

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

**Thursday, May 5, 2016**

**8:15 p.m.**

**Roslyn High School – Board Room  
MINUTES**

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President  
Adam Haber  
David Seinfeld  
Bruce G. Valauri

**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

**ABSENT**

Clifford Saffron, Vice President	
David Dubner	
Steven Litvack	
Nathan Yang	Student Delegate

**7:00 p.m. - Executive Session**

Pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 105, it was duly moved, seconded and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Messrs. Saffron, Litvack and Dubner absent); that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The Board reconvened in Public Session in the High School Board Room at 8:17 p.m.

Preliminary Announcements  
Emergency Procedures  
Cell Phones

**Pledge of Allegiance**

## **8:00 p.m. - Budget Hearing**

[Even though the law requires a “Budget Hearing”, please understand that the law also requires that nothing can be changed in the budget at this time. This “hearing” is purely informational.]

Mr. Dragone presented a power point presentation to review the budget and complete the legal responsibility of the District to hold a budget hearing.

- **Public Comment**  
No public comment

## **8:20 p.m. Board of Education Meeting**

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting:  
April 19, 2016

**Dr. Valauri moved, seconded by Mr. Haber and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Messrs. Saffron, Litvack and Dubner absent), to accept the minutes for April 19, 2016.**

### **Board President’s Comments –**

Ms. Ben-Levy recognized the beautiful art work on display in the Board Room from the Heights School.

She then commented on Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day. She stated “we talk about social and emotional learning and relational aggression. And when you think about some of the events that have taken place in our world decades ago and some events taking place in our world today in other places, it is to be noted there is no place for lack of human respect and for the understanding of similarities and differences and the connections made between people. As Educators and those who love education it is our solemn responsibility to appreciate good citizenship and to enhance and encourage it everywhere we can, as often as we can, for as long as we can.”

### **Superintendent’s Comments –**

Mr. Dempsey announced the following:

- May 17<sup>th</sup> is the next Board of Education meeting as well as budget vote and election of returning board members. The hours are 7am to 9pm in the Roslyn High School auditorium. After the votes are counted, the Board will go into public session to accept the results of the voting. There may also be a brief business meeting since the next board meeting is not scheduled until June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Third Precinct of the Nassau County Police Department will be holding a community meeting to introduce the Problem Orientated Policing Unit. He stated the Third Precinct police has been very supportive of the District.
- On May 25<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Stephen Dewey will present The Effects of Drugs on the Fragile Teenage Brain. On May 20<sup>th</sup> he will be speaking to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders

at the Middle School. Parents of adolescence are invited to bring their children with them to the presentation.

Ms. Ben-Levy commented that there is a petition being circulated to seek to reopen the Nassau County Police Department - 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

Mr. Seinfeld remarked that Dr. Stephen Dewey is one of the best speakers he has ever seen present on this topic.

Mr. Dragone stated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct meeting will be held at the Town of Oyster Bay Community Center, 200 Glen Head Road, Glen Head.

Student Delegate's Comments – Mr. Yang was not in attendance this evening.

### **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 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.

Ms. Ben-Levy accepted the addendum that was submitted to the Board of Education

### **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)**

**P.3.** Recommendation to increase the Per Diem Substitute Teacher Assistant rate of pay from \$79 to \$100 per day effective July 1, 2016.

**Addendum  
P.1**

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Location	From	To	Tenure Area	Certification / Class / Step / Salary
33	Barbara Bende	Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement	Teaching Assistant	HH		6/29/16 (last day of employment)		
34	Susan DeThomasis	Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement	Teaching Assistant	HH		6/29/16 (last day of employment)		
35	Diane Lipari	Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement	Teaching Assistant	HTS		6/28/16 (last day of employment)		
36	Rachel Blount	Interim Appointment	Interim Assistant Principal (C. Reinhard)	MS	On or about 5/23/16	On or about 12/23/16		SDA (perm), per RASA Contract \$153,000 per annum (pro-rated)
37	Karina Baez	Resignation	Department Chairperson, Foreign Language			6/30/16		
38	Karina Baez	Probationary Appointment	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction	District	7/1/16	Prob. Ends 6/30/20	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction	SBL (init) & Spanish (perm), \$175,000

**P.2**

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Class	Type of Appt	Location	From	To	Certification Class / Step Salary
6	Holly Stern	Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement	Teachers Aide			HH		6/28/16 (last day of employment)	

**Mr. Seinfeld moved, seconded by Mr. Haber and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Messrs. Saffron, Litvack and Dubner absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered P.1, P.2, P.3, Addendum P.1 and P.2.**

**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).

- (i) Contractor: Lawrence Public Schools  
Services: ~~2016-2017~~ 2015-2016 Health & Welfare Services for 1

student attending out of district schools.  
 Cost- \$545.83 per student  
 Total estimated to be \$545.83

Recommendation to **amend** the following contract (ii) which was first approved by the Board of Education on March 31, 2016 (item B.1(ii)):

(ii) Contractor: Jericho Union Free School District  
 Services: 2015/2016 Health Services for 44 15 students attending out of district schools.  
 Fees: Cost- \$1,055.23 per student  
 Total estimated to be \$15,828.45, an increase of \$1,055.23

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

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2850-450-08-6700-801	2850-448-08-6700-801	\$7,927.15
Co-Curricular Supplies	Co-Curricular Field Trips	
	Subtotal	\$7,927.15

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: We need to increase the money in our field trip code to cover the cost of travel for the Forensics students who qualified for the Grand National Tournament in Sacramento, CA. (BOE Approved 4/19/16)

**B.3.** Recommendation to approve general fund appropriation transfer requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1620-430-03-9000-310	1620-421-03-9000-310	\$3,000.00
Cont. Svcs-Security	Carting-Dist	
	Subtotal	\$3,000.00

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To cover cost of incineration through Town of North Hempstead throughout the rest of the year, and to cover costs of clean up during the beginning of the Bus Garage construction.

**B.4.** Recommendation to approve general fund appropriation transfer requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
9020-800-03-9000-303	1621-430-03-9000-310	\$20,000.00
TRS	Maint Cont Svcs-Dist	
	Subtotal	\$20,000.00

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To cover the cost of woodland clean up on Roslyn Road and Harbor Hill Road.

**B.5.** Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$1,604.74 to Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district in regards to the LIPA

Reform Act for the period ending 3/31/2016.

- B.6.** Recommendation that, pursuant to receipt of a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from an anonymous donor, the Board of Education hereby accepts the money for deposit to the FINA Fund (TE 0301).

**Mr. Haber moved, seconded by Mr. Seinfeld carried by a vote of 5-0 (Messrs. Saffron, Litvack and Dubner absent) approve Agenda Items numbered B.1–B.6.**

### **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 18, 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 29, 2016, March 1, 2016 and March 7, 2016.

**Dr. Valauri moved, seconded by Mr. Seinfeld carried by a vote of 5-0 (Messrs. Saffron and Dubner absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered C&I.1 and C&I.2.**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**BOE.1** Appointment of Board of Registration (*Revision of item BOE.3 on June 25, 2015*)  
[The appointments of the members of the Board of Registration expire thirty days following the date of the annual budget vote.]

- a) Recommendation that the Board of Registration Chief and Assistant to the Clerk be paid at a rate of \$15.00 per hour for the 2015-2016 school year:  
Doris Letendre    Phyllis Zuckerman
- b) Recommendation that three four members of the Board of Registration be paid at a rate of \$12.00 per hour for the 2015-2016 school year:  
Jacqueline Harleston    Sharon Margolin  
Ruth Quintero    Howard Zuckerman

**Mr. Haber moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Messrs. Saffron, Litvack and Dubner absent) to approve Agenda Item BOE.1**

### **Public Comments #2**

Ms. Carmine Krauss, Retired Teacher’s Assistant, commented on agenda item P.3, On behalf of the Roslyn School District’s Retired TA’s she thanked the members of the Board and Administrators for the increase in the pay rate for per diem Substitute Teacher Assistants. She stated that the retired TA’s bring many years of experience to the educational experience at Roslyn and she hopes this increase would motivate

teacher assistants to accept positions in the District.

Ms. Eleanor Russell, RTA President, stated she seconded what Ms. Krauss's comment. Fifteen years is a very long time without a raise.

Next week the RTA will be sending out flyers to teachers and retirees in support of the budget.

In addition, she read an excerpt from an article published in the RTA Reflections Remembering Vanessa Gray: Beloved Guidance Counselor.

### **Adjournment**

**There being no further business to come before the Board of Education Mr. Seinfeld moved, seconded by Mr. Haber, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Messrs. Saffron, Litvack and Dubner absent) to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Nancy Carney Jones*

**Nancy Carney Jones  
District Clerk**