As part of their first day of new teacher orientation, new Newark Central School District faculty and staff attended a welcoming luncheon sponsored by the Board of Education August 26th in the Large Group Instruction room at Newark High School.

Superintendent Matt Cook cordially welcomed new staff and introduced others attending the luncheon including: Board of Education members Russ Harris, who is president, Pat Verdine and Brad Steve; Assistant Superintendent for Business Ed Gnau and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Krista Lewis; building principals and assistant principals; some other district staff and Newark Mayor Jonathan Taylor.

Harris told new staff he was really looking forward to working with them and wished them every success.

Taylor also welcomed new staff, telling them it is an “exciting time” for them to begin working in Newark with an estimated $60 million in school and municipal projects either underway or recently completed.

He said Newark is a finalist in the next round of Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s Downtown Revitalization Initiative, a statewide competition in which one winner in each of the state’s 10 Regional Economic Development Councils will receive $10 million in state funding for building and infrastructure improvements.

The mayor said he’d love to see new staff move to the village and said houses currently don’t remain on the market very long. He also noted a plan may be in the works for upscale apartments for young professionals to be built in an area south of Wegmans Plaza off Hope Avenue.

After the luncheon, new staffers went on a bus tour of Newark with Cook and other administrators that ended up with all having ice cream at Erie Shore Landing near the canal.
New Lincoln School staff include from left: special education teacher Alexa O'Brien, second grade teacher Danielle Beck, library media specialist Gwendolyn Curtis and kindergarten teacher Megan Godlewski.
New Perkins School staff include from left: special education teacher Jeffery Garrett, library media specialist Gwendolyn Curtis and physical education teacher Cameron Lanich. Missing from the photo is psychologist Lyndsey Yonker.
New Newark Middle School staff include in front row from left: ELA teacher Caitlin Buck, art teacher Elizabeth Miller, health teacher Jessica Ferriter and Spanish teacher Julie Miller-Trombley. Back row from left are: French teacher Zachary Jones, Spanish teacher Michelle Gibbens, sixth grade teacher Taurie Decker, special education teacher Kelly Arbogast, math teacher Jessica Locey and academic intervention services teacher Tim Sampsell.
New Newark High School staff include from left: social studies teacher Jason Breau, school prevention counselor Krystal Crawford, Spanish teacher Kyle James Matthews, social studies teacher Daniel Micciche and health teacher Cameron Lanich. Missing from the photo is psychologist Rene Sinicropi.