

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

Thursday, May 8, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Administration Building – Boardroom

Minutes

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

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

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 Personnel issues. Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Levine to adjourn executive session at 7:10 p.m.

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

Ms. Ben-Levy called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

7:00 p.m. - Budget Hearing [Even though the law requires a “Budget Hearing”, please understand that the law also requires that nothing can be changed in the budget at this time. This “hearing” is purely informational.]

Ms. Ben-Levy opened the budget hearing at 7:18 pm and she explained Educational Law requires the hearing for the budget process.

There were no public comments and Ms. Ben-Levy closed the budget hearing at 7:18 pm

Ms. Ben-Levy spoke of the passing of teacher Tara Berkowitz today. Tara was a special educator, coach and leader. All who knew her loved her. Ms. Ben-Levy asked for a moment of silence in memory of Tara.
Ms. Ben-Levy said, “We will remember her forever”.

Recommendation to accept the Treasurer’s Report for March 2025 (**Attachment T**)

Ms. Ware spoke about the current rate of return on the District’s interest rates. So far, the District has earned in interest income \$500,000 over budget and the year is not over yet.

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Levine carried by a vote of 7-0, to accept the Treasurer’s Report for March 2025.

Recommendation to accept the Claims Auditor’s Report for April 2025

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Levine carried by a vote of 7-0, to accept the Claims Auditor’s Report for April 2025.

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting:
April 10, 2025

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Levine, carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Seinfeld abstained), to accept the minutes for April 10, 2025.

Board President’s Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy had no further comments.

Superintendent’s Comments

Ms. Brown thanked Ms. Ben-Levy for the moment of silence and spoke about what a difficult day it has been for the staff. Ms. Brown shared that Ms Berkowitz was more like a family member than a colleague for many of our staff members and students.

Ms. Brown updated the Board on the construction of the High School Phase II Baseball Field and Tennis Courts.

- All demolition is complete with the new concrete foundations and retaining walls

being constructed.

- The installation of the concrete light pole bases will begin the week of May 12th as delivery of the light poles is pending from the manufacturer.
- The week of May 19th the new water main will be installed, with the cutover from the old to new service to be performed on May 23 when we are closed for the extended holiday weekend.
- The project is on schedule, and the contractors only worked one Saturday due to weather. The neighbors were notified of all aspects of the project before it began and will be updated for all Saturday work before it occurs.

Elementary Testing

East Hills

- Grade 4 and 5 completed NYS CBT math assessment
- Grade 3 paper based testing NYS Math Assessment to be completed by May 9, 2025
- Grade 5 Science assessment to be completed by May 13, 2025

Harbor Hill

- Grade 4 and 5 NYS CBT math assessment to be completed by May 9, 2025
- Grade 3 paper based testing NYS Math Assessment to be completed by May 9, 2025
- Grade 5 Science assessment to be completed by May 13, 2025

Secondary Testing

- The Middle School has completed the CBT math tests
- Science 8 assessment will be held on May 13, 2025
- AP Exams – May 5-16, 2025
- Regents Review – our teachers will be teaching the review sessions through the beginning of the tests.

Ms. Brown acknowledged the leadership of the Guidance Department for the all the work done in coordinating the AP exams.

Student Delegate's Comments

Mr. Sakaria updated the board of the activities at the High School:

- 4/29 Spring Concert was held
- Senior recognition for athletics
- AP exams this year are being held on a digital platform
- 5/17 OCC will be holding a car wash
- 5/20 OCC holding a fundraiser with Marinara
- 5/21 Senior Departmental awards
- 5/22 BASH Award ceremony being held for the RTV
- 5/28 Senior Sunset
- 5/29 Senior Party
- 6/2 OCC Elections

- 6/5 Senior Prom

Ms. Ben-Levy explained the history of the Senior Party. The party was started by parents in 1960 and continues to this day.

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

A representative from the East Hills and Harbor Hill PFA presented the Board of Education with sweatshirts that match the 5th grade gifts in appreciation and gratitude for all that the Board does for the schools.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy thanked the Harbor Hill and East Hills PFAs for their generous gifts.

No public comment.

Ms. Ben-Levy requested to move Personnel out of order.

Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to move Personnel out of order, Mr. Levine seconded, carried by a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Brown called from the floor to revise agenda item P.1 item 2's location. The location should be Harbor Hill not Heights. The Board of Education acknowledged the revision.

Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to move Personnel P.1 on the agenda and agenda addendum, Mr. Levine seconded, carried by a vote of 7-0.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy recognized the following probationary appointments:

Agenda Item P.1 Item 2 Georganna Ianniello

P.1 Item 4 Christopher Kim

Addendum P.1 Item 17 Justin Gabrus

P.1 Item 18 Dave Lazarus

On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy expressed her excitement for the promotion of Dr. Lazarus and Mr. Gabrus both from Assistant Principals to Principals of the High School and Middle School, respectively.

Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to move the remainder of the agenda and agenda addendum by unanimous consent, seconded by Mr. Levine carried by a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to move each and every item on the agenda and agenda addendum by unanimous consent, seconded by Mr. Dubner carried by a vote of 7-0.

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 **WHEREAS**, for reasons of economy and efficiency, the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District (hereinafter "Board") has received from the Superintendent of Schools a recommendation to abolish one of the following positions: Cleaner/Bus Driver

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to effectuate the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Education herewith abolishes one of the following positions, effective May 8, 2025: Cleaner/Bus Driver.

ADDENDUM **PERSONNEL:**

P.1 Professional

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Location	From	To	Tenure Area	Certification / Class / Step / Salary
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2	Georganna Ianniello			HH HTS				
17	Justin Gabrus	Probationary Appointment	Principal (C. Johanson)	MS	On or About 1/5/26	Probation Ends 1/4/30*	Principal	Per RASA Contract, \$184,500
18	Dave Lazarus	Probationary Appointment	Principal (S. Andrews)	HS	On or About 12/1/25	Probation Ends 11/30/29*	Principal	Per RASA Contract, \$208,000
19	Terry Nappi	Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement	Teacher	HH		6/30/25 (last day of employment)		
20	Aspasia Tsampas	Substitute Appointment	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	HS	5/13/25	6/30/25		\$150/day

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: Herricks School District
Services: District of Location Special Education Services for IEP service requirements for two students residing in Roslyn attending private school in Herricks for the 2024-2025 school year
Fees: Total estimated to be \$15,000.00
- (ii) Contractor: South Huntington Union Free School District
Services: Health and Welfare Services for 3 students attending out of district schools for the 2024-2025 school year
Fees: \$921.89 per student
Total estimated to be \$2,765.67
- (iii) Contractor: Uniondale Union Free School District
Services: Health and Welfare Services for 16 students attending out of district schools for the 2024-2025 school year
Fees: \$1,164.08 per student
Total estimated to be \$18,625.28
- (iv) *Contractor: Syosset Home Tutoring, Inc.
Services: Tutoring services as necessary for the 2025-26 school year
Fees: Total estimated to be \$40,000
(Agreement is subject to review and approval by District counsel)

- (v) *Contractor: Tutoring for Life, LLC d/b/a Tutors 4 Life
 Services: Tutoring services as necessary for the 2025-26 school year
 Fees: Total estimated to be \$10,000
 (Agreement is subject to review and approval by District counsel)
- (vi) *Contractor: Professional Athletic Training Services, PLLC
 Services: Athletic Trainer for both MS and HS (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026)
 Fees: Total estimated to be \$77,703.00 for up to 1,600 hours; \$40 per hour for each additional hour
 (Agreement is subject to review and approval by District counsel)

Recommendation to **extend** the following contract [(vii) which was first approved by the Board of Education on October 10, 2024 (item B.14. Ed-Data Bid# 12913), in order to renew:

- (vii) *Contractor: Vestis Services, LLC
 Services: Uniforms for Transportation and Custodial staff for the 2025-2026 school year
 Fees: Total estimated to be \$40,000.00

B.2. Recommendation to approve **2024-25** general fund appropriation requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
2250-472-03-9000-307	PRIVATE SCH TUITION	\$25,000.00
	Subtotal	\$25,000.00

<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
2250-490-03-4700-307	Testing & Translations	\$25,000.00
	Subtotal	\$25,000.00

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To cover an increased need for mandated, in-person, bilingual testing and specialized translation services districtwide.

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

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
2020-450-07-9000-701	SUPVSN SUPPLIES HH	\$ 2,623.46
2110-448-07-9000-701	TCHG FIELD TRIPS HH	\$ 6,878.00
2110-450-07-2200-701	TCHG SUP HH SCIENCE	\$ 4,678.67
2850-430-09-7000-901	CONTR MS Theatre Arts	\$ 5,115.00
2850-450-09-7000-901	SUPP MS Theatre Arts	\$ 500.00
	Subtotal	\$19,795.13

<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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2630-450-03-1100-311	COMP SUPPLIES DW	\$19,795.13
	Subtotal	\$19,795.13

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To offset some of the costs associated with technology supplies districtwide.

B.4. Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$38,945.37, to Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district for the period ending 3/31/2025.

B.5. Recommendation to approve the following payment(s) to BBS 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 #
\$26.21	HH Reimbursables	2110-245-07-24OT	H24-00071	R11
\$11.07	EH Reimbursables	2110-245-04-25OT	H25-00011	R08
\$11.07	HS Reimbursables	2110-245-08-25OT	H25-00042	R08

B.6. Recommendation to approve a pending change order as indicated below. It is understood that: 1) the work of the change orders is required in order to continue the projects and meet the projected completion date; 2) a formal change order prepared by the architect and executed by the architect and the construction manager and the contractor will be subsequently presented for formal approval by the board of education and executed by the board president at a future meeting; and 3) the amount estimated for these change orders will be the maximum allowed unless specifically approved by the BOE when the formal change order is presented.

Site Reconstruction Phase II at Roslyn High School General Construction Allowance #1, PCO #1: Laser Industries, Inc. Proposed Change Order #1 in order to provide a single-swing gate measuring 48" wide by 7' high with a transom above, allowing for additional pedestrian access. The total cost of this work will be \$1,800.00; \$2,180.00 for the pedestrian gate less \$380.00 as a deduction for the elimination of 4 linear feet of 10' high chain link fence which was originally meant to be installed in this location. It will be funded through the Sitework Construction Allowance.

B.7. WHEREAS, the School District awarded a Transportation Agreement to Everywhere Transportation, Inc. on August 11, 2022, for the provision of Coach Bus Transportation Services for the 2022-2023 school year (the "Transportation Contract") pursuant to the terms and conditions of the bid specifications issued by the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Agreement and the bid specifications allow for the annual renewal of the contract for three (3) additional one-year terms;

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of extending the Transportation Agreement for an additional one-year period, i.e., the 2025-2026 school year, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Transportation Contract, including the Bid Specifications and the Second Extension Amendment;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to extend the Transportation Contract for the 2025-2026 school year;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby extends the Transportation Agreement between the School District and Everywhere Transportation, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Third Extension Amendment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate the Second Extension Amendment for the 2025-2026 school year on behalf of the Board of Education.

(Agreement is subject to review and approval by district counsel)

B.8. Extraclassroom Activity Treasurer Reports (Attachment B.8.)

High School, March 2025

Middle School, March 2025

B.9. Recommendation to accept, pursuant to receipt by Thomas Szajkowski, Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration and Special Projects, a donation from the Roslyn Middle School PFA in the amount of \$12,000.00, to be appropriated to 1620.450.09.9000.310 in order to use towards refurbishing the school's faculty room, 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.10. Recommendation to accept, pursuant to receipt by Thomas Szajkowski, Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration and Special Projects, a donation from the Roslyn Middle School PFA, a commemorative bench to be placed in front of the school.

B.11. Recommendation to accept, pursuant to receipt by Thomas Szajkowski, Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration and Special Projects, a donation from the Roslyn High School PFA, two commemorative benches to be placed in the cafeteria courtyard.

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 26, 2025, April 4, 7, 10, 22 and 24, 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 March 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, 28, 2025, April 1, 2, 3, 9, 11, 23, 24, and 25, 2025.

C&I.3 Recommendation to approve Winsome Ware to attend the ASBO New York Education Summit & Expo in Saratoga Springs, New York from June 8 through 11, 2025 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,922.00.

C&I.4 Recommendation to approve Dalton Samuels Jr. to attend the New York Association for Pupil Transportation Summer Conference and Trade Show in Saratoga Springs, New York from July 12 through 16, 2025 at an estimated cost to the district not to exceed \$1,792.00.

C&I.5 Recommendation to approve 1 advisor and 6 students to attend the New York State Science Congress State Competition in Syracuse, New York from June 6 through 8, 2025 at an estimated cost to the district not to exceed \$5,717.37.

Public Comments #2

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Minsky, carried by a vote of 7-0, to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Ms. Ben-Levy realized she had not asked for Public Comment #2 and she made a motion to reopen the meeting.

Ms. Ben-Levy moved to reopen the business meeting, Mr. Koonin seconded, carried by a vote of 7-0 to reopen the meeting.

Ms. Ben-Levy asked for Public Comments.

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 7-0, to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carney Jones

**Nancy Carney Jones
District Clerk**