

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

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021**

**11:15 P.M.**

**Minutes**

**BUSINESS MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ELECTION RESULTS**

**The follow participants were present via ZOOM videoconference.**

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President  
Clifford Saffron, Vice President  
David Dubner  
Michael Levine  
Steven Litvack  
David Seinfeld  
Bruce Valauri

**ALSO PRESENT**

Allison Brown	Superintendent
Joseph C. Dragone	Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration
Karina Báez	Assistant Superintendent for Primary Education
Michael Goldspiel	Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Nancy Carney Jones	District Clerk
Carrie Anne Tondo	School Attorney

**ABSENT**

Alida Pahlevan	Student Delegate
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**Ms. Ben-Levy called the meeting to order 11:27 p.m.**

**Preliminary Announcements**

The Roslyn Union Free School District continues to take steps to reduce the potential for exposure to the coronavirus (COVID-19). The District's efforts in this regard are made in furtherance of federal, state, and local mandates concerning public gatherings.

As authorized by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, issued on March 12, 2020, and as extended by subsequent Executive Orders, this meeting is being held remotely by videoconferencing and the public will not be permitted to attend the meeting in-person. The Board of Education will make a motion setting forth the manner in which the meeting will be conducted and waiving any applicable policies or common practices with respect to the conduct of the meeting. The public participation portion of the meeting will be suspended. The meeting will be video broadcasted in order to provide

the public with the ability to view the meeting. This meeting will also be recorded and later transcribed in accordance with Executive Order 202.1, as extended.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to suspend the proceedings until 11:45 pm so the vote tally could continue. Mr. Saffron seconded, carried by a vote of 7-0.**

**Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 11:53pm. Mr. Saffron seconded, carried by a vote of 7-0.**

## **Board President's Comments**

Ms. Ben-Levy thanked the school staff and election workers for the "fair and smooth operation of the budget and election process." She express that the community had access to the polls and "were safe especially in these unprecedented times."

She thanked the community for passing the budget, showing confidence for the Board and Administration. Ms. Ben-Levy stated, "I am very proud and grateful to the community and I will redouble my efforts to serve it with passion, tenacity, and respect and love as I have for the past many, many years."

## **Superintendent's Comments**

Ms. Brown thanked the community for passing the budget vote and spoke of how honored she is serve this community. Ms. Brown thanked the Board of Education for everything they have done, and "will continue to do for all of us and the children of Roslyn."

## **Board President's Comments**

Ms. Ben-Levy recognized Ms. Brown for how hard she has worked this year and the members of the Business Office, Mr. Dragone, Ms. Warren and the business team for their work during this year's budget process.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

**ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION:**

DISTRICT CLERK:

EDUCATION LAW REQUIRES THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS.

Annual Budget Vote and Election of Trustees

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

In accordance with the NOTICE duly published for four weeks in The Roslyn News and Long Island Business News, the vote upon the budget, and selection of three members of the Board of Education was held at the Roslyn High School on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (Copy of OFFICIAL BALLOT is attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

Meryl Waxman Ben-Levy and Clifford Saffron were appointed by the Board of Education to be the Chairpersons of the Meeting. Ms. Ben-Levy opened the polls at 7:00 a.m. and Ms. Ben-Levy announced the closing of the polls at 10:30 p.m. The results of the vote on Propositions 1, 2, and 3 were as follows:

**Proposition #1:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed budget of expenditures adopted by the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$118,663,250 be approved, and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law.

VOTES

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
855	249

**Proposition #2**

BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed budget of the Bryant Library in the amount of \$5,095,669 as prepared by the Trustees of said Library for the 2021-2022 school year and that the amount of \$5,064,369 be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property in the Roslyn Union Free School District be and hereby are approved.

VOTES

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
903	200

**Proposition #3:**

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to (a) purchase various school buses and vans for use by the District, including related equipment and apparatus, and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$463,282.66; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$463,282.66 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as

shall be determined by said Board of Education; (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$463,282.66 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable, and (d) that, in lieu of bonds, the District is authorized to enter into one or more installment purchase contracts for the purchase of some or all of said buses and vans, for a term not to exceed five (5) years; and a tax is hereby voted to pay each installment on any such contract

VOTES

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
847	239

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Three (3) -Three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024

The results of the Election of Trustees as announced by the Chairperson of the Meeting were:

David Seinfeld (679) David Dubner (692) Michael Levine (702) Ronald Gerber (419)

Write – In Votes: Omid Zareh (3 votes), Robert M. Brill (3 votes), Jeff Borowick (2 votes), Judy Winter, Marc Yunis, David Frogel and Miriam Yunis

WITH A QUORUM OF THE BOARD BEING PRESENT AT THIS TIME, I ASK THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE TRUSTEES PRESENT:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby accepts the results of the **May 18, 2021 Budget Vote and Board Trustee Election.**

**Ms. Ben-Levy noted that the results aforementioned are without seven (7) affidavit ballots, which need to be verified by the Board of Election. The results of which will not change the outcome of any of the budget votes or propositions or the election of trustees.**

<b>Meryl W. Ben-Levy</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Clifford Saffron</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>David Dubner</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Michael Levine</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steven Litvack</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>David Seinfeld</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Bruce Valauri</b>	<b>Yes</b>

CO-CHAIRPERSONS: **Meryl W. Ben-Levy and Clifford Saffron**

Nancy Carney Jones  
District Clerk

**Mr. Saffron thanked the community for their support and made the following statement: “We are so lucky to live in a community that values what we do, what the Administration does, what this board does. He added we value what the community does and value the support the community has given this board for decades.”**

**Messrs. Seinfeld, Levine and Dubner thanked the community for their support in re-electing them to serve another term on the Board of Education.**

**Adjournment**

**There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Saffron, carried by a vote of 7-0, to adjourn at 12:12 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
*Nancy Carney Jones*  
Nancy Carney Jones  
District Clerk**