

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

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

8:00 p.m.

Roslyn High School – Board Room

MINUTES

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
David Dubner
Adam Haber
Steven Litvack
Bruce G. Valauri – Left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT

Gerard W. Dempsey, Jr.	Superintendent
Allison Brown	Deputy Superintendent
Joseph C. Dragone	Assistant Superintendent for Business
Michael Goldspiel	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Nancy Carney Jones	District Clerk
Nathan Yang	Student Delegate

ABSENT

Clifford Saffron, Vice President
David Seinfeld

7:00 p.m. - Executive Session

Pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 105, it was duly moved, seconded and carried by a vote of 5-0 (Messrs. Saffron and Seinfeld absent); that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:57 p.m. The Board reconvened in Public Session in the High School Board Room at 8:13p.m.

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

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition -

Tenure Reception - *Introduction of Candidates Recommended for Tenure*

Ms. Ben-Levy requested the Board's permission to take agenda item P.1 items 1-6 out of order.

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri and carried by a vote of 5-0 (Messrs. Saffron and Seinfeld absent) to take agenda item P.1 items # 1-6 out of order.

Mr. Dempsey remarked that as a Superintendent there is probably no more serious or important act than to recommend an individual for tenure. He stated tenure should be celebrated as it is based on the work of an individual. He recommended the following individuals for tenure:

Administrators

Gina Faust	Principal	Harbor Hill School
Christopher Roth	Dean of Students	Roslyn High School

Teachers

Ellen Chavousite	Grade 5	East Hills
Amy Ferris	Grade 5	Harbor Hill
Kristen Hamilton	English	Roslyn High School
Gail Horn	Speech	Roslyn High School

In addition, Lindsay McDermott, Grade 1, Harbor Hill was granted tenure at the December 3rd Board meeting and Lucy Ancona, Teacher Assistant, East Hills was granted tenure at the December 17th Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned for a brief celebration of this year's tenure appointments.

Ms. Ben-Levy reconvened the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting(s):
March 31, 2016 April 7, 2016

Mr. Litvack moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Messrs. Saffron and Seinfeld absent, Dr. Valauri left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.), to accept the minutes for March 31, 2016 and April 7, 2016.

Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Dempsey announced that sadly a member of the Roslyn family, Vanessa Gray a Middle School guidance counselor passed away last Friday. On behalf of the District he offered condolence to her family. He expressed his gratitude to the staff, students and community who helped out on Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. He commented on the tremendous outreach of support shown to one another. He requested a moment of silence in memory of Ms. Gray.

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy commented on the passing of Ms. Gray. She remarked on how proud

she was of the Administration and the Administrators of the Middle School on how they handled this terrible tragedy. She shared the sentiments of a member of the 8th grade class in regard to what they learned from Ms. Gray, “to make the most of every opportunity, to take chances and not be afraid; to live every day and to not let anybody leave without letting them know how you feel about them, because you never know whether you will ever see them again.” Ms. Ben-Levy remarked that Ms. Gray will always be remembered because she touched the lives of so many of our children.

Mr. Dempsey announced the next board meeting will be held on May 5th. The following meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17th which is the budget vote and reelection of school board members. He announced Mr. Litvack and Dr. Valauri are running unopposed.

Student Delegate’s Comments

Mr. Yang commented the OCC is focusing on the senior prom and junior dance. They will be holding elections for the president and vice president of the OCC.

Discussion Item(s):

1. Construction Information Website -

Mr. Barry Edelson, Director of Community Relations & Adult Education and Mr. Jason Lopez, Instructional & Administrative Chief Technology Officer presented a power point presentation on the modifications to the website and how the Administration will communicate construction updates to the community.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy thanked Mr. Edelson for all he does for the school district.

The board entered into a discussion on the best way to inform the community of the updates to the website.

Mr. Litvack requested a report which shows the area of the website that receives the most hits.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1 Limited to Agenda Items ONLY

(Will be limited to ½ hour, no more than 2 minutes per speaker).

Though not required by law, the Roslyn Board of Education invites public comment during its meetings. Citizens will be recognized by the presiding officer. Please state your name and address before speaking and direct all comments to the Board. This is not a time for citizen to citizen exchanges. We ask that comments not include the names of students or staff members, and comments are not permitted with respect to confidential matters. Please also be reminded that Board meetings are designed by law to facilitate the school district’s business and provide for public Board deliberations. Thank you

No public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Action may be taken for each individual resolution or by the titled subgroups. Bracketed information following resolutions is not part of the Board’s official action and does not become part of the official record.

Mr. Goldspiel called from the floor to add agenda item addendum P.1

Mr. Dragone called from the floor to add agenda item addendum P.3

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	Location	From	To	Certification / Class / Step / Salary
89	Susan Hurwitz	Appointment	Regular Substitute Teacher, Elementary	EH	4/20/16	6/30/16	Nursery-Gr 6 (perm), MA/Step 1, Per RTA Contract
90	Kathleen McShea	Appointment	Home Instruction Tutor		4/20/16	6/30/16	\$60/hour

P.3 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of Education Law Section 913, that an employee whose identity is known to the Board of Education, is hereby directed to report for a medical examination in order to determine his/her physical and mental capacity to perform his/her employment duties, the said examination will be conducted by a medical professional selected by the School District on a mutually agreeable date(s) and time.

Mr. Litvack moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Messrs. Saffron and Seinfeld absent, Dr. Valauri left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.) to approve Agenda Items numbered P.1 (Items 7-88), P.2 and Addenda P.1 and P.3

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 contract 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).

- (i) *Contractor: Universal Testing
Services: Materials Testing for the School District Capital Work
Fees: Pursuant to a schedule outlined in their response to our RFP (**Attachment B.1.i**)
Total estimated to be \$100,000

[This agreement is approved subject to preparation of a contract by district counsel]

Recommendation to **amend** the following contracts (ii) which was approved by the Board of Education on December 17, 2015 (items B.1(ii)):

- (i) Contractor: Metro Therapy, Inc.
Services: Occupational & physical therapy, speech pathologists, special educators, and psychologist services for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. *Amended to include Reading Support Services*
Fees: Total estimated to be \$18,800, an increase of \$10,000

Recommendation to **amend** the following contract [(ii) which was approved by the Board of Education on February 11, 2016 (item B.1(ii))]:

- (ii) Contractor: Brookville Center for Children’s Services, Inc. (3 services)
Services: IBA/ABA services for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. *Amended to include Educational, Occupational & Physical Therapy, and Speech Evaluations.*
Fees: Total estimated to be \$26,300
Services: Full day autism program for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 for 2 students
Fees: \$20,912 for summer program
\$125,470 for the school year
Total estimated to be \$146,382
Services: Educational center program for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 for 1 student
Fees: \$7,894 for summer program
\$47,363 for the school year
Total estimated to be \$55,257
Grand total estimated to be \$232,939, an increase of \$5,000

Recommendation to **amend** the following contracts (iii) which was approved by the Board of Education on December 17, 2015 (items B.1(iii)):

- (iii) Contractor: Nassau Suffolk Services for Autism
Services: ABA services for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.
Fees: Total estimated to be \$24,500, an increase of \$8,000

B.2. Recommendation to approve general fund appropriation transfer requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2110-120-09-2200-303 Tch Sal MS Science	2630-490-03-9000-311 BOCES Comp Svcs DW	\$41,000
	Subtotal	\$41,000

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: For website redevelopment solution and training.

B.3. Recommendation to approve general fund expenditure transfer requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
9020-800-03-9000-303	Teachers Retirement System	\$100,000
	Subtotal	\$100,000
<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
9045-800-03-9000-303	Life Insurance	\$ 5,400.00
9040-800-03-9000-303	Workers Compensation Benefits	\$94,600.00
	Subtotal	\$100,000

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: Additional funds required for Life Insurance and Workers Compensation.

B.4. Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$35,026.66 to Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district for the period ending 3/31/2016.

B.5. Recommendation to approve the following payments to Park East Construction Corporation for construction management services and reimbursements rendered to the district pertaining to various projects at the locations indicated in the table below. [Funds will be deducted from the Capital Budget Codes indicated in the table below.]

Payment	Location/Project	Budget	PO #	Inv #
\$10,000.00	DW Capital Project	2110-201-03-1502	H15-00015	11
\$15,000.00	EH Capital Project	2110-201-04-1504	H15-00015	11

B.6. Recommendation to approve the following payments to KG&D Architects for professional services rendered to the district and reimbursable expenses pertaining to capital improvements at the locations indicated in the table below. [Funds will be deducted from the Capital Budget Codes indicated in the table below.]

Payment	Location/ Project	Budget	PO #S	Inv #
\$1,575.91	MS Reimbursables	2110-245-09-1509	H15-00014	9
\$1,350.00	HS Steam Leak	2110-245-08-1508	H15-00014	5
\$18,380.37	HS Reimbs/Prof. Svcs	2110-245-08-1508	H15-00014	14
\$225.42	HH Reimbursables	2110-245-07-1507	H15-00014	13
\$1,575.64	EH Reimbursables	2110-245-04-1504	H15-00014	12

\$3,853.94	EH Field & Site Work	2110-245-04-1504	H15-00014	9
\$4,599.68	DW Reimbursables	2110-245-03-1502	H15-00014	19

B.7. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby authorizes the Roslyn Union Free School District to enter into an Agreement with Seneca Consulting Group, Inc. for the provision of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Consulting Services for the 2016-2017 school year, subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement to be approved by District counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Total Estimated cost not to exceed \$18,000

B.8. WHEREAS, It is the plan of the Boards of Education of Herricks Union Free School District, Jericho Union Free School District, Long Beach City School District and Roslyn Union Free School District County of Nassau, New York to bid jointly for Uniforms and

WHEREAS, The Roslyn Public Schools is desirous of participating with other school districts in Nassau County in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 and

WHEREAS, The Roslyn Public Schools wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Boards of Education and making recommendations thereon, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Herricks Union Free School District hereby appoints John Conklin, for the Herricks Union Free School District to represent it in all matters related above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Roslyn Public Schools Board of Education authorizes the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Roslyn Public Schools Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Roslyn Public Schools Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by the majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards: (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee: (3) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s)

- B.9.** Resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Agreement between Roslyn and North Shore CSD for inspection, maintenance and repair services of our buses, subject to approval by counsel and

Be it further Resolved that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate said agreement.

- B.10.** Recommendation by Melissa Krieger, East Hills Principal, to declare a faculty lounge couch to be in a state of disrepair, non-repairable, and therefore unusable. Item has no value for resale, and will be discarded.

Roslyn ticket number 200335

- B.11.** Recommendation by Melissa Krieger, East Hills Principal, to declare the following books to be discarded due to obsolescence.

Silver Burdett Ginn Science Discovery Works-Series
Harcourt Health and Fitness-Series
World of Language-Series

Mr. Dubner moved, seconded by Mr. Litvack carried by a vote of 4-0 (Messrs. Saffron and Seinfeld absent, Dr. Valauri left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.) approve Agenda Items numbered B.1–B.11.

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 March 30, 2016, April 4, 2016 and April 7, 2016.

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 February 24, 2016, February 26, 2016, March 4, 2016, March 10, 2016, March 11, 2016, March 15, 2016, March 16, 2016 and March 21, 2016.

C&I.3 Recommendation to approve 11 students and 4 chaperones from the Forensics Club to attend the Grand National Tournament in Sacramento, California from May 26 through May 30, 2016 at an estimated cost to the district of \$17,818.50. [Total cost of trip - \$24,112.50: Student contribution \$4,294.00/26%; Fundraising \$2,000.00; district contribution \$17,818.50/74%.]

C&I.4 Recommendation to approve 5 students and one chaperone from the Research Club to attend the Stanford Undergraduate Psychology Conference in Palo Alto, California from May 19 through May 22, 2016 at an estimated cost to the district of \$6,237.18.

C&I.5 Recommendation to approve Soowook Lee to attend the New York State master Teacher Program Professional Development Conference at SUNY Cortland from August 15 through August 17, 2016 at an estimated cost to the district of \$797.62.

Mr. Litvack moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner carried by a vote of 4-0 (Messrs. Saffron and Seinfeld absent, Dr. Valauri left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.) to approve Agenda Items numbered C&I.1 – C&I.5.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOE.1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a Settlement Agreement and Release in connection with case number 95336, a copy of which has been provided to and reviewed by the members of the Board of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

BOE.2 Recommendation to nominate the following two Board members to serve as co-chairpersons of the Annual Election and Budget Vote to be held on May 17, 2016: Nominee(s): Meryl Waxman Ben-Levy, President and Clifford Saffron, Vice President.

BOE.3 NASSAU BOCES BUDGET & TRUSTEE DISCUSSION & RESOLUTIONS:
[a] BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby approves the Nassau BOCES Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$20,789,248.00.

Carried by a vote of 4-0 (Messrs. Saffron and Seinfeld absent, Dr. Valauri left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.), **to approve Agenda Item BOE.3 [A]**

[b] BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby casts its votes to fill these THREE (3) BOCES Board seats effective July 1, 2016 from the candidates so nominated: Ronald Ellerbe, Fran N. Langsner, Laura Pierce and Robert "B.A." Schoen

Carried by a vote of 4-0 (Messrs. Saffron and Seinfeld absent, Dr. Valauri left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.) **to casts its vote for** Ronald Ellerbe, Fran N. Langsner and Robert "B.A." Schoen, **Agenda Item BOE.3 [B]**

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Litvack, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Messrs. Saffron and Seinfeld absent, Dr. Valauri left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.) to approve Agenda Item BOE.3

BOE.4 WHEREAS, the Nassau County Department of Health requires certain filings and submissions to be made on behalf of the District in connection with capital work that is being undertaken at the Transportation and Maintenance Facility Project (hereinafter the "Project");

WHEREAS, the District, through its Architects of Record, KG & D Architects (“KG&D”), shall make the necessary filings and submissions on behalf of the District to the Nassau County Department of Health concerning the Project pursuant to its agreement with the District for the bond referendum project;

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Department of Health further requires the District to submit a certification to the Department of Health concerning the Project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents as required by the Department of Health for this Project on behalf of the Board of Education, including the certification to the Department of Health in the form attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education hereby directs the District Clerk to transmit the attached letter to the Nassau County Department of Health with a copy to KG&D.

Mr. Litvack moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Messrs. Saffron and Seinfeld absent, Dr. Valauri left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.) to approve Agenda Item BOE.1, BOE.2 and BOE.4.

Public Comments #2

Ms. Russell, RTA President, commented on the Construction Information Website discussion item presented by Messrs. Edelson and Lopez. She suggested that one way to inform the community of the new addition to the website would be to present charts and construction photographs at the upcoming budget vote. In addition, she presented the board with an article “These Politicians Think Your Kids Need High-Stakes Testing – but Not Theirs” by Nikhil Goyal.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education Mr. Dubner moved, seconded by Mr. Litvack, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Messrs. Saffron and Seinfeld absent, Dr. Valauri left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.) to adjourn at 09:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carney Jones

**Nancy Carney Jones
District Clerk**