

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

Thursday, September 10, 2015

8:00 p.m.

Roslyn High School – Cafeteria

MINUTES

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
Clifford Saffron, Vice President
David Dubner
Adam Haber
Steven Litvack
David Seinfeld arrived at 8:18
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
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 7-0; that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The Board reconvened in Public Session in the Roslyn High School Cafeteria at 8:15p.m.

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

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition

Griffin Berkenfeld - 2015 Official Selection in the All American HS Film Festival

Mr. Dempsey introduced Griffin Berkenfeld a Roslyn High School senior and asked him to speak about his film *Time Stops* and the All American Film Festival. Mr. Berkenfeld was chosen to present his film at the festival, being held in New York City, October 9-11, 2015. The festival brings talented High School students from around the United States to present their films.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy presented Mr. Berkenfeld with a certificate of recognition. She expressed how proud the District is of his accomplishments and with his talent one day he will receive an Oscar.

Recommendation to accept the Claims Audit Report(s) for
May 2015, June 2015

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Litvack, carried by a vote of 7-0, to accept the Claims Auditors Report for May 2015 and June 2015.

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting: **August 25, 2015**

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded Mr. Seinfeld, carried by a vote of 4-0, (Messrs. Dubner, Litvack and Dr. Valauri abstained) to accept the minutes for August 25, 2015.

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy shared with the Board her feelings of there being a palpable energy and excitement about the beginning of this school year. "There is a new and happy energy in the schools" and she felt it on Superintendent Conference Day.

At Superintendents Conference Day Ms. Ben-Levy presented a letter written by Kylene Beers "*Why I hated Meredith's First Grade Teacher: An open letter to America's Teachers*" and her annual photo montage. She thanked Mr. Edelson, Ms. Russell, Mr. Johanson and Mr. Ritter for supplying pictures for her montage.

Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Dempsey spoke about some of the ideas he shared with the faculty and staff at the Superintendent's Conference Day. He concurred with Ms. Ben-Levy on the spirit that exists at the beginning each school year. He stated "it is one of the joys of being in this profession, that each year there is an excitement, there's energy and there's a little bit of anxiety that returns at the beginning of the school year." He spoke about the cycle of activities that happen during the school year which culminates at graduation. He commented that it is these things that should be celebrated in this profession.

One of the themes he spoke about was that leadership is a shared experience. The responsibility of every leader is to empower and encourage everybody else in all of their leadership functions. Teaching is leadership activity. Anyone who works or volunteers in a school district has the opportunity to empower others to make a difference in the

lives of students. Mr. Dempsey shared with the Board a sampling of his PowerPoint presentation with a segment on Leadership.

In closing he commented on the heartfelt energy that's part of the start of the school year.

Mr. Dempsey shared with the board two updates.

- 1) Mr. Melore, Athletic Director, advised Mr. Dempsey that 40 girls from the Middle School are trying out for soccer. He is requesting approval to add a second team, and since there is no JV team, there is money to cover the team and coach. A request was made to appoint the coach at the next board meeting.
- 2) Currently the District is waiting for engineering approval of the bond plans which has been delayed for several months. The architects, KG&D, would like to attend the October 8th board meeting to present alternatives to the current calendar.

The Board voted in favor of both updates.

Student Delegate's Comments

Mr. Yang, OCC President, stated it is "an honor and pleasure" to be here. He said he could attest to the spirit in the school. The first OCC meeting was held on September 9th with sophomore, junior and senior representatives. The topic of discussion was homecoming. The freshman representative elections are to be held on September 18th.

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 comment.

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.

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)**

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri and carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve Agenda Items numbered 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: Hicksville School District
Services: 2014-2015 Health Services for 1 student attending out of district schools.
Cost- \$585.73 per student
Total estimated to be \$585.73

(ii) Contractee: Half Hollow Hills School District
Services: One (1) student from Half Hollow Hills to attend The Hilltop Academy for the 9/9/2015-2016 school year
Fees: \$72,900.00 tuition per student
Total estimated to be \$72,900.00 (Roslyn to receive)

(iii) Contractee: Roslyn Neighborhood Corporation
Services: Use of 1 room at Heights for Roslyn After School Program for the period of 9/1/15 thru 6/30/16
Fees: \$1,242.21 for school year – Roslyn to receive

Recommendation to **amend** the following contract which was first approved by the Board of Education on June 7, 2012 [item B.1(xii)]:

(iv) Contractor: Jericho Terrace
Services: Catering and Facilities for 2016 Senior Prom
Fees: The entire cost of this affair will be paid by students and student fundraising activities of the Class of 2016; no district funds will be used.

B.2. Resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Agreement between Roslyn and Herricks UFSD for the transportation of children, 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.3. Amendment to item B.22. (viii) Transfer to Capital Fund June 25, 2015

Recommendation that the Board of Education hereby authorizes a transfer from the 2014-15 General Fund to the Capital Fund an amount not to exceed ~~\$1,000,000~~ **\$3,100,000** based upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools after determination of the fund balance available on June 30, 2015 pursuant to the voter authorization of the bond resolution May 20, 2014. [The purpose of this transfer is to reduce the amount of money that needs to be borrowed for the Capital Projects authorized by the voters as part of the Bond Resolution adopted which said “that additional District funds may be available to pay a portion of said cost, and any such funds are hereby authorized to be expended therefor and shall offset and reduce the amount of taxes authorized to be levied and the amount of bonds authorized to be issued.” To date, we have transferred a total of \$6,752,000 for this purpose.] [The reason for this amendment is that we have reached the end of our audit for 2014-15 and have discovered that our excess of revenues over expenditures is much higher than anticipated. Since we have already submitted the tax levy for 2015-16, there are limited options that we have with respect to the use of these funds. The net result of this action will be to reduce the taxes necessary to pay for eventual bonds and to reduce the interest payments on the bonds themselves.]

B.4. Recommendation by David Shoob, Supervisor of Transportation, to declare as surplus the following buses:

BUS # 70 1999 BLUE BIRD 1BAAGCSA4XF082324
BUS # 71 1999 BLUE BIRD 1BAAGCSA6XF082325

We are receiving \$6,000.00 for our trade in value to be used for the purchase of new buses.

B.5. WHEREAS, on August 7, 2015, an 18 passenger van (2002 Ford E350, Vin # 1FDSE35FX2HA09460 hereinafter referred to as the “2002 Van”) in the School District’s fleet of buses was destroyed due to fire; and

WHEREAS, said the replacement of said 2002 van requires immediate action to comply with the School District’s transportation obligations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declares the replacement of the 2002 van destroyed due to fire to be an emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the replacement of the 2002 van with a 2015 Girardin MBII 18 passenger van as an ordinary contingent expense and authorizes the Superintendent, or his designee, to take the necessary legal steps to perform said removal and replacement.

- B.6.** Recommendation that, pursuant to receipt of a grant in the amount of \$300.00 from Northrop Grumman, the Board of Education hereby accepts the gift, and increases the appropriation in 2110-200-08-3000-801 (*Tchg Equip-Stem*) and 2110-450-08-3000-801 (*Tchg Supplies HS Stem*) by \$150.00 each, with the understanding that this increase in appropriations is the result of unanticipated revenue and therefore will result in no impact on the tax levy.
- B.7.** Recommendation by Gina Faust, Harbor Hill Principal, to declare 18 child-sized wooden chairs as surplus and to be sold through public auction or donated to a not-for-profit organization. Chairs are in satisfactory condition and measure 13" (leg height), 11" (height from seat to back), and 12" across.

Mr. Litvack moved, seconded by Mr. Seinfeld carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve Agenda Items numbered B.1–B.7

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 September 2, 2015.
- 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 August 21, 2015, August 28, 2015 and August 31, 2015.
- C&I.3** Recommendation to approve Elizabeth Brown to attend a college visit to Salisbury University in Salisbury, Maryland from October 1 through 2, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$0.
- C&I.4** Recommendation to approve Janet Rabbani to attend the New York State Association of Business Officials Management Workshop in Albany, New York from November 4 through 6, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,264.74. **(Withdrawn by Administration)**
- C&I.5** Recommendation to approve Howard Banner to attend the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Annual Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota from November 20 through 22, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,548.00.
- C&I.6** Recommendation to approve Josh Cabat to attend the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Annual Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota from November 18 through 20, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,607.62.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Litvack, and carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve Agenda Items numbered C&I.1-C&I.3, C&I.5 - C&I.6, withdrew C&I.4

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOE.1 WHEREAS, the 2009-2015 labor agreement between the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District (hereinafter "District") and the Roslyn Food Service Association (hereinafter "Association") expires on June 30, 2015;

WHEREAS, the parties agreed to reopen the terms of the contract and entered into negotiations for a successor labor agreement prior to the expiration of the existing labor contract;

WHEREAS, the representatives of the District and the Association memorialized their agreement in a Memorandum of Agreement dated August 20, 2015 in the form attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District herewith ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement hereinabove referenced and authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to implement said Agreement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to execute a more formal agreement incorporating the terms of said Memorandum of Agreement into a more formal written agreement.

BOE.2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the School District to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of North Hempstead for collection of school recyclables subject to the terms of an agreement to be approved by District counsel;

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

BOE.3 Recommendation to appointment Elliot Altman to the Citizens Audit Advisory Committee for a term from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.

BOE.4 Recommendation that the following be reappointed to serve as members of the Citizens Audit Advisory Committee until June 30, 2018:

Charles Blank, Scott Nussbaum Sharon Sullivan

BOE.5 Recommendation to approve the attendance of Adam Haber at the Nassau-Suffolk School Board Association's Annual Resolutions Dinner Meeting, to be held on September 29, 2015 in Woodbury, NY at a cost not to exceed \$80.00.

BOE.6 Recommendation to approve Adam Haber to attend the New York State School

Boards Association (NYSSBA) 96th Annual Convention in New York City on October 18 – 20, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$890.00.
(Withdrawn by Board of Education)

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Litvack, and carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve Agenda Items BOE.1 - BOE.5, (Withdrew BOE.6)

Mr. Dubner commented on the exciting program starting with BOE.2.

Mr. Saffron and Ms. Ben-Levy welcomed Mr. Elliot Altman as a new member of the Citizens Audit Advisory Committee (CAAC) and advised him the next meeting will be on September 30. 2015.

Public Comments #2

Ms. Eleanor Russell, RTA President, welcomed everyone back. She made some lovely remarks about Ms. Ben-Levy and complimented on her presentation at the Superintendent's Conference Day.

In addition she commented on the person who always receives the most applause at the Superintendent's Conference Day, Mr. Dragone, based on the fact that he makes the "calls" announcing the closing of school.

She thanked the Board of Education for coming back to school with a 4 year labor contract. She commented on the number of hours that it took to get this contract done.

She suggested that a trip to the State Education Department by Ms. Ben-Levy may expedite the approval of the bond plans.

She also applauded the new leadership. The board meeting took 54 minutes and she hopes this continues.

Dr. Alison Gilbert, Parent had a question in regard to the Special Education department. Ms. Brown recommended she call her to discuss the question.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner carried by a vote of 7-0, to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carney Jones

**Nancy Carney Jones
District Clerk**