INC.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of June, 2026 by and between the CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, the first party, and Via Evaluation, Inc., 505 Ellicott Street, Suite A8, Buffalo, NY 14203, the second party.

WITNESSETH:

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

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

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

5. In-person and phone-based meetings and consultation

b. Analysis of all data necessary to meet requirements of the evaluation portion of 21st Century Preparatory Grant

c. Customary Document Preparation and reporting of required data to appropriate parties provide copies of completed data reports to the District

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 according 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.

5. Relationship Between the Parties: The second party shall not be an employee of the first party. The second party is engaged by the first party only for the purposes and to the extent set forth in this Agreement and the relationship to the first party during the term of this agreement shall be solely and exclusively that of the professional consultant to perform only the services hereinbefore expressly set forth in the exclusive capacity of independent consultant only and in no event as

servant or employee. Except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have the power to control the activities and operations of the other and their status at all times will continue to be that of independent contractor.

4. Compensation to Second Party: Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the first party shall pay to the second party for services rendered in sum to exceed $80,000 payable in four (4) quarterly installments of $20,000 on September 30, 2026, December 31, 2026, March 30, 2027 and June 30, 2027. The Second Party shall submit invoices quarterly on the dates herein stated. The second party shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquittance.

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

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

7. Term of Contract: This Contract shall commence July 1, 2026 and terminate June 30, 2027, provided, however, that any party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

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

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND VIA EVALUATION, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL GRANT EVALUATION SERVICES FOR STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS GRANT

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again hire an independent evaluation company to render professional services associated with the mandatory independent evaluation required of the Student Mental Health Supports Grant; and
WHEREAS, The District previously hired Via Evaluation, Inc. as an independent consultant to render the professional evaluation services required; and

WHEREAS, A new Contract has been negotiated with Via Evaluation, Inc. for a period of one (1) year from July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, at a fee not to exceed $25,000 payable in two (2) installments of $12,500 on September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Via Evaluation, Inc., for independent grant evaluation services at a cost not to exceed $25,000 for period July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 attached hereto, be and the same is hereby approved; and be it further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR INDEPENDENT GRANT EVALUATION SERVICES BY
BY INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT
VIA EVALUATION, INC.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of June, 2026 by and between the CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, the first party, and Via Evaluation, Inc., 505 Ellicott Street, Suite A8, Buffalo, NY 14203, the second party.

WITNESSETH:

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

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

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

3 In-person and phone-based meetings and consultation

b. Analysis of all data necessary to meet requirements of the evaluation portion of the Student Mental Health Supports Grant

c. Customary Document Preparation and reporting of required data to appropriate parties provide copies of completed data reports to the District

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 according 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.

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

4. Compensation to Second Party: Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the first party shall pay to the second party for services rendered in sum to exceed $25,000 payable in two (2) installments of

$12,500 on September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2026. The Second Party shall submit invoices quarterly on the dates herein stated. The second party shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquittance.

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

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

7. Term of Contract: This Contract shall commence July 1, 2026 and terminate December 31, 2026, provided, however, that any party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

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

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

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

CONSULTANT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE
CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND MELINDA A. SCIME, PSYCHOLOGIST, PLLC FOR PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR SUMMER PROGRAMMING (JULY 1, 2026 – AUGUST 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, The District proposes to hire a mental health services company to render professional services in the area of mental health counseling for students enrolled in summer programming; and

WHEREAS, A proposed Contract has been negotiated with Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC, to provide the mental consulting services for the period of 7/1/26 – 8/31/26 at a fee not to exceed $15,000 for a total of eight (8) weeks of service to be billed in two equal installments of $7,500 on July 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC., for professional mental health counseling and consultation services attached hereto, be and is hereby approved; and be it further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING AND CONSULTATION SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT
MELINDA A. SCIME, PSYCHOLOGIST, PLLC

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of June, 2026 by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630 66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, the first party, and Melinda A. Scime, Psychologist, PLLC, 779 Cayuga Street, Suite D, Lewiston, NY 14092, the second party.

WITNESSETH:

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

5. Engagement of Second Party: The first party hereby engages the second party as an independent consultant to render to the first party professional mental health counseling and consultation services hereinafter described, and the second

party hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

5. Professional Services and Duties of the Second Party: The second party shall provide and render to the first party the usual and customary services of a consultant as they relate to professional mental health counseling and consultation which services shall include but not be limited to the following:

5. Individual mental health counseling services (Tier 2 and Tier 3 social/emotional interventions) for fifteen (15) hours per week for a total of eight (8) weeks based on school referral and screening by the first party and the second party pursuant to goals and objectives of school programming

b. Each school will receive direct support services and programming will run for throughout the summer.

c. Participation in school based S.T.A.R.T teams for appropriate individualized behavioral intervention services as needed.

d. Participation in advisory meetings.

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 according 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.

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

4. Compensation to Second Party: Upon receipt of due invoice indicating duties performed, the first party shall pay to the second party for eight (8) weeks of service for 15 hours per week rendered up to the invoice date, a sum not to exceed $15,000, in two equal installments of $7,500 on July 31, 2026 and on August 31, 2026, when the last installment shall be due. The

second party shall submit invoices for services rendered monthly. The second party shall deem payment checks payable to the order of the second party full payment to, and acquittance.

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

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

8. Term of Contract: This contract shall be effective from July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026, provided, however, that any party may at any given time terminate this contract in all respects by giving to the other party thirty days advance written notice of its election to terminate the same.

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

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND 16

ATHLETICS FOR SUMMER PROGRAMMING (JULY 1, 2026 – AUGUST 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls seeks to provide a facility for summer program students enrolled in ice hockey; and

WHEREAS, 16 Athletics has an Ice Pavilion to provide use for students and the District has contracted with 16 Athletics to provide this facility to students for the 2026 Summer Sports and Enrichment Program; and

WHEREAS, 16 Athletics has rental equipment for summer program students; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to again enter into Contract with 16 Athletics to provide the Hyde Park Ice Pavilion and rental equipment to students enrolled in the Summer Sports and Enrichment Summer Program; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with 16 Athletics to provide such services four (4) days per week for five (5) weeks at a cost not to exceed $6,500 for period effective 7-1-2026 and to terminate 8-31-2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and 16 Athletics for Professional Services for the Summer Program at a sum not to exceed $6,500 for the period July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026, 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
16 ATHLETICS

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of June 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and 16 Athletics, 2058 Connecticut Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14305.

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 16 Athletics as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the Sports and Enrichment Summer Program and 16 Athletics hereby accepts such

engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: 16 Athletics shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the use of the Hyde Park Ice Pavilion and rental equipment to students for the Sports and Enrichment Summer Program including:

- Use of the Hyde Park Ice Pavilion for the duration of the summer program
- Rental equipment to all students attending ice hockey at the facility

All of the functions will be performed by 16 Athletics and shall be coordinated with the Summer Program Director and/or District Administration. 16 Athletics possesses a thorough knowledge of ice hockey as they relate to the summer sports and enrichment program.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. 16 Athletics shall not be an employee of the District. 16 Athletics 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. 16 Athletics 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 16 Athletics for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $6,500 to be paid after completion of five (5) weeks of summer programming and by August 31, 2026. Payment checks payable to the order of 16 Athletics shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by 16 Athletics.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, 16 Athletics 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.

6. Taxes and Insurances. 16 Athletics shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. 16 Athletics 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 July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026, 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 16 Athletics under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, 16 Athletics 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND BESTSELF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC. (JULY 1, 2026 – DECEMBER 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls is committed to providing social emotional support and mental health interventions to students; and

WHEREAS, In previous school years, the District has contracted with outside organizations to provide licensed mental health counselors to students and families through the Student Mental Health Supports Grant to fulfill grant objectives; and

WHEREAS, BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. has extensive experience in individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, and the use of evidence-based curriculum; and

WHEREAS, The District wishes to enter into Contract with BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. to provide a mental health coordinator/counselor; and

WHEREAS, District Administration has negotiated a new Contract with BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. for a cost not to exceed $45,000 for period effective 7-1-2026 and to terminate 12-31-2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. to provide mental health support and interventions to students and families in the school district at a sum not to exceed $45,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, 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
16 ATHLETICS

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of June 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and 16 Athletics, 2058 Connecticut Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14305.

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 16 Athletics as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the Sports and Enrichment Summer Program and 16 Athletics hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: 16 Athletics shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services, regarding the use of the Hyde Park Ice Pavilion and rental equipment to students for the Sports and Enrichment Summer Program including:

- Use of the Hyde Park Ice Pavilion for the duration of the summer program
- Rental equipment to all students attending ice hockey at the facility

All of the functions will be performed by 16 Athletics and shall be coordinated with the Summer Program Director and/or District Administration. 16 Athletics possesses a thorough knowledge of ice hockey as they relate to the summer sports and enrichment program.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. 16 Athletics shall not be an employee of the District. 16 Athletics 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. 16 Athletics 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 16 Athletics for services hereunder a sum

not to exceed $6,500 to be paid after completion of five (5) weeks of summer programming and by August 31, 2026. Payment checks payable to the order of 16 Athletics shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by 16 Athletics.
5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, 16 Athletics 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.
6. Taxes and Insurances. 16 Athletics shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. 16 Athletics 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 July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026, 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 16 Athletics under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, 16 Athletics 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND THE LASALLE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER INC. 4-YEAR-OLD PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM FOR UNIVERSAL PRE-SCHOOL SITE IN THE 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, The School District is responsible for the allocation of funds for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program as provided by part 151-1 of the Educational Law; and
WHEREAS, The School District is required, by resolution duly adopted, to execute contracts with qualified and competent agencies for instruction of four-year-old children and
WHEREAS, The LaSalle Early Childhood Center is such a qualified and competent agency and the District wishes to contract with it to provide the required instructions to four-year-old children; now therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the Agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and LaSalle Early Childhood Center, Inc.
Prekindergarten – for a 4-Year Old
Program for Universal Prekindergarten attached be and hereby is approved; and

RESOLVED, That the Agreement is subject to such modifications

as the Superintendent and School District Attorney deem appropriate, and

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
BESTSELF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of June 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc., 255 Delaware Avenue, Suite 300, Buffalo, New York 14202.

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 BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation of the Student Mental Health Supports Grant. BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. hereby accepts such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
2. Professional services and duties of Independent Contractor: BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services,

regarding the Student Mental Health Supports Grant for the school year (July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026), including:

- BestSelf's school-based program director and mental health counselors will provide individual and group counseling to referred students
- BestSelf's school-based program director will work with District Project Director to assess needs of students and create and implement a plan to increase access to mental health supports, with an emphasis on Tier II and Tier III interventions
- BestSelf's school-based program director will provide clinical supervision for BestSelf counselors working in the District
- Monitor programming designed to increase social emotional development of participants which align with the District, School and Grant goals/objectives
- Meet regularly with school staff and the project director for the mental health grants
- Work collaboratively with the District at the Family Support Center and satellite locations
- Provide crisis intervention to students in need and link families to outside resources
- Attend identified meetings with District team to identify challenges, expand mental health partnerships and increase availability of Tier III mental health services

All of the functions will be performed by BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. and shall be coordinated with the Program Director and/or District Administration. BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. possesses a thorough knowledge of mental health interventions as they relate to the implementation of the Student Mental Health Supports Grant Objectives.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. shall not be an employee of the District. BestSelf Behavioral Health, 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. BestSelf Behavioral Health, 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 BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. for services hereunder a sum not to exceed $45,000. The District shall pay $45,000 in two (2) installments of $22,500 on September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2026. Payment checks payable to the order of BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. shall be deemed full payment to and acquittance by BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, BestSelf Behavioral Health, 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.
6. Taxes and Insurances. BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. BestSelf Behavioral Health, 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 July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, 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 BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, BestSelf Behavioral Health, 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.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

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

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSULTATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK AND TELL CONSULTING (JULY 1, 2026 – AUGUST 31, 2026)

WHEREAS, TELL Consulting has extensive knowledge and experience working with English Language Learners; and
WHEREAS, The District wishes to again provide professional

Development on cultural consciousness and to contract with TELL Consulting to continue trainings on culturally responsive practices in classrooms; and

WHEREAS, The Administration negotiated a Contract with TELL Consulting to provide consultation and instructional materials to staff members – not to exceed an agreed upon fee of $2,500 after completion of the training during New Staff Orientation and by August 31; and

WHEREAS, The Contract shall be effective for a term commencing July 1, 2026 and ending August 31, 2026; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Contract between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and TELL Consulting for July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026; and further

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

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

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

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
TELL CONSULTING

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of June 2026, by and between the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, 630-66th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304, (hereinafter "District") and TELL CONSULTING, 376 Dansworth Road, Youngstown, NY 14174.

WITNESSETH:

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

1. Engagement of TELL Consulting. The District hereby engages TELL Consulting as an independent contractor to render to the District professional services regarding implementation for teaching English Language Learners, and TELL Consulting hereby accepts

such engagement, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

2. Professional services and duties of TELL Consulting:

TELL Consulting shall provide and render to the District the usual and customary services of a contractor for professional services:

a) Professional development and consultation to staff members during New Staff Orientation in August 2026

b) Instructional resources for teaching English Language Learners

c) Assist school administrators with advisement on student and family needs for English Language Learners

All of the functions will be performed by the party of TELL Consulting or its subcontractor approved by the District and shall be coordinated through the Administrator for Curriculum and Instruction of the District. TELL Consulting and\or its subcontractor shall possess a thorough knowledge of the college planning and application process.

3. Relationship Between the Parties. TELL Consulting shall not be an employee of the District. TELL Consulting 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. TELL Consulting is to maintain all records of employment, payroll services, and to address any matters related to performance concerns

4. Compensation to TELL Consulting. Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay TELL Consulting for its services hereunder a total sum not to exceed $2,500 for weekly consultation to schools and a training during New Staff Orientation, payable in the amount of $2,500 after the completion of the training to the order of TELL Consulting and by August 31, 2026. Staff members shall be provided all instructional resources at the professional development and access to any needed digital materials. Invoice shall be submitted by TELL Consulting after completion of the training. TELL Consulting shall deem payment checks payable to the order of TELL Consulting full payment to, and acquittance.

Upon receipt of a payment invoice, the District shall pay TELL Consulting for its services hereunder a sum not to exceed $2,500. Payment checks payable to the order of TELL Consulting shall be in the amount of $2,500 after completion of the training and by August 31, 2026.

5. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, TELL Consulting 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, it's agents, servants and/or employees.
6. Taxes and Insurances. TELL Consulting and/or its subcontractor shall maintain general liability insurance in amounts acceptable to the District. All policies shall name the District as additional party insured. TELL Consulting and/or its subcontractor are 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.
6. Term of Contract. This contract shall be effective from July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026, 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.
7. Assignment: The services to be rendered by TELL Consulting under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, TELL Consulting party 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.
8. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and may be modified or amended only in writing duly subscribed by the parties.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mr. Petrozzi.

APPROVAL OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE ORLEANS/NIAGARA BOCES TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS AGAINST CERTAIN SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, recognizes the ongoing mental health crisis among youth in our country with one in five children, age 13 to 17, suffering from a mental health disorder, is articulated by the Surgeon General and declaring this a national emergency.

WHEREAS, there is a growing linkage between youth exposure to social media and the mental health crisis with over 90% of youth on one of five social media platforms and research showing that social media is harmful to the health of students by increasing rates of depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, eating disorders, and suicide.

WHEREAS, social media defendants are aware of the harm they are causing young people driven by platforms and algorithms that continually push harmful content to children which are addictive to children driven by a business model that places profit over mental health.

RESOLVED, the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, engage the General Council of Orleans/Niagara BOCES to work with Mehri and Skalet, Bailey Glasser, L.L.C., and Terrell Hogan Yegelwel, P.A., to be retained to represent the interests of our District and other public schools to the extent provided by law against certain social media companies as appropriate.

RESOLVED, on a contingent fee basis action is taken to recoup damages against students and the district inflicted by social media companies and to achieve prospective possible relief to cause said social media companies to refrain from the predatory practices that resulted in such damages.

RESOLVED, that the General Council of the Orleans/Niagara BOCES be authorized and directed to negotiate and execute appropriate engagement agreements in this regard, as well as to execute such other papers and pleadings on behalf of this District that in professional judgment will serve to advance the objectives of this Resolution.

RESOLVED, that the President of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute this agreement.

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk, be directed to obtain the signature of the President of the Board and to forward this to the General Council of Orleans/Niagara BOCES.

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

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mr. Petrozzi.

APPROVAL TO BIND PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, GENERAL LIABILITY, AUTOMOBILE, UMBRELLA, INLAND MARINE, CYBER AND CRIME INSURANCE WITH THE NEW YORK STATE INSURANCE RECIPROCAL ("NYSIR"), AS PROPOSED FOR THE NOT TO EXCEED DOLLAR AMOUNT OF $XXX,XXX; TO BIND CRIME COVERAGE THROUGH TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA FOR THE NOT TO EXCEED DOLLAR AMOUNT OF $X,XXX; TO BIND STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE WITH PUPIL BENEFITS PLAN, INC. ("PUPIL BENEFITS"), AS PROPOSED FOR THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF $15,950, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027; AND TO BIND EXCESS WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE WITH MIDWEST EMPLOYERS CASUALTY COMPANY THROUGH USI AS BROKER, AS PROPOSED FOR THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF $XX,XXX FOR YEAR ONE OF TWO YEAR POLICY, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mr. Petrozzi.

EXTENSION OF PLANNED SERVICE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC. (HVAC & MECHANICAL) FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York is committed to improving the efficiency of operations; and

WHEREAS, A Planned Service Agreement is necessary to achieve the goal; and

WHEREAS, The Planned Service Agreement Committee has reviewed and determined that the contract, "Planned Services Agreement Proposal," Johnson Controls, Inc. is the most desirable organization to achieve its objectives and in furtherance thereof negotiated this Planned Service Agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. (HVAC) for Board approval; and

WHEREAS, The current Planned Services Agreement expires on June 30, 2026; and

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education approves the extension of the Planned Service Agreements for chillers, Mechanical Equipment and Facilities Management System Controls, of the attached agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Johnson Controls, Inc. (HVAC) for an additional year (07/01/2026 through 06/30/2027); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the terms and conditions of the Contracts are subject to any requirements of the Superintendent and the School District Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Niagara Falls Board of Education be authorized to execute said Agreements; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the District Clerk be directed to obtain the signatures of the President of the Board.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mr. Petrozzi.

APPROVAL OF PLANNED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC (FIRE) FOR THE 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE HEAD START DIFRANCESCO BUILDING LOCATED AT 901-24TH ST NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14301

WHEREAS, A planned services agreement is necessary to achieve that goal. The District is seeking to enter into a one-year Planned Services Agreement (07/01/2025 through 06/30/2026) with Johnson Controls, Inc., according to New York State OGS Pricing (Contract #PT68816); and

WHEREAS, The agreement negotiated by The District is attached for review and action by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, The proposed agreement is for one year and calls for scheduled services to include annual inspection of the fire alarm, quarterly inspection of the sprinkler system, semi-annual inspection of the kitchen hood and annual inspection of fire extinguishers located in the building; and

WHEREAS, The cost of the Planned Services Agreement is $2,985.00; and

WHEREAS, The cost will be expensed under the Head Start Grant and submitted for reimbursement through the Office of Head Start; therefor be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara Falls Board of Education approves the attached Planned Services Agreement for Fire Systems at 901-24th St Niagara Falls, NY 14301 from 07/01/2025 through 06/30/2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the terms and conditions of the Agreement are subject to any requirements of the Superintendent of Schools and/or the School District Attorney; and be it further

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

The following was approved on a motion by Mr. Vilardo, second by Mr. Petrozzi.

EXTENSION OF PLANNED SERVICE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS AND JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC. (FIRE) FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, The City School District of the City of Niagara Falls, New York is committed to improving the efficiency of operations; and

WHEREAS, A Planned Service Agreement is necessary to achieve the goal; and

WHEREAS, The Planned Service Agreement Committee has reviewed and determined that the contract, "Planned Services Agreement Proposal," Johnson Controls, Inc. is the most desirable organization to achieve its objectives and in furtherance thereof negotiated this Planned Service Agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. (Fire) for Board approval; and

WHEREAS, The current Planned Services Agreement expires on June 30, 2026; and

RESOLVED, That the Niagara Falls Board of Education approves the extension of the Planned Service Agreements for chillers, Mechanical Equipment and Facilities Management System Controls, of the attached agreement between the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls and Johnson Controls, Inc. (Fire) for an additional year (07/01/2026 through 06/30/2027); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the terms and conditions of the Contracts are subject to any requirements of the Superintendent and the School District Attorney; and be it further

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Earl F. Bass, Rob Bilson, Vincent Cancemi, Clara Dunn, Anthony F Paretto, Russell Petrozzi, Nicholas Vilardo, Jason Zona

Review of the Proposed Policy(ies)

Information and Reports

Public Comment on non-agenda-related items

Michael Barksdale Independence Avenue - Spoke on his communication of May 26, 2026 regarding a racial incident at Gaskill Prep. (Submitted for the record.)

Dear Mr. Paretto,

I am writing to follow up on my correspondence dated May 26, 2026, regarding the District's handling of communication surrounding the March 6, 2026 racial incident at Gaskill Preparatory School.

To date, I have not received a response to the questions raised in that communication. Given the significance of the issues involved, I am concerned that the absence of a response may be interpreted by parents and community members as a lack of willingness to address legitimate concerns regarding transparency, accountability, and Board oversight.

As outlined in my previous correspondence, my concerns are not centered on whether disciplinary action was taken against the employee involved. The District has publicly stated that the teacher was terminated and that the matter was referred to the New York State Education Department. Rather, my concern remains the District's decision not to proactively communicate with families regarding a serious incident involving race, student well-being, and school climate.

Throughout this process, the central question has remained unchanged:

Why were families across the Niagara Falls City School District not formally informed by District leadership about this incident and the actions being taken in response?

Despite multiple communications with Superintendent Laurrie, this question has not been directly answered. As Board President, I respectfully sought the Board's perspective on whether the District's actions were consistent with its commitments to transparency, family engagement, and public accountability. Those questions also remain unanswered.

The Board's policies appear to recognize responsibilities that extend beyond personnel matters. Policy 7555 (Dignity for All Students Act), Policy 8260 (Parent and Family Engagement), Policy 1410 (Policy Development and Evaluation), and Policy 1310 (Powers and Duties of the Board) collectively suggest that maintaining public trust requires more than corrective action after an incident occurs. It also requires meaningful communication with families, active oversight, and a willingness to address concerns when they are raised by the community.

I fully recognize that Board members must operate within legal, ethical, and personnel-related constraints. However, the questions presented do not seek confidential personnel information. Rather, they seek clarification regarding Board expectations, District communication practices, and whether policy improvements are warranted to strengthen public confidence moving forward.

Accordingly, I respectfully request a response to the questions contained in my May 26 correspondence or, alternatively, clarification as to whether the Board intends to discuss these matters publicly at a future Board of Education meeting.

The longer these questions remain unanswered, the more the focus shifts from the original incident itself to broader concerns regarding transparency, responsiveness, and governance within the District.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

Michael V. Barksdale

Samika Sullivan – C Street – Paid respects to Mr. Laurrie on the occasion of his last Board meeting. She has appreciated his attention and guidance over the years for various issues. She recounted various memories. She appreciated especially his work on race relations. She also appreciated Mr. Wojton reaching out as he begins his terms of service.

Legend Lewis – also praised Mr. Laurrie and enjoyed being in the District under his leadership.

Gloria Dolson 1502 Ontario Ave. – Mrs. Dolson spoke on the LaSalle Educational Scholarship program; Mr. Vilardo always attends. She praised Mr. Laurrie and welcomed Mr. Wojton.

Robert Bradley 307 70th St. – Mr. Bradley wanted to reflect that Mr. Laurrie's work speaks for him. He lived the District motto, Learning For All … Whatever It Takes.

Superintendent's Report -
Regarding Mr. Wojton – give him your total support; he deserves it.

He thanked every one in attendance who came to wish him well and is grateful for his career in the NFCSD. He also thanked Cynthia Bianco and Carmen Granto for their leadership. He also spoke about his father.

Board Members Report and Comments
Board members expressed their appreciation of Mr. Laurrie's service with various stories and words of thanks for specific things. They also expressed support for Mr. Wojton.

Mr. Wojton expressed his thanks to Mr. Laurrie and what a mentor he is.

Mr. Paretto spoke an impassioned manner about rejecting racism.

Advanced Planning

Future Agenda Items
Future Meeting Dates

Reorganization Meeting Thursday, July 2 5 p.m.	**Regular Meeting Thursday, July 2 5:30 p.m.**

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Cancemi, seconded by Mr. Bilson in memory of:

Katie O'Hara Barrett, sister of Maureen Ingham.

Frank Calovini, member, LaSalle HS Alumni member, who played left half-back for the LaSalle Explorers under Coach Litchka, winning the Niagara Frontier League Championship for the second time in three years, breaking the school record of scoring 66 points.

Ronald Garven, retired teacher.

Patricia Gonzalez, retired teacher.

Mary Jane Spacone, mother of Mary Beth Spacone.

Danielle Venator, wife of Rich Venator, GPS.

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Glaser
District Clerk