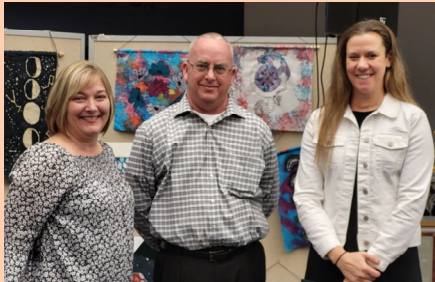




Board of Education President Jen Michalec and Vice President Mike Franey with Joshua Merritt.



Jen Jones, with her Mom, Charlotte Acksel, a Bus Driver whose (second) retirement was acted on Tuesday night.



Board of Education President Jen Michalec and Vice President Mike Franey with AJS Physical Ed Teacher Sara Pici.

## Kudos! Board of Education Recognitions

Three individuals were honored for various accomplishments at Tuesday night’s Board of Education meeting:

**Senior Joshua Merritt**, for being selected into the National Association for Music Education’s All Eastern Honor Band, marking him as one of the best student musicians in the Eastern United States. The All-Eastern rehearsals and performances will be held in Rochester in April. This year, Joshua also performed in the All-State Symphonic Honor Band at the State Music Conference, and was accepted into the Area All State Band. And he auditioned for and performs with the Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra, representing Lake Shore in WNY’s top student orchestra.

**Sarah Pici, A.J. Schmidt Physical Education Teacher**, was recognized for applying for and receiving a flag football kit for the NFL Flag In-School Program through NFL Fuel Up to Play 60. The goal is to introduce flag football to students and keep kids moving at least 60 minutes every day. The free kit includes 10 footballs, 50 flag belts, NFL Flag-In School Curriculum book and bookmarks.

**Jennifer Jones, Transportation Clerk**, for completing the first round in the three-part New York Association of Pupil Transporters’ Leadership Development and Certification Program. This is a three-year commitment to training, testing, and presentations for professional development and certification.

## Jan. 11, 2023 Board of Education Special Meeting

### Personnel Actions:

#### Probationary

#### Appointment of ...

**Andrea Cwynar**, Elementary Principal (J.T. Waugh/effective 2/27/23). Mrs. Cwynar is currently assistant principal at Elmwood Village Charter School. She previ-

ously was Academic Dean/Upper Elementary at Buffalo United Charter School. Prior to that, she was a coordinator for Early Learning & Elementary ELA and math at Erie 1 BOCES. She also taught 3rd grade Buffalo Public Schools’ Discovery School. Mrs. Cwynar is a graduate of Buffalo State

College with bachelor’s in education with dual certification in Exceptional Education and Childhood Education She holds a master’s of science in education as a literacy specialist. She also completed the Educational Leadership program at Stony Brook University.

## Jan. 17, 2023 Board of Education Meeting

### Personnel Actions:

#### Probationary

#### Appointments of ...

**Abigail Wesley**, Assistant Director of Special Education & Coordinator of Student Learning (effective 2/27/23).

**Kenneth Kwilos**, Special Education Teacher (effective on or about 2/27/23).

**Ashley Siragusa**, Special Education Teacher (effective on or about 2/27/23).

**Holly Mangus**, Speech Therapist (effective 2/16/23).

**Kaitlin Hager**, Occupational Therapist (effective 1/30/23).

**Amy Borkowski**, Bus Driver (effective 12/20/22).

**Robert Gifford**, Senior Custodian (effective 1/1/23).

**Revised Probationary Period of ... Elissa Genco**, Elementary Teacher, (8/30/21-8/29/24).

#### Resignation of ...

**Abigail Wesley**, Elementary Principal (effective 2/26/22).

**Robert Gifford**, Custodian, (effective 12/31/22).

#### Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement ...

**Teresa Stojanovich**, Personal Care Aide (effective 1/31/23).

**Charlotte Acksel**, Bus Driver (effective 2/3/23).

**Joan Gilmet**, Fitness Center Attendant (effective 1/31/23).



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### *Capital Improvement Update & Future Plans*

The current Capital Improvement Project is winding down after six years of work at schools throughout the District.

Fire alarm systems are being wrapped up and punch lists addressed, Young + Wright Architectural Senior Project Coordinator Jill Burnett and Associate Ashley Jewett reported to the Board of Education on Tuesday night.

Final costs for the multi-year, four-phase effort have largely come in under budget, allowing for a fifth phase. In addition to playground work, this allows for emergency generator replacements at J.T. Waugh, A.J. Schmidt, Hoag and Highland, as well as roof work at the elementary schools and High School.

Meanwhile, the District is working on the scope and schedule of future capital improvement needs, and a funding plan that will bring no additional tax impact.

This can be accomplished by using the \$10 million Capital Reserve Fund, previously approved by Lake Shore voters, to cover the local share of costs, while State Aid covers the remaining costs.

The main objectives of the project taking shape are Air Conditioning and Solar at the High School, Security, Power, Turf Fields and prioritized Building Conditions Survey (BCS are required by NYS every five years) items.

#### **Briefly:**

**POWER:** Solar arrays on the newer roofs to provide additional electrical capacity and save costs. Gas wells that were drilled in a capital project nearly 50 years ago provided free supplemental gas for decades. Now, the district needs to do the same thing with solar.

The power savings is estimated to be \$40,000 per year, with anticipated savings in demand charges increasing that number.

**TURF FIELDS:** Turf fields would be provided for Baseball/Softball fields, and potentially the multi-purpose fields (Soccer and Lacrosse). The football field would be natural grass. Track, bleacher and press box work also are included.

**SECURITY:** Buttoning down building access continues to be a priority. All buildings now have secure entryways and doors are locked, but in warm weather, windows are often wide open. At the High School, air conditioning would be installed for security, as well as comfort for those who are in school during the summer. Also, window film will be installed at all buildings in the District, and this is covered under the Smart Schools Bond Act.

Although these are all improvements with no additional local tax impact, voters must approve expending the money. A vote is anticipated for May, with the annual budget vote.

Stay tuned for more details as scope is finalized.



### *Congratulations to our Scholar Athletes!*



Senior Mia Valentine, Fall 2022 Ad-Pro All WNY Scholar Athlete in the sport of volleyball.



Seniors (from left) Kate DiMartino, Simon Connors



and Ryan McNamara, Fall 2022 Ad-Pro All WNY Scholar Athletes Honorable Mention in the sport of volleyball.

