

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

Thursday, December 17, 2015

8:00 p.m.

Roslyn High School – Board Room

MINUTES

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
Clifford Saffron, Vice President
David Dubner
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
Mitchell Klein	Student Delegate

ABSENT

Adam Haber
Steven Litvack
Nathan Yang

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. Haber and Litvack absent) that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The Board reconvened in Public Session in the Roslyn High School Cafeteria at 8:13 p.m.

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

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition: AP Scholar

The following students were recognized by the Board of Education for achieving the distinction of AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honors and AP Scholar with Distinction. AP Scholar awards recognize students who have demonstrated college-level achievement through AP courses and exams.

Mr. Dempsey thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting for this very worthwhile recognition.

Dr. Andrews, Principal and Mr. Roth, Dean of Students presented the following students:

AP Scholar was granted to the following students who received scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams:

Avani Amin	Anna Ben-Levy	Phoebe Cox
Evan Floricic	Jami Goodman	Lacey Goodman
Remy Harnick	Ariel Harwood	Star Kashman
Samuel Lee	Alexa Levitt	Justin Li
Ashley Messinger	Hyeran (Grace) Oh	Margaret Ren
Annie Rose	Alexa Schaffer	Alexander Sims
Lindsey Snyder		

AP Scholar with Honors was granted to the following students who received an average score of 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more AP Exams:

Dylan Bernstein	Alexa Buchbinder	Daniel Chai
Kevin Chang	Emily Chen	Jamie Clark
Cory Crystal	Amir Daneshmand	Jonathan Farshadmand
Sanaria Gim	Lily Greenwald	Minju Kang
Matthew Katz	Hannah Kreisberg	Caroline LeBrun
Alan Louis	Samantha Margolis	Samuel Markowitz
Bryce Rubenstein	Alexander Sacarin	Hannah Sayer
Megha Schmalzle	Damon Schneider	Alexa Silver
Alexander Soltanian	Ian Warshawsky	Hannah Werner
Samantha Wiebe		

AP Scholar with Distinction was granted to students who received an average score of 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more AP Exams:

Ryan Bichoupan	Timothy Chen	Aaron Czik
Allison Einberg	Taylor Freeman	Daniel Friedfeld-Gebaide
Nicholas Furci	Samantha Goldschmid	Amanda Gordon
Mahip Grewal	Eric Irom	Chloe Kaplan
Erica Landesberg	Jonathan Liao	Samia Mustafa
Dean Oken	Gloria Ren	Kyler Rood
Emily Rosenbaum	Spencer Shores	Tawny Sit
David Spatola	Anne Werner	Nathan Yang
Bowen Yu		

Ms. Ben-Levy congratulated the students on their outstanding achievements and reminded them to be very proud of their accomplishments. They worked really hard to obtain this goal.

The Board took a brief recess and reconvened in the Board Room at 8:28 p.m.

Recommendation to accept the Treasurer's Report for the following month(s):
October 2015 and November 2015 (**Attachment T**)

Ms. Gillespie presented and discussed with the Board of Education the Treasurer's Reports for October 2015 and November 2015.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Haber and Litvack absent) to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2015 and November 2015.

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting: **December 3, 2015**

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded Dr. Valauri, carried by a vote of 4-0, (Mr. Dubner abstained, Messrs. Haber and Litvack absent) to accept the minutes for December 3, 2015.

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy thanked the PFA for their invitation to the Holiday staff recognition luncheon and for decorating the board room in such a festive manner. In addition, she commented on the wonderful talent of our students at the recent winter concerts.

Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Dempsey commented on the wonderful winter concerts the Central Office Administrators had the pleasure to attend this week at East Hills, Harbor Hill and the Middle School. He remarked the "music has been outstanding". He encouraged everyone to attend the concerts at the High School next Monday and Tuesday evening.

In addition, he announced that as of Monday the district's buses have been relocated from their current location at the Town of North Hempstead beach to a parking area on Harbor Park Drive. He commented on the outstanding job the transportation department has done over the last several months during this relocation process.

2016-2017 School Calendar

Ms. Brown presented the proposed 2016-17 school calendar which includes 181 instructional days, 1 Superintendent Conference day and 2 snow days. The Central Office Administration is recommending August 31, 2016 as the Superintendent

Conference day, the first day of school on September 1, 2016 and the last day on June 23, 2017. This will meet our contractual obligations.

Student Delegate's Comments

Mitchell Klein, OCC Representative attended the meeting in lieu of Nathan Yang. Mr. Klein updated the Board on the candy cane sale currently being held at the High School. To date 300 candy canes have been sold to students and faculty members which will be delivered on Tuesday, December 22nd. He explained this is a great event that fosters the holiday spirit in the building.

Discussion Item(s):

1. High School Presentation - Roslyn High School – Looking Back and Looking Ahead.

Dr. Andrews presented an update on the new courses being offered this year:

- FroHum Honors has been well accepted and will be renamed to Freshman Literature Seminar Honors.
- Video and Audio Production - 3 sections of the class are currently being offered. Dr. Andrews presented a video clip from Mr. Reiff's class learning how to use a drone. One of the goals is to start a broadcast program.
- In addition Journalism, Music Theory 1, Computer Integrated Manufacturing (PLTW) and AP Italian were new this year.

There is also a plan to reinvent current courses:

- Multi Media will be renamed to "Mixed Media"
- Sculpture and Ceramics will be combined to be offered as one class as well as Advanced Sculpture and Advanced Ceramics will be combined to one class. The hope is to increase enrollment.

New classes proposed for the 2016-17 school year include:

- Roslyn High School Chorale which will combine Elementary Roslyn Singers (Grade 9) with the Roslyn Chorus (Grades 10-12).
- Bella Voce will be offered to Grades 9-12 as a Full year course/Alternate days.
- Theatre 1- Grades 9-12 as a semester course
- Advanced Placement Music Theory – Grades 9-12 Full year course
- Biology and Animal Care – Grades 9-12 Full year/Alternate days. This course is being designed for our Life Skills Students.

Mr. Lynch, Science Chairperson along with teacher's Mr. Marvin and Ms. Spyridon presented an update on Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering Program.

Project Lead the Way is being implemented at the elementary level with a program entitled "Launch". The module being offered is *Stability and Motion in Flight*. The class is being presented as a 10 hour enrichment program. The Middle School has two modules of study. 7th grade is *Design and Modeling*. 8th

grade is *Automation and Robotics*. The High School classes offered are *Introduction to Engineering Design* and *Computer Integrated Manufacturing*. *Civil Engineering and Architecture* is being proposed for the 2016-17 school year. Ms. Brown thanked Messrs. Lynch and Marvin and Ms. Spyridon for all their efforts in attending Project Lead the Way training. The course is offered at the Rochester Institute of Technology for two weeks during the summer.

Mr. Lynch stated that at a recent New York State conference it was announced that a Project Lead the Way AP Scholar program will be rolled out this summer.

Mr. Saffron commented on the recent announcement of the new Arts pathway and the K-12 initiative. He asked the Administration how the district plans to “weave” this fine arts and performing arts pathway into the District’s curriculum.

Mr. Dempsey commented on a recent superintendent’s meeting that he and Ms. Brown attended there was a discussion on the fine arts pathway. He believes the proposed pathway is very encouraging. Ms. Brown spoke of how our schools are going into the fine arts direction already. In addition, Mr. Dempsey announced that a representative of the Governor’s Common Core task force will be in Nassau County on Monday morning to talk with all the Superintendents before the Governor’s State of the State message.

Dr. Andrews announced that AP Computer Science Principles and CPR Certification are also being proposed for next year. He reviewed the types of clubs and activities currently being offered which include fundraising and competitive clubs as well as community outreach programs. Ms. Murphy, Assistant Principal oversees the clubs. He outlined challenges currently facing students including alcohol and drug use, gambling, cyber-safety, cyber-bulling, sexting and mental health – coping and resilience. These challenges have led to opportunities which include Challenge Day, assemblies with the Nassau County Police Department and District Attorney and Driver Safety Courses.

Dr. Valauri commented on the need to have informational presentations for the parents possibly hosted by the PFA’s. In addition, he requested the assemblies being held at the High School be presented at the Middle School.

Ms. Brown recently attended a presentation at another district by Dr. Stephen Dewey and the Administration is looking into having him present at the Middle School.

Mr. Goldspiel commented on the recent presentation by Officer Galvin, Nassau County Police Department to the 7th grade in regard to sexting.

Mr. Dubner requested the assemblies that have been presented at the High School be presented to the lower grades and the athletic programs.

Ms. Ben-Levy commented the presentations are school wide programs and individual groups such as athletics should not be singled out.

Dr. Valauri expressed his concern on the need for parents to get information and training on current issues and challenges. Ms. Ben-Levy outlined some of the current resources for parents as breakfast with the principals, PFA meetings, and email communications. Ms. Brown spoke of the emails being sent home from the principals as a way to make the parents aware of what is happening in our schools and community.

Mr. Dubner questioned the seriousness of consequences to our students?

The board and administration entered into a lengthy discussion of the school culture and the philosophy of dealing with issues that affect the school environment.

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

Dr. Gilbert, parent, commented on the need for a program on coping strategies. Students need to know alternative ways of coping and dealing with stress. She commented on the need for parent training to help parents understand and deal with the issues. In addition, she commented on potential opportunities of offering classes in cognitive neuroscience, computer science and psychology. She stated there is a “whole field on cognitive neuroscience that integrates physics, neuroscience and computer science.”

Ms. Russell, RTA President, commented the district is currently using automated guided vehicles called bee-bots at the elementary schools. In addition, she commented that for at least the last 10 years Harbor Hill and East Hills have offered parent meetings on the topics of cyberbullying and sexting presented by the computer teachers. Harbor Hill held their meeting two weeks ago. She also stated she agreed with Dr. Gilbert's previous comments in regard to possible future course offerings.

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)**

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

P.4 Recommendation to increase the Per Diem Substitute Teacher rate of pay from \$115 to \$130 per day, effective January 1, 2016.

Addendum

P.1 Professional

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Location	From	To	Certification / Class / Step / Salary
16	Bryan Offermann	Appointment	Home Instruction Tutor		12/18/15	6/30/16	\$60/hour

P. 2 Classified

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Class	Type of Appt	Location	From	To	Certification Class / Step Salary
Delete #3									

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Seinfeld and carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Haber and Litvack absent), to approve Agenda Items numbered P.1, P.2, P.3 and P.4 and Addenda 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: Commack Union Free School District
 Services: District of Location Special Education Services for IEP service requirements for one student residing in Roslyn attending Sappo Private School in Commack for the period of 7/1/15 thru 6/30/16
 Fees: Total estimated to be - \$20,000

Recommendation to **amend** the following contracts (ii-iii) which were approved by the Board of Education on June 4, 2015 (items B.1(viii & xi)):

- (ii) 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.
 Fees: Total estimated to be \$18,800, an increase of \$10,000
- (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 \$16,500, an increase of \$4,500

Recommendation to **amend** the following contract (iv) which was approved by the Board of Education on October 8, 2015 (item B.1(iii)):

- (iv) 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 \$461,970, an increase of \$144,450 (This amount has been accounted for in the current 611 grant)

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

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
2850-448-08-6500-801	Field Trip Exp- M. Band	\$4,250.00
2850-430-08-6700-801	Co-Curr Contr. HS	\$6,965.41
	Subtotal	\$11,215.41
<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
5510-163-03-9000-303	Roslyn Bus Drivers	\$11,215.41
	Subtotal	\$11,215.41

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: RHS field trips to different schools for Marching Band.

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

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
5510-210-03-9000-510	Transportation Buses	\$89,616.43
9760-700-03-9000-303	TAN Interest	\$4,583.34
9060-800-03-9000-303	Medical Insurance	\$4,118.31
	Subtotal	\$98,318.08
<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
9785-600-03-9000-303	Principal	\$93,316.15
9785-700-03-9000-303	Interest	\$5,001.93
	Subtotal	\$98,318.08

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: Transfer appropriated funds between

budget codes. Since we budget for the purchase of the buses under 5510.210 to make transparent our intentions, but now we have entered into a lease purchase agreement with U.S. Bancorp to finance this purchase over 5 years.

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

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2850-448-08-6700-801 Co-Curr Field Trips	5510-163-03-9000-303 Trans N C Sal Suplm	\$9,939.86
	Subtotal	\$9,939.86

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: RHS field trips to different schools and different groups.

B.5. 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 #
\$644.10	EH Capital Projects	2110-245-04-1405	H14-00014	20
\$300.30	Hts. Capital Projects	2110-245-06-1407	H14-00014	20
\$539.10	HH Capital Projects	2110-245-07-1406	H14-00014	20
\$1,139.09	HS Capital Projects	2110-245-08-1408	H14-00014	20
\$306.00	MS Capital Projects	2110-245-09-1409	H14-00014	20
\$19,487.57	Bus Garage	2110-245-03-1502	H15-00014	15
\$465.00	HS Steam Leak Repairs	2110-245-08-1508	H15-00014	2

B.6. 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 #
\$5,000.00	DW Capital Project	2110-201-03-1502	H15-00015	10
\$6,255.00	EH Capital Project	2110-201-04-1504	H15-00015	10
\$3,000.00	MS Capital Project	2110-201-09-1509	H15-00015	10

B.7. Recommendation by Kevin Carpenter, Assistant to the Superintendent for Operations, to declare as surplus Backpack Blower- ECHO, Model # PB770H, Serial # P02912043681. The motor is seized and in a state of disrepair, non-repairable, and therefore unusable. Item has no value for resale. It will be discarded.

B.8. WHEREAS, on April 3, 2014 the Board of Education authorized Roslyn to join with a other public school districts in Nassau County including Carle Place UFSD, Oyster Bay East Norwich CSD, Manhasset UFSD, East Meadow UFSD, East Williston UFSD, Herricks UFSD, Great Neck UFSD, Glen Cove CSD, Locust Valley CSD, Manhasset UFSD, North Shore CSD, Manhasset UFSD, Jericho UFSD, Port Washington UFSD, Syosset CSD and Malverne UFSD to jointly solicit proposals for Special Education Related Services for the 2014-2015 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, proposals were sent to 210 service providers (both individuals and firms) and we received on May 15, 2014 proposals from 145 service providers and evaluated them in accordance with the terms of an Inter-Municipal Agreement among the school districts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that proposals be accepted from the following vendors for the indicated services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that District legal counsel be directed to prepare formal agreements between the district and the indicated providers.

1. Access 7, 6080 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 200, Commack, NY, 11725. Phone: (631) 864-7770 Fax: (631) 864-7773 E-mail: info@access7online.com
Total Estimated to be \$8,000 for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year
 - a. Wilson Certified Reading Teacher services: 40 minute individual sessions, 3x a week, at \$110 per session

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Haber and Litvack absent), to approve Agenda Items numbered B.1 - B.8

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 November 30, 2015 and December 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 November 12, 2015, November 23, 2015, November 24, 2015, December 1, 2015, December 2, 2015 and December 8, 2015.

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

Mr. Dragone requested from the floor to add addendum item BOE.4.

Ms. Ben-Levy requested to take item BOE.1 separate from the other items. All voted in favor.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOE.1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby casts its vote to fill One (1) New York State School Boards Association Board of Directors – Area 11 seat effective January 1, 2016 from the candidates so nominated: Jean Fichtl, Michael Jaime, Robert “BA” Schoen and Stephen Witt. **(Attachment BOE.1)**

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Seinfeld, and carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Haber and Litvack absent), to approve Agenda Items BOE.1 and nominate Stephen Witt for the Director of Area 11.

BOE.2 Recommendation to adopt the 2016-2017 School Calendar. **(Attachment BOE.2)**

BOE.3 Recommendation to conduct the *second reading* of Board of Education Policies 4010,4112,4200,4325,4326,4327 and 4331. **(Attachment BOE.3)**

Addendum

BOE.4 WHEREAS, the Board of Education engaged the services of special counsel, Farrell Fritz, P.C. in connection with a matter captioned *Roslyn Union Free School District v. Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman, LLP, et. al.* venued in Nassau County Supreme Court and bearing Index Number 17083/2005;

WHEREAS, the retainer letter agreements between the Board of Education and Farrell Fritz, P.C. dated August 31, 2004 and November 23, 2005, as amended by the retainer letter agreement dated March 1, 2006, required Board authorization for the engagement of professionals by Farrell Fritz, P.C.;

WHEREAS, Farrell Fritz, P.C. has informed the Board of Education that the services of a professional insurance expert is necessary in connection with this litigation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education hereby authorizes special counsel, Farrell Fritz, to engage the services of an insurance expert in connection with the matter captioned *Roslyn Union Free School District v. Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman, LLP, et. al.* venued in Nassau County Supreme Court and bearing Index Number 17083/2005;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the fees associated with said expert professional services shall be processed in accordance with the Fees, Expenses and Billing Practices set forth in the retainer letter agreements between the Board of Education and Farrell Fritz, P.C. dated August 31, 2004 and November 23, 2005, as amended by the retainer letter agreement dated March 1, 2006.

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Seinfeld, and carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Haber and Litvack absent), to approve Agenda Items BOE.2 - BOE.3 and Addendum BOE.4

Public Comments #2

No comments

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Haber and Litvack absent), to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carney Jones

Nancy Carney Jones

District Clerk