

ROSLYN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Meeting of the Board of Education

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Administration Building – Boardroom

Minutes

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
Michael Levine, Vice President
Alison Gilbert
Robert Koonin
Leigh Minsky

ALSO PRESENT

Allison Brown	Superintendent
Susan Warren	Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration
Michael Goldspiel	Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Karina Báez	Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Nancy Carney Jones	District Clerk
Devin Sakaria	Student Delegate

ABSENT

David Dubner
David Seinfeld

6:00 p.m. - Executive Session

Pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 105, duly moved, seconded by Mr. Levine and carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Dubner and Seinfeld absent), that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session at 6:00 p.m., to discuss legal issues. Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Levine to adjourn executive session at 7:03 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting

Ms. Ben-Levy called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition: Salutatorian and Valedictorian - Presented by Dr. Andrews

Salutatorian - Mia Streiner

Dr. Andrews read the following statement:

“Mia Streiner, our Salutatorian, is an exceptional student whose dedication and leadership have left a lasting impact on Roslyn High School. A formidable scholar, she pursues knowledge beyond academic requirements, demonstrating tenacity, thoughtfulness, and strong moral character. Mia is an influential leader committed to improving the world around her.

One of her most meaningful accomplishments is founding *To Infinity & Beyond*, a nonprofit supporting special needs students at The Center for Developmental Disabilities. Mia created a welcoming space where individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder are treated with love and respect. She developed a monthly program engaging students in creative, ability-focused art projects, ensuring they have fun and fulfilling experiences. Through this initiative, Mia transforms advocacy into action, fostering inclusivity and empathy.

Beyond this, Mia holds key leadership roles, including President of DECA, Head Content Editor for the *Journal of Secondary Psychological Studies*, Executive President of the JCC Teen Board, and Vice President of BBYO. Balancing these responsibilities while excelling academically speaks to her extraordinary work ethic and vision. Mia Streiner is not just an outstanding student - she is a leader dedicated to creating lasting, positive change.

Mia will be attending Cornell University in the Fall.
Congratulations to our Salutatorian, Mia Streiner.”

Valedictorian Lily Rosof

Dr. Andrews read the following statement:

“Lily Rosof, Our Valedictorian, is a remarkable student and person. Her tireless, extraordinary inner drive for knowledge has made her a formidable scholar. Her delight in learning is infectious, and her lack of pretense or arrogance so disarming, that students and teachers alike find her a real pleasure to work with.

Her desire for knowledge is matched by an equally strong determination to use her gifts to serve others. She has been a dedicated participant and editor with our school newspaper since ninth grade. One of her exciting credits has been her authoring and publishing a children’s book educating children about OCD. Titled: *Rosie Pig: Field Day Failure*. This is a small part of her journalism and publication accomplishments. For the past four years she has been associated with the Vice President of our local library’s Young Adult Advisory Council where she has lead meetings and events for its 35 members to raise awareness and collaborate with non-profits.

Teachers say she is a great listener, which no doubt contributes both to her quick grasp of material and to the pleasure of working with her. Lily will pursue science at university.

Lily will be attending Emory University in the Fall.
Congratulations to our Valedictorian – Lily Rosof.”

Recommendation to accept the Claims Auditor’s Quarterly Reports for July, August, September, October, November and December 2024, January, February and March 2025

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Levine carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Dubner and Seinfeld absent) to accept the Claims Auditor’s Report for July, August, September, October, November and December 2024, January, February and March 2025

Shari Diamond, Partner and Erin Teta, Director, Cerini & Associates. LLP, presented a PowerPoint presentation *Roslyn Public Schools Claims Audit Presentation – Quarter 1 2024 through Quarter 3 2025*. Ms. Diamond announced she is retiring as of January 1, 2026 and Ms. Teta will be promoted to Partner. Ms. Diamond spoke of the stellar year the District has had in the fact that the District had no significant issues during the time presented. The only issues were with confirming purchase orders that the Business office handled before the claims audit. Ms. Diamond credits the Business Office with their proactive measures they have implemented.

Ms. Ben-Levy congratulated Ms. Diamond on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for her service to the District.

Board President’s Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy welcomed everyone back from break and hoped everyone enjoyed their holiday celebrations. She spoke about how busy and exciting the final months of the school year are and how she is looking forward to all the exciting end of year activities.

Superintendent’s Comments

Ms. Brown had no comments this evening. She announced that Mr. Sakaria was not able to attend to night’s meeting due to a prior commitment, he asked Ms. Brown to remind everyone the school concerts are coming up and he will report at the next meeting.

Student Delegate’s Comments

Mr. Sakaria was absent this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT Limited to Agenda Items ONLY

(Will be limited to ½ hour, no more than 2 minutes per speaker. One speaker per topic).

Though not required by law, the Roslyn Board of Education invites public comment during its meetings. Please fill out an index card with your name, address and comment topic. Citizens will be recognized by the presiding officer. Please 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 public comment.

Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to move Personnel P.1 Agenda Addendum item 3 out of order, seconded by Mr. Levine carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Dubner and Seinfeld absent).

Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to adopt Personnel P.1 Agenda Addendum item 3, seconded by Mr. Levine carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Dubner and Seinfeld absent).

The Board approved the appointment of Sarah Pfenning – Tenure Area High School Science.

Ms. Pfenning thanked the Board for “this honor and opportunity and she is so excited to be part of this community”.

Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to move Board of Education Agenda item BOE.1 out of order, seconded by Mr. Levine carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Dubner and Seinfeld absent).

Ms. Ben-Levy discussed the Nassau BOCES budget vote and the vote for the seats of the Board members.

Ms. Ben-Levy made a resolution to amend agenda item BOE.1 (c) to include the nomination of Fran N. Langsner and Robert Schoen.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

BOE.1 NASSAU BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS BUDGET & ELECTION OF BOARD TRUSTEES:

[a] BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby approves the Nassau BOCES Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$27,877,216.00.

[c] BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby cast its votes to fill three (3) BOCES Board seats effective July 1, 2025 for the following candidates:

_____	Ronald Ellerbe
_____	Michael A. Jaime
_____X	Fran N. Langsner
_____	Douglas J. Pascarella
_____X	Robert Schoen.

Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to adopt Board of Education Agenda item BOE.1 (a)

and (c) seconded by Mr. Levine carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Dubner and Seinfeld absent).

Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to move the agenda and agenda addendum by unanimous consent, seconded by Mr. Levine carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Dubner and Seinfeld absent).

Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to move each and every item on the agenda and agenda addendum by unanimous consent, seconded by Mr. Minsky carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Dubner and Seinfeld absent).

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)**

Addendum

P.1 Professional

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Location	From	To	Tenure Area	Certification / Class / Step / Salary
3	Sarah Pfennig	Probationary Appointment	Science (New)	HS	On or About 8/28/25	Prob. Ends 8/27/29*	Science	Biology, Chemistry & General Science 7-12, BA/Step 1**, Per RTA Contract
4	Laura Wenzel	Appointment	AP Review (2 X 40 minute sessions)	HS	4/24/25	6/30/25		Per RTA Contract

P.2 Professional

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Location	From	To	Tenure Area	Certification / Class / Step / Salary
5	Adrienne Krumholz	Resignation	Monitor	EH		4/8/25 (last day of employment)		

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: Great Neck Public Schools
Services: Health and Welfare Services for 16 students attending out of district schools for the 2024-25 school year.
Fees: \$1,205.80 per student
Total estimated to be \$19,292.80
- (ii) Contractor: AS Marketing & Consulting Ventures, LLC d/b/a Keeping Your Books
Services: Consulting services for District Accountant/Accounts Payable for the 2025-26 school year
Fees: Total estimated not to exceed \$10,000.00
(Agreement is subject to review and approval by District counsel)

The following items [(iii) through (iv)] are “flow-through” grants that pass through the district special aid fund but have no impact on our general fund budget:

- (iii) Contractor: Green Chimneys
Services: Instructional services for the 2024-25 school year
Fees: **611 Grant**
\$2,079.00 per student (1 student)
Total will be \$2,079.00
- (iv) Contractor: The Summit School (Upper Nyack)
Services: Instructional services for the 2024-25 school year
Fees: **611 Grant**
\$2,079.00 per student (2 students)
Total will be \$4,158.00

B.2. Recommendation to approve Capital Budget Appropriation Transfers as per attached. (**Attachment B.2.**)

B.3. Recommendation to approve **2024-25** general fund appropriation requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
1620-423-04-9000-310	FUEL OIL- EH	\$25,000.00
	Subtotal	\$25,000.00

<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
1621-430-03-9000-310	MAINT CONT SVCES - DIST	\$25,000.00
	Subtotal	\$25,000.00

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To cover the cost of septic maintenance services districtwide.

B.4. Recommendation to approve **2024-25** general fund appropriation requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
2250-472-03-5900-307	PRIV SCH TUITION Summer	\$7,646.00
	Subtotal	\$7,646.00

<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
2250-430-03-5900-307	SP ED SUM EDU PROG CONTR	\$7,646.00
	Subtotal	\$7,646.00

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To realign funds in order to correct an accounting shortage.

B.5. BID: Professional Driver Education Road Instruction Bid #24/25-54

Bid Advertised – March 28, 2025

Bid Opened – April 11, 2025

Number of Bids Emailed - 3

Number of Bids Received - 1

BE IT RESOLVED that, based upon the recommendation of District Administration, the Board of Education hereby awards the contract for Professional Driver Education Road Instruction to Bell Auto School, Inc. in the total contract amount of \$435.00 per student (4 students per car), \$440.00 per student (3 students per car), and \$450.00 per student (2 students per car). (approx. 96 students);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said contract between the District and Bell Auto School, Inc. on behalf of the Board of Education.

B.6. BID: Digital Video and Livestreaming Services BID #24/25-57

Bid Advertised – March 28, 2025

Bid Opened – April 11, 2025

Number of Bids Emailed - 3

Number of Bids Received - 1

BE IT RESOLVED that, based upon the recommendation of District Administration, the Board of Education hereby awards the contract for Digital Video and Livestreaming Services to T & D Sports Video Productions in the total contract amount of \$8,750.00 (up to and including 25 events), \$350.00 for each additional event (up to 3 hours; \$175.00 per hour after that time prorated to the nearest quarter hour);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said contract between the District and T & D Sports Video Productions on behalf of the Board of Education.

- B.7.** Recommendation to accept, pursuant to receipt by Dr. Michael Brostowski, Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics, a donation from The Roslyn Bulldogs Boosters Association, one (1) Nexus Mount, a device meant to allow the Roslyn High School baseball program to effectively record their games.
(Attachment B.7.)

Addendum

- 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):

- (v) Contractor: Kids Learning Services LLC
Services: Special Ed Services for the 2024-25 school year as specified in the agreement
Fees: Total estimated to be \$8,000.00

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 4, 20, 2025, April 4, 7, 8, and 9, 2025.

- 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 6, 10, 12, 24, 26, 27, 28, 2025, March 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 2025, April 1 and 4, 2025.

C&I.3 Recommendation to approve one (1) advisor, two (2) chaperones and nine (9) students to attend the Forensics Grand Nationals Tournament in Chicago, Illinois from May 22, 2025 through May 26, 2025 at an anticipated cost to the district not to exceed \$17,549.17. [Total cost of trip is not to exceed \$23,553.69; student contribution is \$5,004.52; district contribution is not to exceed \$17,549.17].

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

BOE.1 NASSAU BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS BUDGET & ELECTION OF BOARD TRUSTEES – Motion was made to take this agenda item out of order.

Addendum

BOE.2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby approves the proposal from Greenman-Pederson, Inc. (“GPI”) dated April 22, 2025, for the provision of transportation and expert consultant services to be provided to its legal counsel, Ingerman Smith, LLP, on behalf of the School District in connection with the Article VII Proceeding currently pending before the Public Service Commission (“PSC”) bearing PSC Case No. 24-T-0446 (the “GPI Proposal”), which was provided to and reviewed by the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the expenditure of fees for said expert consultant services as set forth in the GPI Proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education or Ingerman Smith, LLP to sign the necessary documents to effectuate the Board’s approval of the GPI Proposal on behalf of the Board of Education.

BOE.3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby approves the proposal from P.W. Grosser Consulting, Inc. (“PWGC”) dated April 22, 2025, for the provision of environmental and expert consultant services to be provided to its legal counsel, Ingerman Smith, LLP, on behalf of the School District in connection with the Article VII Proceeding currently pending before the Public Service Commission (“PSC”) bearing PSC Case No. 24-T-0446 (the “PWGC Proposal”), which was provided to and reviewed by the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the expenditure of fees for said expert consultant services as set forth in the PWGC Proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education or Ingerman Smith, LLP to sign the necessary documents to effectuate the Board’s approval of the PWGC Proposal

on behalf of the Board of Education.

BOE.4 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby ratifies and approves a certain Agreement dated April 23, 2025 between the School District, the Roslyn Teachers' Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Public Comments #2

No public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Koonin, carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Dubner and Seinfeld absent), to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carney Jones
Nancy Carney Jones
District Clerk