

**ROSLYN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Meeting of the Board of Education**

Thursday, October 22, 2020

8:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The follow participants were present via ZOOM videoconference.

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
Clifford Saffron, Vice President
David Dubner
Michael Levine
Steven Litvack
David Seinfeld
Bruce Valauri

ALSO PRESENT

Allison Brown	Superintendent
Joseph C. Dragone	Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration
Karina Báez	Assistant Superintendent for Primary Education
Michael Goldspiel	Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Nancy Carney Jones	District Clerk
Carrie Anne Tondo	District Counsel

ABSENT

Alida Pahlevan	Student Delegate
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7:00 p.m. - Executive Session

Pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 105, duly moved, seconded, and carried by a vote of 7-0; that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m., to discuss personnel issues.

The Executive Session adjourned at 8: 07 pm. The Board reconvened in Public Session at 8:12 p.m.

8:00 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting

Preliminary Announcements

The Roslyn Union Free School District continues to take steps to reduce the potential for

exposure to the coronavirus (COVID-19). The District's efforts in this regard are made in furtherance of federal, state, and local mandates to limit any and all public gatherings. As authorized by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, issued on March 12, 2020, and as extended by subsequent Executive Orders, this meeting is being held remotely by videoconferencing and the public will not be permitted to attend the meeting in-person. The Board of Education will make a motion setting forth the manner in which the meeting will be conducted and waiving any applicable policies or common practices with respect to the conduct of the meeting. The public participation portion of the meeting will be suspended. The meeting will be video broadcasted in order to provide the public with the ability to view the meeting. This meeting will also be recorded and later transcribed in accordance with Executive Order 202.1, as extended.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recommendation to accept the Claims Auditor's Report for September 2020.

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron, carried by a vote of 7-0, to accept the Claims Audit Report for September 2020

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meetings: October 5, 2020 and October 8, 2020.

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron, carried by a vote of 7-0 to accept the minutes for October 5, 2020 and October 8, 2020

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy commented on the NYSSBA Pre-Convention Law Conference she attended virtually October 21 and 22. She thanked NYSSBA and the school attorneys for presenting a very informative conference.

Ms. Ben-Levy remarked on how well she believes "the Administration, Staff, Faculty, Students and Parents are doing as we navigate these very new waters with this coronavirus." She spoke of how proud she is of the community and the District's leadership. Ms. Ben-Levy expressed her admiration for the members of the Board of Education and she thanked them for their sacrifice and service for the children of Roslyn.

Superintendent's Comments

Board of Recognition Week

This evening members of the Board of Education were recognized for their outstanding support of the Roslyn Community: Ms. Brown read the following statement:

"Roslyn is joining public school districts across the state to celebrate School Board Recognition Week—October 19-23, 2020. The week was created to honor local board

members for their commitment to education and to promote awareness and understanding of the important work they perform.

“The members of the Roslyn Board of Education (BOE) devote countless hours to making sure our schools help every child learn at a high level. “Throughout the year, they make tough decisions on educational and financial issues. These past few months, they have gone above and beyond to ensure that all of our schools continue to be safe environments for learning, while providing the kind of accountability our community expects.”

The fundamental work of any school board is to create a shared vision for the education of a community. They set the direction of the school district to achieve the highest student performance, provide accountability for student achievement results, develop a budget that reflects the district’s values and goals, and support a healthy school culture in which to work and to learn.

The members serving the Roslyn School District include President Meryl Waxman Ben-Levy, Vice President Clifford Saffron, and Trustees, David Dubner, Michael Levine Steven Litvack, David Seinfeld and Bruce Valauri.

Even while navigating the closing and reopening of the district, the Roslyn BOE managed to accomplish many of their goals, to only name a few: the construction of two new playgrounds, the completion of the girls’ high school locker room, the installation of new signs at each school building and the continued planning for the renovation of the state of art science labs at the High School to begin soon . Despite an extraordinary public health crisis, they also succeeded in their mission to bring the community together to overwhelmingly pass the recent budget.

“The Roslyn Board of Education makes every single person who is educated here—and who works here—feel like we are part of their own families,” “They encourage and inspire the community to be part of the process of doing whatever it takes to keep Roslyn Schools going strong.”

Ms. Brown presented a video clip of Ms. Feinman and members of the Mixed Chorus signing *“You Will be Found”*.

Student Delegate’s Comments

Ms. Brown read the following statement on behalf of the OCC president, Alida Pahlevan who was unable to attend this evenings meeting:

“I wanted to express my gratitude towards the Board for everything they do for the students at RHS and the rest of the schools. The OCC really appreciates the care and concern everyone has shown for our safety and we are very grateful to be back in the building in a safe way. Looking forward to the next meeting!”

Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to adopt the agenda and addendum as a consent agenda.

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, Mr. Saffron seconded and carried by a vote of 7-0, to move as a consent agenda.

Mr. Goldspiel called from the floor to amend agenda item C&I.2

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, Mr. Saffron seconded and carried by a vote of 7-0, to move the agenda, agenda addendum and corrections as seriatim.

ACTION ITEMS

PERSONNEL:

ALL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS LISTED ARE FUNDED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

P.1. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Roslyn Board of Education approves the appointments, resignations, terminations, elimination of positions, transfers, and leaves of absence as detailed in the Personnel Action Reports attached as **(Attachment P.1 Professional)**

P.2. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Roslyn Board of Education approves the appointments, resignations, terminations, elimination of positions, transfers, and leaves of absence as detailed in the Personnel Action Reports attached as **(Attachment P.2 Classified)**

Addendum

P.1 Professional

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Class	Type	Location	From	To	Tenure Area	Certification / Class / Step / Salary
8	Jamal Pilgrim	Substitute Appointment	Per Diem Substitute Teaching Assistant				10/23/20	6/30/21		TA Level III, \$100/day
9	Francesca Prestia	Part-Time Appointment	.5FTE Teaching Assistant (R. Dujardin)		PT	HTS	10/23/20	6/30/21		Grade 1/ Step 2, Per RPA Contract prorated
10	Meaghan Tully	Resignation	Per Diem Substitute Teacher					10/16/20 (last day of		

								employ ment)		
11	Robert Johnson	Coach Appointment	Baseball II/1			MS	5/3/21	6/11/21		Per RTA Contract
12	Bryan Offermann	Coach Appointment	Varsity Fencing II/1			HS	1/4/21	2/26/21		Per RTA Contract
13	Denise Tretola	Coach Appointment	Varsity Girls' Bowling III/1			HS	1/4/21	2/26/21		Per RTA Contract
14	Danielle Somoskey	Appointment	IPG Teaching Assistant (not to exceed 3 hrs./week)			HTS	10/23/20	6/30/21		Per RPA Contract
15	Danielle Somoskey	Substitute Appointment	Substitute IPG Teaching Assistant			HTS	10/23/20	6/30/21		Per RPA Contract
16	Sarah Schuld	Appointment	IPG Teaching Assistant (not to exceed 3 hrs./week)			HTS	10/23/20	6/30/21		Per RPA Contract
17	Sarah Schuld	Substitute Appointment	Substitute IPG Teaching Assistant			HTS	10/23/20	6/30/21		Per RPA Contract
18	Chanel Davis	Appointment	IPG Teaching Assistant (not to exceed 3 hrs./week)			EH	10/23/20	6/30/21		Per RPA Contract
19	Chanel Davis	Substitute Appointment	Substitute IPG Teaching Assistant			EH	10/23/20	6/30/21		Per RPA Contract
20	Laura Farnan	Appointment	IPG Teaching Assistant (not to exceed 3 hrs./week)			EH	10/23/20	6/30/21		Per RPA Contract

NOTE: All extracurricular appointments for the 2020-2021 school year are subject to State and local circumstances.

P.2 Classified

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Class	Type of Appt	Location	From	To	Certification Class / Step Salary
4	Francesco Delledera	Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement	Senior Maintainer			Maint		12/30/20 (last day of employment)	
5	Gregory Nofi	Probationary Appointment	Maintainer (G. Swieboda)	Non-comp	Prob	Maint	On or about 11/2/20*		Grade 5/Step ENT, Per RCBDMA Contract
6	Norman Kaufman	Appointment	Monitor (A. Johanson)	Non-comp	p/t	EH	On or about 11/2/20*		\$16.19/hr.
7	Rafael Estevez	Part-Time Appointment	Part-Time Cleaner	Non-comp	p/t	EH	On or about 11/2/20*		\$15.00/hr.
8	Esperanza Jimenez	Part-Time Appointment	Part-Time Cleaner	Non-comp	p/t	HH	On or about 11/2/20*		\$15.00/hr.

*Pending Civil Service Approval

BUSINESS/FINANCE:

ALL ITEMS ON THE BUSINESS/FINANCE PORTION OF THE AGENDA ARE WITHIN THE BUDGET UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

- B.1.** Recommendation to approve the following contracts and to authorize the Board of Education President to execute (those contracts marked with an asterisk have been prepared pursuant to a previous award of an RFP or bid).

Recommendation to **amend** the following contract (i) which was approved by the Board of Education on June 30, 2020 (item B.1. (xxii)):

- (i) *Contractor: Metro Therapy, Inc.
 Services: Various services for the 2020-21 school year as specified in the agreement
 Fees: Total estimated to be ~~\$12,500.00~~ \$12,600.00 (~~\$500.00~~ \$600.00 for the summer program; \$12,000.00 for the school year)

Recommendation to **amend** the following contract (ii) which was approved by the Board of Education on June 30, 2020 (item B.1. (xxiv)):

- (ii) *Contractor: MKSA, LLC
 Services: Various services for the 2020-21 school year as specified in the agreement

Fees: Total estimated to be ~~\$1,000.00~~ \$4,830.00 (\$630.00 for the summer; \$4,200.00 for the school year)

Recommendation to **amend** the following contract (iii) which was approved by the Board of Education on June 30, 2020 (item B.1. (vi)):

(iii) *Contractor: Daniel Armstrong
Services: Various services for the 2020-21 school year as specified in the agreement
Fees: Total estimated to be ~~\$112,150.00~~ \$114,235.00 (~~\$2,150.00~~ \$4,235.00 for summer program; \$110,000.00 for school year)

Recommendation to **amend** the following contract (iv) which was approved by the Board of Education on June 30, 2020 (item B.1. (xix)):

(iv) *Contractor: ~~Gayle E. Kligman Therapeutic Resources~~ *Beyond Boundaries Therapeutic Services SLP, OT, PT, LMSW, Psychology, Audiology, PLLC*
Services: Various services for the 2020-21 school year as specified in the agreement
Fees: Total estimated to be \$10,850 (\$850.00 for the summer program; \$10,000.00 for the school year)

B.2. Recommendation to declare the following vehicles surplus because they are beyond their useful life and need considerable repair. They will be auctioned if they have value or sold as scrap metal if they do not.

BUS # 30 2000 CHEV. EXPRESS/GIRARDIN VIN 1GBHG31F0Y1109975
BUS # 33 2000 CHEV. EXPRESS/GIRARDIN VIN 1GBHG31F3Y1227373
BUS # 35 2001 FORD E-450/GIRARDIN VIN 1FDWE45F81HB11507
BUS # 43 2006 FORD VIN 1FDXE45P06HB14700
BUS # 82 2003 BLUE BIRD VIN 1BABHBPA43F211693
BUS # 83 2004 BLUE BIRD VIN 1BABGCKA94F218477
BUS # 84 2005 BLUE BIRD VIN 1BABHBKA65F218476

B.3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Disclosure and Consent Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said Disclosure and Consent Agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

B.4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District and the Board of Education of the Bay Shore Union Free School District to contract with one another to share the services to be performed by Renu Contracting and Restoration Inc.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Inter-Municipal Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

- B.5.** Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$1,935.50 to O'Brien & O'Brien, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district for the period ending 10/09/2020.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

C&I.1 Recommendation to accept the confidential stipulations of the CPSE for the dates listed below as well as the implementation plans for the corresponding special education programs, services and parent notification as previously approved by the Committee on October 1 and 2, 2020.

C&I.2 Recommendation to accept the confidential stipulations of the CSE for the dates listed below as well as the implementation plans for the corresponding special education programs, services and parent notification as previously approved by the Committee on September 23 and October 2, 2020 . (As amended)

Addendum

Board of Education:

BOE.1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District (hereinafter the "School District") hereby accepts the statement of charges preferred by the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to Section 75 of the Civil Service Law against the employee named in the confidential statement of charges dated October 22, 2020,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby appoints Richard Thompson, Esq. as the Hearing Officer in the matter of the disciplinary proceeding against the employee named in the confidential statement of charges dated October 22, 2020. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Section 75 of the Civil Service Law. Mr. Thompson shall cause a record/transcript to be made of such hearing, which will be referred to the School District, along with his recommendations for review and decision by the School District,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 75 of the Civil Service Law, the employee named in the confidential statement of charges dated October 22, 2020, is hereby suspended without pay for not more than thirty days pending the hearing and determination of those charges.

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, Mr. Saffron seconded and carried by a vote of 7-0, to accept the Personnel Agenda items P.1, P.2, Addenda P.1 and P.2, Business/Finance Agenda Items B.1 – B.5, C&I.1 – C&I.2 (As amended), Addendum BOE.1 as a consent agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Saffron, carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Carney Jones
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District Clerk