

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

Thursday, October 8, 2015

7:15 p.m.

Heights School – Cafeteria

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
Clifford Saffron, Vice President
David Dubner
Adam Haber
Steven Litvack
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

ABSENT

David Seinfeld

7:15 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting

The Board convened in Public Session in the Heights School Cafeteria at 7:28 p.m.

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition: Winners of the 2015 Moody's Information to Innovation Challenge - Business of Doing Good Challenge - Andrew Ock and Jessica Zodicoff

Ms. Murphy, High School Assistant Principal introduced Andrew Ock and Jessica Zodicoff, winners of the Moody's *Business of Doing Good Challenge*. As part of Ms. Sallykaye Kaufman's Business Class they entered the Moody's Challenge to design an app that young people can use to identify opportunities that will help benefit their local community. The students created an app "Younity" which helps students find community service opportunities based on a personal questionnaire that is annually updated to reflect students' changing interests.

Recommendation to accept the Claims Audit Report for July 2015

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Litvack, carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Seinfeld absent) to accept the Claims Auditors Report for July 2015.

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting(s):
September 10, 2015 and September 24, 2015

Dr. Valauri moved, seconded Mr. Saffron, carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Seinfeld absent) for September 10, 2015 and 4-0 (Mr. Seinfeld absent, Messrs. Litvack and Saffron abstained) to accept the minutes for September 24, 2015.

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy spoke about this year's homecoming. Due to the weather the homecoming parade needed to be cancelled but the community spirit true spirit the stands were full for the football game. She commented on the level of school spirit in the community. The stands were full for the football game and the marching band's performed during half time.

Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Dempsey thanked Ms. Brown for sitting in as acting superintendent for the past two weeks during his absence.

He announced that he and Ms. Brown would be meeting with the NYS Commissioner of Education Mary Ellen Elia on October 9th, who will be meeting with all of Long Island's Superintendents.

He announced that as of September 30th, LIPA properties were removed from the tax rolls, which resulted in a 2% unilateral reduction of our tax levy. This will result in an increase of .25% in our property taxes. Our attorney will address this issue at a future meeting.

The bus garage is the next project on the approval list at the State Education Department. Within the next couple of weeks the Middle School and East Hills projects are expected to be approved, but further delays are anticipated for the remaining projects. The architects are expected to attend the next meeting.

Student Delegate's Comments

Mr. Yang, OCC President, commented on success of the pancake breakfast and the great school spirit at Homecoming. The OCC is now planning their upcoming Halloween activities.

Ms. Ben Levy thanked Ms. Colardi, Principal, Heights School for hosting tonight's board meeting.

Discussion Item(s):

Acceptance of External Auditors Report 2015

Mr. Robert Daniele and Mr. H. Chris Kopf, Partners, O'Connor Davies LLP presented a power point presentation *Auditors' Report to the Board of Education*.

The audit report issued an unmodified opinion, which is the highest opinion an audit can receive.

Mr. Daniele thanked Mr. Dragone and the Business Office for their level of professionalism during the audit.

On behalf of Board, Ms. Ben-Levy thanked Mr. Saffron for his leadership of the Citizens' Audit Advisory Committee (CAAC). Mr. Saffron expressed his gratitude to his board colleagues, Messrs. Dubner and Litvack and thanked the private citizens for their service on the CAAC. He commented on the high caliber of people on the committee. Ms. Ben-Levy also thanked Mr. Dragone and the Business office for the great job they did for the audit.

Mr. Haber thanked Mr. Saffron for his service as the chairperson of the CAAC.

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.

Mr. Dempsey requested from the floor to amend P.2 item 6

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 approve the Adult Education Instructor Salaries attached as **(Attachment P.3).**

**Addendum
P.2**

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Class	Type of Appt	Location	From	To	Certification Class / Step Salary
6	Kathleen Brown	Probationary Appointment	Typist Clerk	Comp	Prob	EH	10/9/15		Per RTA RESA Contract, Grade 6A/Step 1 \$38,496

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri and carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Seinfeld absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered P.1, P.2 (as amended) 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 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: South Huntington Union Free School District
 Services: District of Location Special Education Services for IEP service requirements for one student residing in Roslyn attending private schools in South Huntington for the period of July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015
 Fees: Total estimated to be - \$34,377.81

Recommendation to **extend** the following contract [(ii) which was first approved by the Board of Education on November 6, 2014 (item B.8, Bid# 14/15-43], in order to renew:

- (ii) Contractor: Balfour Yearbooks
 Services: Production & supply of the Middle School Yearbook for the 2015-2016 school year
 Fees: Total estimated to be \$7545

Recommendation to **amend** the following contract [(iii) which was first approved by the Board of Education on June 4, 2015 Addendum B.1 (xiii):

- (iii) Contractor: Positive Behavior Support Consulting & Psychological Resources, P.C.
 Services: ABA services for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Fees: Total estimated to be ~~\$174,950~~ \$317,520
(Advisory B.1(iii))

B.2. Recommendation to increase the 2015-16 budget by appropriating \$3,120 from Fund Balance for two students unable to afford the China Trip. [Roslyn UFSD received Grants in 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15, from Senator Martins. This Grant was a pass through Grant to the Roslyn Little League with the remaining money to be used in part to aid students who were unable to afford the China Trip. The balance of the unappropriated Grant was \$103,130. After this transfer the new balance will be \$100,010.]

B.3 **Revision which was first approved at the September 10, 2015 BOE meeting, (item 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~~ **2016** 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.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Seinfeld absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered B.1–B.3

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 30, 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 September 22, 2015 and September 24, 2015.

C&I.3 Recommendation to approve Thomas Lynch to attend the Project Lead the Way Conference in Binghamton, New York from November 17 through 18, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$588.28.

- C&I.4** Recommendation to approve William Marvin to attend the Project Lead the Way Conference in Binghamton, New York from November 17 through 18, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$334.00.
- C&I.5** Recommendation to approve Lisa Spyridon to attend the Project Lead the Way Conference in Binghamton, New York from November 17 through 18, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$334.00.
- C&I.6** Recommendation to approve Richard Ritter to attend the Project Lead the Way Conference in Binghamton, New York from November 17 through 18, 20125 at an estimated cost to the district of \$588.28.
- C&I.7** Recommendation to approve Elizabeth Brown to attend the Project Lead the Way Conference in Binghamton, New York from November 17 through 18, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$473.28.
- C&I.8** Recommendation to approve Nicholas Curcio to attend the Project Lead the Way Conference in Binghamton, New York from November 17 through 18, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$334.00.
- C&I.9** Recommendation to approve Douglas Sherry to attend the Project Lead the Way Conference in Binghamton, New York from November 17 through 18, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$334.00.
- C&I.10** Recommendation to approve Joseph Dragone to attend the NYSASPA 50th Anniversary Conference in Cooperstown, New York from November 1 through November 3, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$600.00.
- C&I.11** Recommendation to approve Jacqueline Stone Martin to attend the American String Teachers Association National Conference in Tampa, Florida from March 3 through 6, 2016 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,563.20.
- C&I.12** Recommendation to approve change of date for Elizabeth Brown to attend a college visit to Salisbury University in Salisbury, Maryland from October 1 through 2, 2015, to October 15 through 16, 2015 at an estimated cost to the district of \$0. Change of date due to inclement weather. (Trip approved at the September 10, 2015 BOE meeting, Item C&I.3.)

Mr. Litvack moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner, and carried by a vote of 6-0, to approve Agenda Items numbered C&I.1- C&I.12

BOARD OF EDUCATION

- BOE.1** Recommendation that the Board approve the attendance of Nancy Carney Jones at the Eastern Suffolk BOCES District Clerk Semi-Annual Workshop to be held on October 14, 2015 in Holbrook, NY at an estimated cost to be \$38.00 for travel expense.

BOE.2 RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Citizens Audit Advisory Committee, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District accepts the External Audit Report for the 2014/15 school year submitted by O'Connor Davies, LLP. **(Attachment BOE.2)**

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner, and carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Seinfeld absent) to approve Agenda Items BOE.1 - BOE.2

Public Comments #2

Ms. Russell, RTA President commented on the length of the meeting.

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 6-0, (Mr. Seinfeld absent) to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carney Jones

**Nancy Carney Jones
District Clerk**